



Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2018

MAY

SUMMER NATURE CAMP REGISTRATION. Beginning Sat., May 5, 8 a.m. Children *ages 5 to 12* take part in “The Forces of Nature,” a four-day educational summer program. Parent or legal guardian must register in person with their identification and child’s birth certificate. Harris County residents receive priority reservations on May 6; registration is ongoing until full. For camp dates and times visit www.hcp4.net/Community/Parks/Jones/Programs/Kids/SNC.

NATURE PHOTO CONTEST RIBBON PRESENTATION. Sat., May 5, 1 p.m. Check out this year’s best photos during the ribbon presentation of Jones Park’s 2018 Photo Contest winners. *Contest entries due Tues., May 1.*

MOTHER’S DAY NATURE CRAFT. Sat., May 12, 10 a.m. Kids, make a handmade nature craft to give as a Mother’s Day gift. *Ages 5+. Reservations required beginning Wed., May 2.*

SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: LYE SOAP. Sat., May 12, 1-3 p.m. Visit Redbud Hill Homestead to learn how early Texas settlers made this old-fashioned all-purpose cleaner and watch as demonstrators bring the homestead to life.

DRAGONFLY WORKSHOP. Sat., May 19, 9 a.m.-noon. Join a Citizen Science project to help monitor the three beautiful migratory dragonflies that move through this region, and learn how to identify their characteristics. Then take a walk to the park’s waterways to practice photographing and identifying them.

JUNE

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY: CREEK BASH. Sat., June 2, 9 a.m. Nothing ruins a scenic waterway faster than litter. Join us to help keep Spring Creek clean and make an impact on the environment for future generations. Wear suitable clothing. *All ages welcome; ages 16+ only for canoeing clean-up. Reservations required beginning Wed., May 23.*

WATER ECOLOGY WORKSHOP. Sat., June 2, 1 p.m. Are you curious about what lives in the park’s waterways? Find out in this hands-on investigation with dips nets, seines, and water quality testing. Wear suitable clothing *Ages 10+* *Reservations required beginning Wed., May 23.*

SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: BASKET WEAVING. Sat., June 9, 1-3 p.m. Visit Redbud Hill Homestead to learn how natural materials are used to make baskets of all types. Join

staff and volunteers as they bring the homestead to life and demonstrate the daily activities of early Texas settlers.

ALL ABOUT TEXAS BATS. Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. Curious about bats? Join Heartwood Texas Master Naturalist Mari Hanley to discover which bat species are found in Harris County, the role they play in the wild, threats they face, what makes them so vital to the balance of life, and how you can be involved in monitoring. *All ages.*

SNAKES OF HARRIS COUNTY. Sat., June 23, 10 a.m. Though many snakes are common in the Houston area, only a few pose any danger to humans and many are very beneficial. Come out for an opportunity to learn how to identify the most common venomous and non-venomous snakes in our area.

BITES, STINGS & ITCHES. Sat., June 23, 1 p.m. Learn about summer outdoor hazards such as poison ivy, venomous snakes, and dangerous arthropods, and see why there’s no reason to fear the outdoors. This class includes tips on avoiding bites and stings, and how to treat their effects.

FISH OF SPRING CREEK. Sat., June 30, 10 a.m. Join a staff naturalist to learn about the common local freshwater fish species, and then watch TPWD electro-shock boat reveal what lives in Spring Creek. *Ages 8+. Reservations required beginning Wed., June 20.*

JULY

TEXAS BOUND! Thurs., July 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids are invited to a fun-filled, one-day camp. Using props and hands-on activities, team up in “families” for a journey to Texas. Find out if you have what it takes to survive the hardships of earlier times and re-create a homestead of your own. *Ages 7-12. Reservations required beginning Wed., June 27.*

JUNIOR CANOE TRAINING. Fri., July 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids can hit the water to earn a Jones Park Paddler’s card. The card allows participation in future park-sponsored canoe trips with an accompanying adult. *Ages 10-15 only. Reservations required beginning Wed., June 27.*

iNATURALIST. Sat., July 7, 10 a.m. iNaturalist is one of many citizen science programs that allow users to document what’s in the world around them. This program will introduce visitors to iNaturalist, how to use it, and why it’s important to Jones Park. *Ages 8+.*



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JULY (continued)

PERIOD CLOTHING WORKSHOP. *Sat., July 14, 9 a.m.*
Learn about the Texas pioneer family and how their life struggles influenced clothing choices. The abundance or scarcity of many supplies played a large role in what a family wore and how they wore it. *Reservations required beginning Wed., June 27.*

SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: HUNTER TRAPPER. *Sat., July 14, 1-3 p.m.* Visit the Akokisa Indian Village to engage in 19th century hunting and trapping techniques and witness other daily activities at Redbud Hill Homestead.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION. *Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.*
Learn about wildlife rehabilitation and how humans can coexist with animals, as licensed wildlife rehabilitators from the Wildlife Center of Texas show off and discuss their education ambassador animals. *All ages.*

NATIVE TREE ID WALK. *Sat., July 28, 1 p.m.* Join a staff naturalist on a walk to learn how to identify native trees using bark, twigs, and other characteristics.

AUGUST

BACKYARD REPTILES. *Sat., Aug. 4, 10 a.m.* Learn about the most common frogs, toads, lizards, turtles and snakes that live in Harris County, how to identify them, and the benefits they provide us.

REPTILE OPEN HOUSE. *Sat. and Sun., Aug. 4 and 5, 1-4 p.m.* From the largest pythons to the smallest frogs, the Nature Center is packed with live reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Learn about these fascinating creatures and their natural history.

SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: HOMESTEAD FUN. *Sat., Aug. 11, 1-3 p.m.* Sample homemade ice cream and watermelon, play old-fashioned games, and witness daily activities of Texas settlers at Redbud Hill Homestead.

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS. *Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.*
Discover the many varieties of carnivorous plants, and learn how each attracts, captures, and digests its prey. *All ages.*

HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION. *Sat., Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.* This one-day course meets state mandated Texas Parks & Wildlife Hunter Education requirements. *Material's fee: \$15. Ages 9+. Reservations required online at*

<https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course-category/hunter-education-classroom-course/>.

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ONGOING

TADPOLES CLUB. *Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16, and 23; Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.* This interactive program introduces preschool-aged children to nature with animals, puppets, short walks, crafts, and stories. *Ages 3 and 4 only. Parent must accompany child. No younger or older siblings. Reservations required for respective months beginning Wed., April 4 and Wed., Aug. 1.*

INVASIVES BEWARE. *Saturdays, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, 9-11 a.m.* Join the JJP Eradicator's to record and remove invasive plant and animal species in the park. *Wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Ages 16+ or accompanied by adult.*

SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS. *Sundays, May 13, June 10, July 8, and Aug. 12, 2-4 p.m.* Get out of the heat and join this musical group that is celebrating over 30 years of concerts. Bring an instrument to play along!

JESSE JONES PARK VOLUNTEERS. *Mondays, May 21, June 25, and Aug. 27, 7 p.m.* Everyone is invited to attend the JJPV monthly program and meeting. Call for more information about volunteer opportunities. *Ages 16+.*

BICYCLING. The Jones-Bender, Judy Overby Bell, and Spring Creek Greenway trails are open daily for bicycling. *Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.*

T'AI CHI. *Wednesdays, 9 a.m.* Meet in the outdoor classroom near the Nature Center for a one-hour beginner class with JJPV member and instructor Doug Ebeling.

HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE. *Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.* Enjoy an open house at the Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa Indian Village.

Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.

All Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center programs requiring reservations are limited in size and open to one family per phone call. Group reservations are not allowed

unless otherwise indicated. Reservation priority is given to Harris County residents. All programs are free of charge and open to the public regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, physical ability, or national origin. Anyone requiring special assistance to participate in these programs should contact the Nature Center. Programs meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted. Solid shoes are recommended for all walks. Call for more information.



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