



Dear Teacher or Group Leader:

In preparation for your field trip to Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center, we would like to give you the following helpful hints:

- A minimum ratio of one teacher or chaperone per ten children (1:10) is required.
- A maximum of **four classes** of school-aged children plus their teachers and chaperones, or **80 adults** per reservation.
- Upon arrival, park opposite the nature center building, just inside the park entrance. Bus parking is available. Please send one adult from your group to the nature center to check in.
- Children, teachers, and chaperones should dress for the outdoors. Wear comfortable clothing, closed-toe shoes (sandals and flip-flops are not recommended), and be prepared for cold, hot, or inclement weather. Insect repellent is recommended year-round.
- Picnic facilities, drinking fountains, and restrooms are located at the far west end of the park road, making vehicle transportation to this area ideal. No food or drinks are sold at the park.
- A large covered pavilion with grills, which seats up to 80, is available by reservation only. Call the nature center for availability at (281) 446-8588.
- The playground serves varying ages and abilities. Adult supervision is required at all times.
- Park staff and volunteers will conduct the program and tour. Teachers and chaperones are expected to **participate** in the walk and be responsible for the **discipline** of the children.
- You have probably chosen one of the following field trip itineraries:
  - **Nature Program:** For first grade and up; offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some Wednesdays; includes a video overview of the park, viewing the nature center exhibits, and a guided ½- to one-mile nature walk emphasizing plant and animal habitats.
  - **Texas History Program:** For first grade and up; offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some Wednesdays; includes a video overview of the park and a one-mile guided tour of the 1830s Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa Indian Village.
  - **Pioneer Tykes:** Geared for children first through seventh grade; offered on Fridays; includes a tour of the 1830s Redbud Hill Homestead led by costumed student volunteers.
  - **Pioneer Tots:** Geared for preschool and kindergarten classes; offered on scheduled Mondays throughout the school year; includes a group tour of the 1830s Redbud Hill Homestead led by costumed interpreters.
- **Please notify us immediately if you must cancel** your reservation at (281) 446-8588. Tours are conducted rain or shine. Rain dates for canceled field trips will be provided when possible, but cannot be guaranteed due to other bookings.
- Enclosed is a park map, and check our Web site at [www.hcp4.net/jones](http://www.hcp4.net/jones) for other park publications such as the *Critter's Checklist* or *Redbud Hill Homestead Brochure*.

We look forward to your visit. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call at (281) 446-8588, or e-mail [jjp@hcp4.net](mailto:jjp@hcp4.net).

Sincerely,

Darlene Conley Hostetler  
Park Director