



# Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center

## SPRING PROGRAMS 2010

### MARCH

**NATUREFEST.** *Saturday, March 6, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.* Enjoy a fun, educational day as noted speakers discuss birds, butterflies, native plants, photography, reptiles, and other nature topics. The event also features book signings, guided nature, bird, and wild edible walks, pontoon boat tours, educational booths, live animals, a catch-and-release fishing tank, and much more! *All ages.*

**NATURE RANGERS.** *Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m.-noon.* Kids ages 5-8 can learn about the wonderful world of reptiles at this interactive outdoor program that features fun lessons and activities. *Children must be accompanied by a parent. Reservations required beginning Wed., March 3.*


**SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY.** *Saturday, March 13, 1-3 p.m.* Members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and others demonstrate the proper method of retiring a United States flag. Also witness some of the other daily activities of early Texas settlers as staff and volunteers use hands-on demonstrations to bring the Redbud Hill Homestead to life. *All ages.*

**PIONEER CAMPFIRE.** *Saturday, March 13, 7 p.m.* Spend a quiet evening around the campfire enjoying wassail and roasted marshmallows. *Reservations required beginning Wed., March 3. All ages.*

**SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS.** *Sunday, March 14, 2-4 p.m.* Enjoy listening to a springtime concert, or bring an instrument and join in the music! *All ages.*

**SPRING BREAKOUT.** *Monday through Friday, March 15 through 19.* Break out the fun! Call for details.

- Mon.: Frogs, **10 a.m.** & Fangs, **1 p.m.** *All ages.*
- Tues.: Jr. Angler Training, **10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** *Ages 8+.\**  
Fishing Derby, **2 p.m.-4 p.m.** *Ages 8+.*
- Wed.: Texas Bound, **10 a.m.-2 p.m.** *All ages.\**
- Thurs.: Jr. Canoe Training, **9 a.m.-2 p.m.** *Ages 10-15.\**

Fri.: Geocaching Adventure, **10 a.m.** *All ages.\** 

*\*Reservations required beginning Fri., March 5.*

**CANOE SPRING CREEK.** *Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m. or Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m.* On Saturday, paddle down Spring Creek to Jones Park. Or canoe down Spring Creek on a shorter trip from Jones Park to the San Jacinto River on Sunday. *Ages 16+.* *Reservations required beginning Wed., March 10.*

**FLORAL FORAY.** *Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.* Discover and enjoy springtime floral displays found along the trails of Jones Park. Learn basic plant identification techniques and floral and ecological history with native plant enthusiast Paul Roling and staff naturalist Anita Howlett. *All ages.*

**PARK AFTER DARK.** *Saturday, March 27, 7 p.m.* Bring a flashlight and join a naturalist for an evening walk to discover what the forest reveals as the sun goes down. *Ages 10+.* *Reservations required beginning Wed., March 17.*

**NATURE CRAFT.** *Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.* Enjoy the lovely springtime weather with a stroll through Jones Park's trails to collect natural materials that will be used to create a fun craft. *All ages. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Reservations required beginning Thur., March 18.*

### APRIL

**EASTER GAMES.** *Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m.-noon.* Join park staff and volunteers in the homestead for a hopping good time with Easter egg rolls, bunny races, spoon races, and other traditional Easter games. Bring a picnic lunch. *Ages 12 and under. Reservations required beginning Wed., March 24.*

**SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: PRIMITIVE WEAPONS.** *Saturday, April 10, 1-3 p.m.* Watch as volunteers and staff demonstrate black powder weapons, tomahawks, and other primitive weapons. Also witness some of the other daily activities of early Texas settlers. *All ages.*

**SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS.** *Sunday, April 11, 2-4 p.m.* Enjoy listening to a springtime concert, or bring an instrument and join in the music! *All ages.*

**CARNIVOROUS PLANTS.** *Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.* Discover the many varieties of carnivorous plants, and learn how each attracts, captures, and digests its prey. Take home a plant! Limit one per family. *All ages.*

**STARGAZING.** *Saturday, April 17, 7 p.m.* Learn about the planets, stars, and other celestial bodies with the help of the North Houston Astronomy Club. Participants are encouraged to bring a telescope or binoculars. *All ages. Reservations required beginning Wed., April 7.*

**PONTOON BOAT TOURS.** *Sunday, April 18, Tours throughout the day.* Take a leisurely tour along Spring Creek to learn about the area's natural history and wildlife. *Ages 8+.* *Reservations required beginning Thur., April 8.*

**BIRD BLITZ.** *Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m.* Bring binoculars for a guided bird walk to try and catch a glimpse of some of the migrating birds coming through our area. *Reservations required beginning Wed., April 14. Ages 10+.*

**SPRING MIGRATION.** *Sunday, April 25, 2 p.m.* View common and unusual spring migrants seen in Jones Park during this audiovisual presentation by naturalist Sheena Humbird. *All ages.*

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## MAY


**SUMMER NATURE CAMP REGISTRATION.** *Saturday, May 1, 8 a.m.* Children ages 5 to 12 can participate in "Native Texans," a four-day educational summer program. Registration must be made in person by a parent or legal guardian; identification and child's birth certificate must be provided. Priority is given to Harris County residents.

**NATURE PHOTO CONTEST RIBBON PRESENTATION.** *Saturday, May 1, 1 p.m.* Get snapping and check out the best pictures of the year at the presentation of ribbons for the winning photos of Jones Park's 2010 photo contest. *Contest entries due Mon., April 26. All ages.*

**FATHER/CHILD MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT.** *Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m.* Kids, bring your father or grandfather and build your mom a homemade wooden gift for Mother's Day. Limit one per family. *Ages 5+. Reservations required beginning Wed., April 28.*

**SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: WOODWORK SHOP.** *Saturday, May 8, 1-3 p.m.* See how tools like the draw knife, foot adze, and shaving horse are used to shape and form wooden items. Other daily activities of early Texas settlers are also demonstrated. *All ages.*

**SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS.** *Sunday, May 9, 2-4 p.m.* Enjoy listening to a Mother's Day concert, or bring an instrument and join in the music! *All ages.*

 **NEW WATER EVERYWHERE TRY-IT.** *Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m.-noon.* Brownies can earn their Water Everywhere Try-It badge while enjoying a fun filled morning with a nature hike and craft. *Reservations required beginning Wed., May 5.*

**TPWD ELECTROSHOCK DEMO.** *Saturday, May 15, 1 p.m.* Head down to the canoe launch to watch a demonstration of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's electroshock method of fish sampling. You might be surprised to see what kinds of fish are in the creek! *All ages.*

**WEBELOS NATURALIST.** *Sunday, May 16, 1-4 p.m.* *Webelos* can learn about birds, snakes, and trees to earn their Naturalist activity pin. *Reservations required beginning Thur., May 6.*

**FLOWER POWER.** *Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.* With summer's buzz around the corner, join in a late spring floral foray into the park to discover forest flowers and their hidden intrigue and beauty. *All ages.*

**SCAVENGER HUNT.** *Saturday, May 29, 10 a.m.* Young nature lovers are invited to join this nature discovery outing. Scout groups and parents are welcome and encouraged. *Ages 5-16. Reservations required beginning Wed., May 19.*

## ONGOING

**TEAM INSECTIGATORS.** *Mondays, March 1, April 5, and May 3, 9 a.m.-noon.* Join Team Insectigators to help survey and record insects and other arthropods in Jones Park (no collecting). Previous knowledge in entomology is not mandatory, and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Participants need to wear closed toe shoes and long pants, and should be prepared for varied habitats and weather. *Ages 12+.*

**MONDAY MORNING BIRDING.** *Mondays, March 15, April 19, and May 17, 7:30 a.m.* Who says Mondays have to be dull and boring?! Bring your binoculars and field guide to join naturalist Sheena Humbird for an early morning glimpse of the birds around the park. *Ages 12+.*

**JESSE JONES PARK VOLUNTEERS (JJPV).** *Mondays, March 29, April 26, and May 24, 7 p.m.* The JJPV invites everyone to the monthly program and meeting. Call for more information about volunteer opportunities. *Ages 16+.*

**TADPOLES CLUB.** *Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 24 and 31; or May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.* This interactive program introduces preschool-age children to nature with animals, puppets, short walks, crafts, and stories. *Ages 3 and 4 only! Parent must accompany the child. Sorry, no younger or older siblings. Reservations required for respective dates beginning Mon., Feb. 1 and Apr. 5.*

**SUNDAY MORNING BICYCLING.** *Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon.* The trails are open for bicycling. *All ages. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.*

**DAILY BICYCLING** *During park hours.* Enjoy Jones Park's quiet forest by bicycle. The Jones-Bender Trail is the only trail open to bicycling every day. *All ages. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.*

**PIONEER OPEN HOUSE.** *Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.* Enjoy a look around the Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa Indian Village. *All ages.*

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. Preferential reservations are 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 reservations or information.

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