

# HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



January

NEWSLETTER

2002



## HOG CALENDAR

### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

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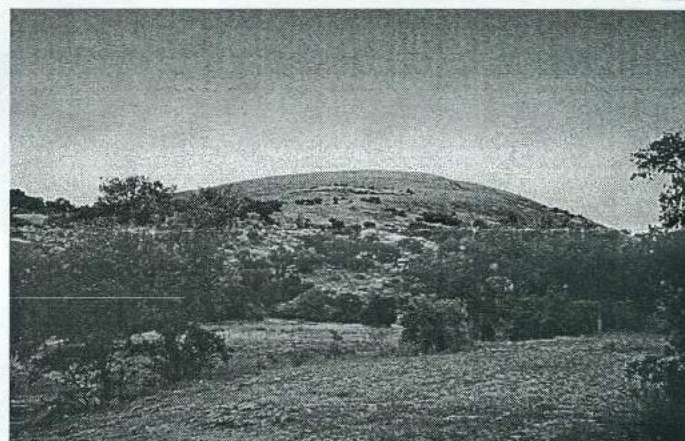
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### New Year's Eve Party

Sat, Dec 08

9:00 PM  
5:00 p.m.

Dave and Milton are hosting a New Year's Eve party at 2526 Haverhill for the Houston Outdoor Group. The festivities will start around 9 p. m. and last until ????. They will provide champagne and soft drinks and ask that everyone bring some Hors d'oeuvres to share. For information you can call either 713-868-7991 or 713-937-7740. .... mr



### Meet Us at Breakfast

Jan 05  
Sat, Dec 15 9 a.m.

Our HOG monthly breakfast will be at the ever so accommodating **Le Peep Restaurant**, Shepherd Plaza, 3810 Farnham, **713-520-5201**, if you need info from them. Gear up for that busy Saturday by joining us at LePeep for breakfast and a friendly chat with other

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members, friends and prospective members who join us at this breakfast regularly to get to know us before joining us on campouts. For more information call **David M** at 713-868-7991..... drs

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or

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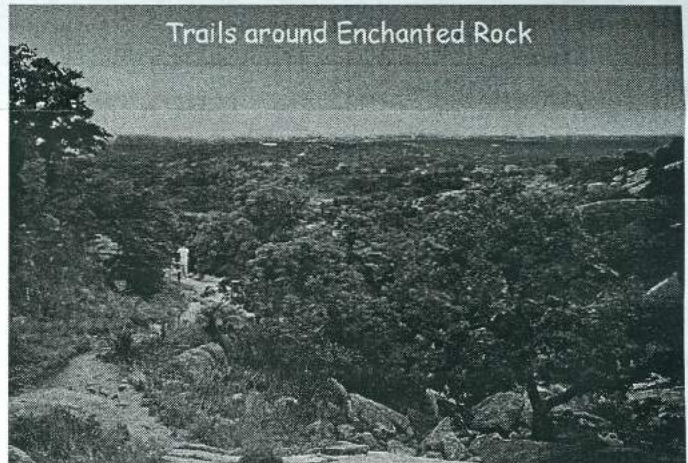
**Saturdays 9:30 a.m.**

Do you want some exercise Saturday morning? Does your pet need some exercise? Take a walk in the Park with us every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. This will be a recurring walk of approximately three miles. It's sure to raise your pulse whether you are an observer, walker, jogger or runner. We will meet in front of the tennis center in Memorial Park at 9:30 a.m. sharp. After the walk, around 10:45 am, we will meet at Java Java Café, 911 11<sup>th</sup> St. The restaurant's telephone number is 713-880-8282 if you need directions. If you want to join either or both activities, call **Jimmy B.** during the day at **713-864-7299**, or evenings at **281-437-0636**, or simply e-mail him at **keyswb6@aol.com**. If it rains on the day of the event please consider it was cancelled. ....jb

## You will be Glad to Know

We are covering our monthly group bills, so there will be no increase in membership fees. Thanks for all the response to receiving the newsletter by e-mail. .... drs

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Trails around Enchanted Rock

do, on May 3rd-5th. Howard has reserved 3 campsites, (maximum 24 people), with tent camping only. The campout is limited to the first 24 people who make reservations and pay their reservation fee to Howard. There is a \$15 deposit required to hold the reservation and there will be no refunds the week prior to the campout. If you are bringing a pet, the park requirement is for the pet to be on a 6' leash and vaccination

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**WANTED**



## Spring Garage Sale

**Garage Sale Location and Host**

We will be having our Spring 2002 Garage Sale before you know it. We need a host for our garage sale, that could host it on a Sat. and possibly Sun. Please contact a HOG officer or the HOG line if you want to volunteer.

We are currently accepting donations for the Garage Sale.

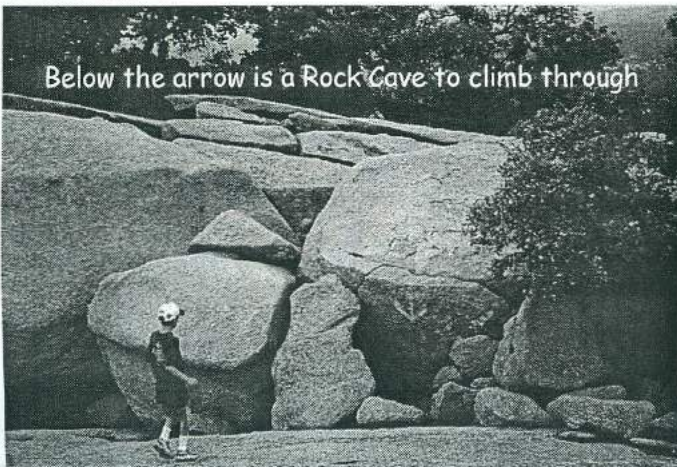
## New Orleans Trip

**April or May 2002**

Jimmy will be planning a trip to the very Gay New Orleans. He is planning on extending the invitation to other gay groups in the Houston Area. This will be a weekend trip, watch for further details or contact Jimmy B. for more info, 713-864-7299 (work), 281-437-0636 (home) or e-mail at **keyswb6@aol.com**.....jb



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papers are required at the park gate. If you are serious about going, contact Howard soon, this campout fills up fast. To make reservations contact **Howard K.** at 713-528-6174, or e-mail him at [howardk@hotmail.com](mailto:howardk@hotmail.com). Several members last year made reservations to stay in Fredericksburg for the weekend. For in-town

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**SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Spring 2002 Garage Sale

April 20

626 Woodland Avenue, 77009



### Lake Somerville Campout

Fri - Sun April 12 - 14

The annual Lake Somerville Campout is here! We will be camping at one of the four complexes in the park called the Nails Creek Unit. This unit is 3,155 acres in size and has a wide variety of activities available. There are 16 mile of hiking trails most of which are available for mountain biking, day hiking, backpacking, equestrian riding (no horse rentals, bring your own), birding and

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### Galveston Social

Sat. April 06

Come have some fun on the island. We will be looking for current and prospective members to join us on our local Galveston Island for this social. Start your Spring/Summer off right, on the island. Don and Ray will be hosting this social and pot luck dinner. As usual we will bring dishes  
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### Spring 2002 Garage Sale

Saturday April 20

Our Spring Garage Sale is now here. Thanks to Art and Bryon for hosting the Spring Sale that will raise money for group expenses like our float in the 2002 Pride Parade. We will be setting up for the sale at Art and

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## Hiking Tip

Take those hiking boots off the shelf and wear them one or two weeks prior to your hiking trip. This will give you a chance to get accustomed to them again before you trek those rocky trails and hills, and help prevent strains, sprains and oh, those painful blisters.



Lake Somerville



**WANTED**



## Garage Sale Donations

Please contact a HOG officer or the HOG line if you need assistance with storage or transportation of your donations.

We are currently accepting donations for the Garage Sale.

## Rainbow Ranch Report

Fri. - Sun. March 15 - 17

The Rainbow Ranch weekend was a success. We had 16 people camping on the lake with two chilly nights to wake up to. We had 6 new members at their first camp out and 1 one person to join. We

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Byron's early Saturday morning. We will need help setting up and staffing the sale, so please show up early and/or stay late. The sale will begin setting up around 7 a.m. and it usually runs till 5 p.m. The location is 626 Woodland Ave., near Studewood and White Oak Dr. For more info call Art or Byron at 713-862-9766..... drrs

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according to the first letter of your last name.

- ▼ A-F \_\_\_\_ Bring a main dish
- ▼ G-L \_\_\_\_ Bring a dessert
- ▼ M-R \_\_\_\_ Bring a Salad or Chip/Dip
- ▼ S-Z \_\_\_\_ Bring a vegetable dish.

If you're looking for something to do earlier in the day check out Galveston's website at <http://www.galveston.com/calendars/> for a calendar of events. Please call Don or Ray to get directions or if you have other questions at 713-522-7809. We'll see ya on the island! ..... drrs

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nature study. The Somerville Trailway is host to birds and wildlife as well as one of the best displays of spring wild flowers in the Texas Parks and Wildlife System. Water lovers can take advantage of swimming, boating, fishing, and skiing on the lake. Reservations are for tent camping only, but other facilities are available by individual reservation. The facilities include bathrooms with running water and showers in some bathrooms. The pre-camp meeting will be April 10th at Café Express on Kirby at 7 p.m. Lake Somerville is a 2.5 hour drive from H town. For further info contact Ed B. at 713-529-6661. See ya there! ..... drrs



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are growing! On Saturday night, we joined the rest of the camp grounds for a delicious dinner. Corn beef, cabbage, assorted veggies and desserts were served around a campfire. This was a chance to meet the rest of the campers and enjoy others company. Overall, everyone had a great time .....jpg

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**HOG Pride Parade Float Meeting** pg 01..... **May 8**

Milton and Dave ..... 713-868-7991

**Breakfast/LePeep** pg 03 ..... **May 11**

Dave M..... 713-868-7991

**General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout** pg 02 ..**May 28**

Don and Ray..... 713-522-7809

**Guadalupe River Rafting** pg 01 ..... **June 7 - 9**

Ed Baltz ..... 713-529-6661

**Blueberry Farm Trip** pg 01 ..... **June 16**

Howard K..... 713-528-6174

**Pride Parade** ..... **June 29**

"Pride Worldwide 2002" ..... [www.pridehouston.org](http://www.pridehouston.org)



### Guadalupe River Rafting

**Fri. - Sun. June 7 - 9**

Cool off this summer with a wet, scenic, rafting trip down the Guadalupe River. We will be entering the river around 10 am, Saturday and the rafting trip last around 3 hours. Later in the evening, we will caravan into historic Gruene, Texas for dinner, shopping and entertainment. We

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### Pride Parade 2002 Float Plan

**Wed. May 8**

Dave and Milton will be holding an organizational meeting for planning the Houston Outdoor Group Float for this year's Pride Parade 2002. The theme for this year's parade is "Pride Worldwide 2002" Everyone is encouraged to come and share your ideas. We will meet on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at Dave and Milton's. Call 713-868-7991 for directions. .... drs



### Blueberry Farm Day Trip

**Sun. June 16**

Join us for a day of picking Blueberries at a Gay owned Blueberry Farm north of Houston. Buckets are furnished and the berries are weighed when you finish at a cost of \$1.50 a pound. A berry

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good picker can pick 10-12 pounds in 2 hours. The bushes have no stickers or thorns, but remember to bring a cap, water and/or soft drinks to stay cool. We will first meet at Howard's (near Kirby and West Alabama), at 10 am, then caravan and carpool to the location about an hour north of Houston, off US 59, between Conroe and Porter. On the return trip we will be stopping in Porter for a bite to eat. RSVP to Howard at 713-528-6174 or howard@hotmail.com ..... drs



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## In Remembrance of Diana Preston

Long time Houston Outdoor Group member Diana Preston passed away unexpectedly in April 2002. Soon after moving to Houston in the mid 80's Diana joined the Houston Outdoor Group and served as Vice-president, Director of Activities and an active participant and organizer of many group activities. Our thoughts and memories are with her, her lover Kimberly, family and friends that she shared her joy and exuberance for life.



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9 am

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will be camping at KL Ranch Campgrounds, the same campgrounds, and sites, we have stayed at in the past. The KL Ranch Camp is a three hour drive From H town, located at 5300 River Road in New Braunsfels. They have electric and RV hookups, but you will have to make you own arrangements if you need RV hookups Camping fee's run around \$6 a night for overnight camping. There is a camp store within walking distance for drinks, food, ice, firewood. Showers are \$1 each. KL's phone number is 830-625-3038. For further information contact Ed B. at 713-529-6661..... drs

## 'Camp'Camp

### Building Community and Healing Wounds

I wanted to pass this along to everyone in our group. A friend of a member has a great idea. He has attended a camp in Maine last year that caters to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender. He had such a wonderful time; he is passing along this information for everyone else. The camp is called "Camp Camp".

"One evening while surfing the Internet and looking for an adult softball camp, I found a web site that was a one-week gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender summer camp held during the last week of August in Maine. The web site came up on the search engine because it listed softball as one of the activities. As I reviewed it, I noticed the camp offered many of my favorite activities and others that I wanted to try. Some of these were mountain biking, windsailing, square dancing, pottery, stained glass, photography, tennis, volleyball, and of course softball. Paying in the \$800 range was a bargain to me, so I booked a flight to Boston and caught a shuttle bus to the campsite. The week ended up being more special than I expected as I continued to develop great friendships among the 230 campers from around the world. The first to become my new best friends were my 5 cabin mates and the 12 people in my kelly green rainbow group. There was about a 60:40 male female ratio with each age group from the 20s to the 60s well represented. Some of my fond memories and accomplishments include swimming across a misty lake at 7 am in 78 degree water, climbing a mountain during a hiking trip nearby in New Hampshire, viewing stars and other planets at a star gazing party one evening from around 1:30 to 3:30 am, learning to play bridge, and making a ring in the jewelry class. Most important was

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will be tent camping in the same area we usually do, on May 3rd-5th. Howard has reserved 3 campsites, (maximum 24 people), with tent camping only. The campout is limited to the first 24 people who make reservations and pay their reservation fee to Howard. There is a \$15 deposit required to hold the reservation and there will be no refunds the week prior to the campout. For last minute info contact Howard K. at 713-528-6174drs

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feeling welcomed and cheered on by my peers while participating in each group activity. Almost everyone was so moved by the 'Camp'Camp experience that there were hardly any dry eyes during our closing ceremony. The camp also held religious services and 12 step meetings each day. There was a social activity each evening with some offering beer and wine. As written in one of the New England publications, 'Camp'Camp is a camp for adults at which our childhood wounds in reference to competitive sports and being gay have a chance to heal. If this camp sounds appealing to you, please look up [www.campcamp.com](http://www.campcamp.com). If you have any questions, email me at [charlespas@aol.com](mailto:charlespas@aol.com). ....jg/cp

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**Blueberry Farm Trip** pg 01 ..... **June 16**

Howard K. .... 713-528-6174

**General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout** pg 4 .. **June 25**

Don and Ray ..... 713-522-7809

**Pride Parade** ..... **June 29**

"Pride Worldwide 2002" ..... [www.pridehouston.org](http://www.pridehouston.org)



### Guadalupe River Rafting

**Fri - Sun June 7 - 9**

Cool off this summer with a wet, scenic, rafting trip down the Guadalupe River. We will be entering the river around 10 am, Saturday and the rafting trip last around 3 hours. Later in the evening, we will caravan into historic Gruene, Texas for dinner, shopping and entertainment. We will be camping at KL Ranch Campgrounds, the same campgrounds, and sites, we have stayed at in the past. The KL Ranch Camp is a three hour drive From H town, located at 5300 River Road in New Braunsfels. They have electric and RV hookups, but you will have to make you own

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**Sun June 16**

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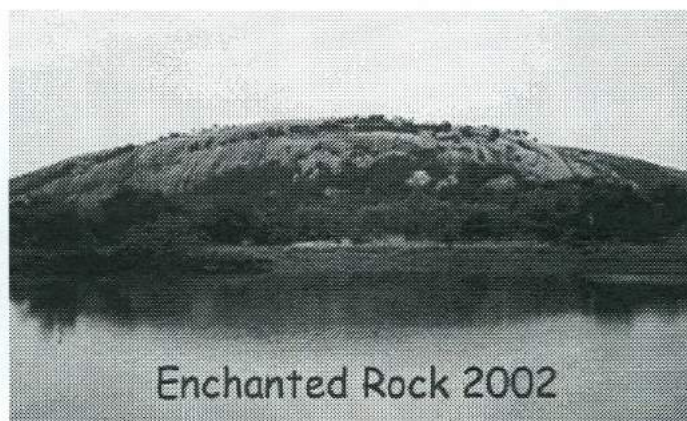
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Sat, June 15

9 am

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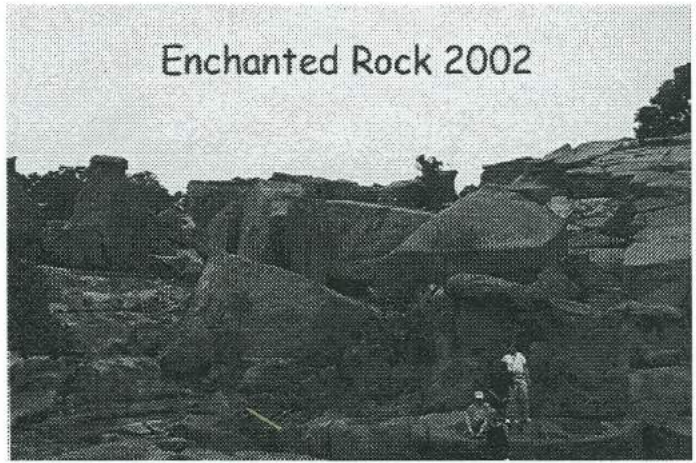
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July

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General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout pg 3..... July 30

Don and Ray..... 713-522-7809

Pool Party/Elections pg 02..... Aug 24

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### HOG co-founder Retires

Don M. retired from his long time career at Exxon Mobile last month. He has been looking forward to his retirement with no doubt about just relaxing for a while. As one of the original members and founders of the Houston Outdoor Group, we congratulate him on his retirement. We hope you have a Great time Don! ..... dms



Dining at the Gristmill Restaurant Along the sidewalks in Gruene

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Sat, June 29 All day

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- We will be meeting in the driveway of Richard M.

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on Saturday June 29 at 11:00 am to put our entry together - Participants are asked to be with our entry, #55, in front of 1908 Kipling, at 8:00 pm, the night of the parade.

- You are asked to wear comfortable shoes, khaki hiking shorts, HOG T-shirt, HOG hat and any other hiking props you may have (Jon Gray still has T-shirts and he has the new HOG ball caps)
- The club has purchased beads for throwing
- Since this is a night parade we are looking to borrow any battery powered lanterns and battery spot lights you may have.

If you are interested please call Dave Mathis at 713-868-7991 ..... dm



## WANTED



## Float Construction Volunteers and Participants

We are looking for a few good women and men to construct out float for the Pride Parade 2002. Also please help us in the parade as we will need people to help carry our banner, be wheel monitors and ride on the float. If you would like to find out the time and place to show up please check the article on the first page titled, *Parade/Float Plans*, call Dave M. at 713-868-7991, e-mail [txdave@prodigy.net](mailto:txdave@prodigy.net) or contact a Houston Outdoor Group Officer listed on the previous page.

## Food Preperation Safety

Food-borne illnesses are a sure-fire way to ruin a picnic, camping trip, hike or boating excursion. Here are a few guidelines for keeping foods safe when you enjoy the great outdoors:

- Keep cold food cold (below 40 degrees) and hot food hot (above 140 degrees), but not in-between. In that middle range, illness-causing bacteria can proliferate to dangerous levels in as little as 2 hours.

- Wrap raw meats twice or in plastic bags. Your goal here is to prevent leaking of meat drippings, which could contaminate other items in your

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- ▽ comfortable adjustable velcro back closure
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You can pick up your cap for \$18 at the parade line up June 29th, (we will be #55 in the line up), at the mail out meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, or call Jon G to make arrangements to pick one up. ....drs

## Rafting Trip Report

Eighteen people from Austin and Houston attended the rafting trip down the Guadalupe in June. It was a relaxing 5 hour float with a mix of 90 degree temps and cool river water, making it a great getaway weeeekend. Several rafters rented the two man rafts and thoroughly enjoyed the ease of paddling with the double paddle kayak paddles. While cruising down the river we

encountered a family of rafters that threw Madi Gras beads, to several of us. Saturday evening we all rode to Gruene, Texas and ate at the popular Grismill restuarant. Afterwards there were antique stores, general stores and wine tasting to take in.....drs

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cooler. It can also help to place your meats at the very bottom of the cooler.

- Cook foods the night before and then refrigerate or freeze them. On your outing, you can eat them cold (e.g., fried chicken) or heat them up on a grill or portable stove right before eating.

- Use blocks of ice rather than ice cubes in your cooler. Ice blocks last longer. You can use store-bought ice packs or make your own by filling clean empty milk containers with water and freezing them.

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Pool Party/Elections pg 01 ..... Aug 24  
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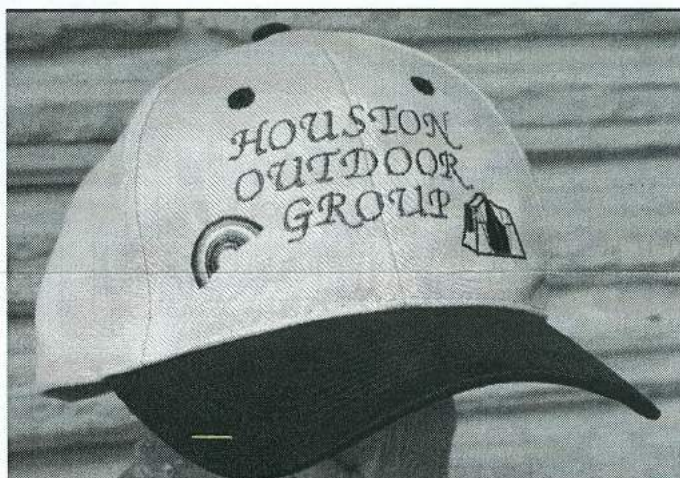


### Breakfast at Tecate

Sat, Aug 10 9 am

Our HOG monthly breakfast will be at **TECATE** at **2615 Ella Blvd, 77008 (713-868-5232)**. They are located off the 610 Loop at Ella near the Lowes Home Improvement and the Hospital. The prices

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### Empower Houston 2002

Sat. Sept 21, 22

Empower Houston will be Sept. 21st and 22nd at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The GLBT Chamber of Commerce has information about it on their website ([www.ghglcc.org](http://www.ghglcc.org)) and the local press has stories about it. The HOGs will have an information booth. We need help from the members to work at the booth. It is important for our group to be a part of this trade show and entertainment event in the Houston GLBT community. Our group can only be as involved as the members are willing to participate. Please sign up to work even an hour on either of the two days. You will have fun meeting people and you can also spend some time seeing the many other booths and exhibits. Contact me at [billpctx@houston.rr.com](mailto:billpctx@houston.rr.com) for more information or 713-526-6963. .... bc



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Sat, June 15

9 am

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### September Social and Activity Planning

Sat, Sept 14 6:30 pm

President Bill and Thomas will be hosting the September Social. Bring a pot luck dish according to the first letter of your last name.

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### Election Results

Sat, Aug 24 4:30 pm

WOW! Another year has come and gone, with some great events, like Campouts, Rafting, Socials, Breakfast, Pride Parade and Parties. And not to forget our loss of long time member Diana Preston who passed away unexpectedly in April. We would like to express our thanks to all the Officers who have served this past year, members

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A-G ..... Dessert

H-P ..... Salad/Vegetable

Q-Z ..... Main Course

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and non-members who planned activities for the group, and a special thanks to Jon Gray for serving as president for the past few years. The results of the election of Officers are as follows:

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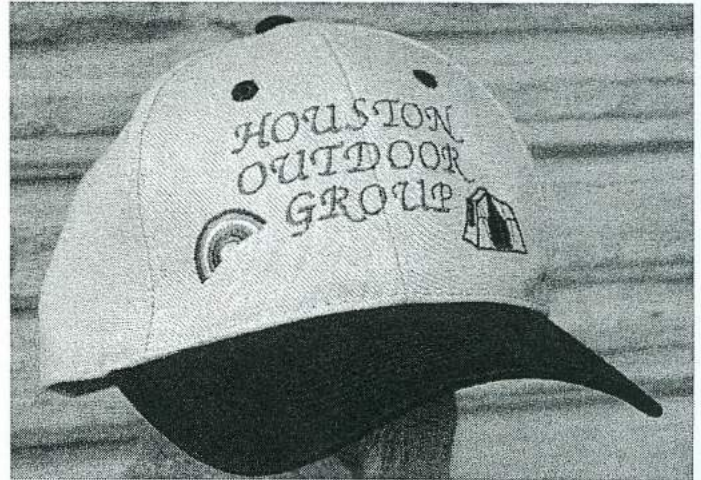
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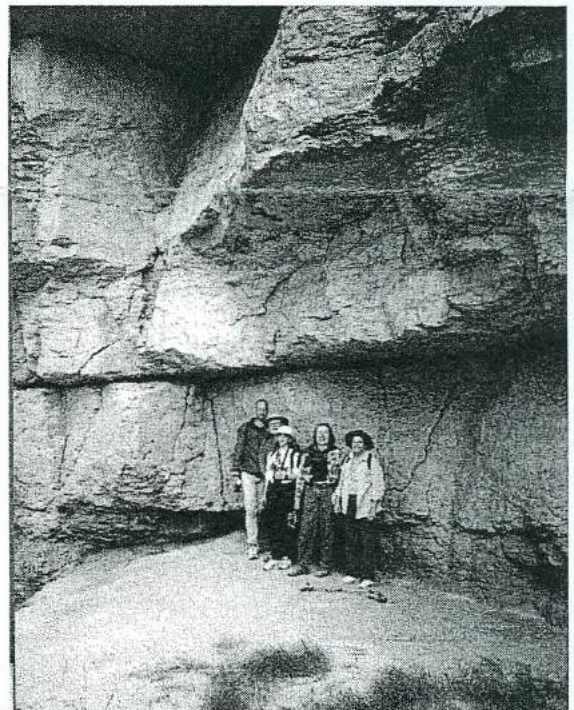
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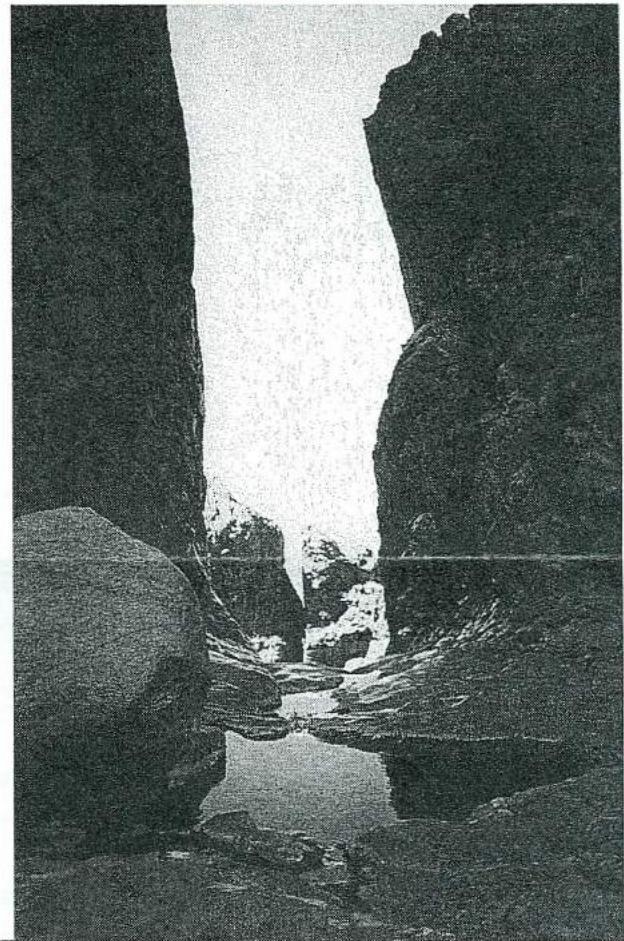






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October

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### HOG CALENDAR

**Breakfast/Luby's** pg 01..... **Oct 5**

**Jon G** ..... 713-290-0220

**October Social** pg 01 ..... **Oct 19**

**At Jo(h)n's Home** ..... 713-290-0220

**Halloween Party** pg 01..... **Oct 25**

**Dave and Milton**..... 713-868-7991

**General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout** pg 04 .. **Oct 29**

**Don and Ray** ..... 713-522-7809

**November Social** ..... **Nov. 17**

**Howard and Terry**



### Halloween/Costume Party Friday, October 25, 8:00 PM

Dave and Milton are hosting a  
Halloween/Costume Party on **Fri Oct 25.**  
**8PM until ???**

We will provide soft drinks. We ask that you  
bring snacks/ finger foods and any other drinks  
that you prefer. We encourage people to  
dress in Costume. RSVP 713-868-7991"

Any questions you can call me at work at 713-  
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### From The President

Thanks to everyone who came to the September social and sat down to plan the months ahead for the Houston Outdoor Group. In this newsletter you will see the plans for October. We have a good outline of plans for November and December, too.

These planning sessions will be a part of our social gatherings in the future so come with ideas and plans for activities. One of the obligations you have as a member of the group is to sponsor an activity during the year. It doesn't have to be a huge event: a museum visit, a picnic in the park, a day at the zoo. These are all things we can go as a group.

Don't expect the entire group to come to your event. Thomas and I have hosted socials where 50 people came and we have hosted when there were 5. Both times were good.

Plan something you want to do with friends and give the rest of the group a chance to come along. We all enjoy getting out to do things or we wouldn't be a member of this group..... Bill

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### October Social at the Jo(h)n's. October 19, 2002

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**A-F**-----Bring a veggie dish  
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We also have our brand new HOG hats for sale. Please call Jon/John if you need directions to our home at 713-290-0220.....jrg

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On the 17th of November, the social will be held at Howard and Terry place. More to come in the November newsletter.

We have a firm date on the HOG Christmas party. We have planned for December 7, 2002 to be held at Don and Rays home.

In January, Lets try going to Moody Gardens for a winter activity

If you would like to sponsor an outing, please contact Jon G and I will help.

## Dare to Lead a Trip !!!

Why would one do this? Because no one individual or committee organizes HOG trips. The variety & success of trips depends on those willing to plan & lead them. Coming up with ideas for trips does not have to be difficult. Start with something familiar, an activity that you have done on your own or with family or friends. There are numerous activities in the Houston/Galveston area that do not involve a high degree of skill or physical prowess to accomplish - just an interesting day activity with some form of outdoor activity. Sift through your more mature HOG Newsletters to find a trip that interests you or has not been offered recently or contact one of the HOG officers for a suggestion or two. Planning the trip & pre-trip activities need not be intimidating, all HOG officers can provide insight & support for those who dare to go where many may have gone before or not.



**WANTED**



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### HOG CALENDAR

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| Boykin Springs Campout pg 1 .....          | Nov 8 to 10  |
| Ed Baltz .....                             | 713-529-6661 |
| November Social pg 02 .....                | Nov 17       |
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| General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout ..... | Nov 26       |
| Don and Ray's .....                        | 713-522-7809 |
| December Social/Christmas Party pg 3 ..... | Dec 7        |
| Don and Ray's .....                        | 713-522-7809 |
| December Breakfast .....                   | Dec 14       |
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### Explore the Gardens at Peckerwood November 2, 9:00 AM

Please join us at Luby's Café off of 290 and W. 34<sup>th</sup> street for breakfast on November 2 at 9:00 AM. Then we are off to Peckerwood Garden in



Hempstead, TX. Peckerwood Garden lies about 50 minutes from downtown Houston and 2 hours from Austin off of Highway 290. Peckerwood Garden is located just South of F.M. 359 and the Business 290 intersection. Their physical address is 20571 F.M. 359, Hempstead, TX, 77445. Our phone number is (979) 826-3232. Howard and Terry will be your sponsors for this event and will provide maps at the breakfast. For more information, call Howard or Terry at 713.528.6174. It is open from 9am to 1pm and a \$5.00 donation is required for admittance. Parking is at Yucca Do Nursery just south of Peckerwood.

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Please call Ed for information at 713-529-6661.

Here are some website to view. ....eb  
[http://www.r8web.com/texas/Recreation/Angelina/angelina\\_national\\_forest.htm](http://www.r8web.com/texas/Recreation/Angelina/angelina_national_forest.htm)  
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### November Social Sunday, Nov 17 @ 1:00 PM

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It will be a potluck brunch starting at 1:00 pm and last until all of the food is gone. So bring plenty. Bring your favorite dish. Plates, silverware, cups will be provided.

Go by your last name to determine what dish to bring.

A - F Bring a veggie dish

G - L Bring a Meat Dish

M - R Bring a Dessert

S - Z Bring a Salad

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## Christmas Party/ Potluck

Sat, Dec 7 5:00 p.m.

Our yearly Christmas Party will be hosted at Don and Ray's with an abundance of Christmas Spirit decorations. We will start at 5:00 p. m. so you can attend other events later in the evening. We are hoping to see all of you there and have a really fun time. Remember to bring a tacky gift for the gift exchange and to see who can find the tackiest gift. Last year's green and purple teapot was different to say the least. Please bring a potluck dish according to the chart below using the first letter of your last name.

A-G Bring a Vegetable dish

H-L Bring a Dessert

M-R Bring a Main dish

S-Z Bring a Salad or Appetizer

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## Hiking Tip

Take those hiking boots off the shelf and wear them one or two weeks prior to your hiking trip. This will give you a chance to get accustomed to them again before you trek those rocky trails and hills, and help prevent strains, sprains and oh, those painful blisters.



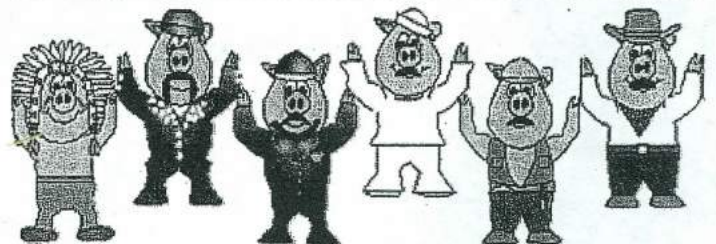
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On January 18, 2003 Lets go to Moody Gardens for a winter activity. Opens at 10:00 AM  
<http://www.moodygardens.com/cgi-bin/home.cfm>

Feb 15. NASA Space Center Houston, TX.  
<http://www.spacecenter.org/>

If you have not been to the San Jacinto Monument, you need to go. This is just a piece of Texas history.

If you would like to sponsor an outing, please contact Jon G and I will help you set it up.



## In Remembrance of Michael Cummings

Michael Cummings, a longtime member of the HOGS, passed away on October 22 in the loving, caring Bering/Omega House. He had been seriously ill for the last month. Cheryl Lawson, his longtime friend was his caregiver. Mike and Cheryl both loved to go camping at Enchanted Rock and rarely missed the chance to go there. Michael was born in Iowa on March 20, 1956 and moved with his parents when he was young to Richardson, Texas where he was raised and went to school. He graduated from the college in Nacogdoches, TX, and worked as a geophysicist for many years with Phillips Petroleum and Halliburton. For the last several years he was a massage therapist. Michael you will be missed by everyone.

If anyone wants to make a donation in his name, a check can be made out to Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, (Memorial Fund, Council on Special Ministries). Bering's address is 1440 Harold, Houston, 77006.

There will be a get together in his memory for friends, but the date and time has not been set. An e-mail will be sent out to let everyone know the details.....hk



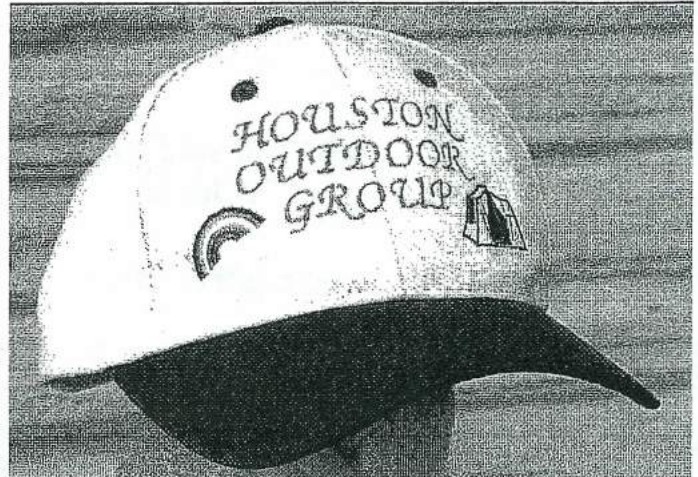


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# HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



December

## NEWSLETTER

2002



### HOG CALENDAR

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| December Social/Christmas Party .....        | Dec 7  |
| Don and Ray's 713-522-7809                   |        |
| December Breakfast .....                     | Dec 14 |
| Don and Ray's LePeep at Shepard 713-522-7809 |        |
| General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout .....   | Dec 26 |
| Don and Ray's 713-522-7809                   |        |
| New Years Eve Party pg 2 .....               | Dec 31 |
| Dave and Milton 713.868.79                   |        |
| Moody Garden's /Hollywood Hotel pg 3.....    | Jan 18 |
| Jon and John 713-290-0220                    |        |
| General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout .....   | Jan 28 |
| ..... Don and Ray's 713-522-7809             |        |



### Meet Us at Breakfast

Sat, Dec 14

9 am

Our HOG monthly breakfast will be at **LePeep Restaurant** in **Shepherd Plaza**, 3810 Farnham (713-520-5201.) "LePeep puts a wholesome new perspective on innovative restauranteuring. Fresh. Simple. Elegant. Inviting. A kaleidoscope of cooking creativity. With accents on people, both patrons and staff. And a focus on food. A plentiful array that keeps folks coming back."\* (from the LePeep website) <http://www.lepeep.com> For more information call Jon G at 713-290-0220.....jrg



### Christmas Party/Potluck

Saturday, Dec 7 5:00 p.m.

Our yearly Christmas Party will be hosted by Don and Ray with an abundance of Christmas Spirit decorations. We will start at 5:00 p. m. -- early enough to attend other events later in the evening. We are looking forward to a great time and hoping to see all of you there. Remember to bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange and later we'll vote to see who brought the tackiest gift. Last year's green and purple teapot was different to say the least. Please bring a potluck dish according to the chart below using the first letter of your last name.

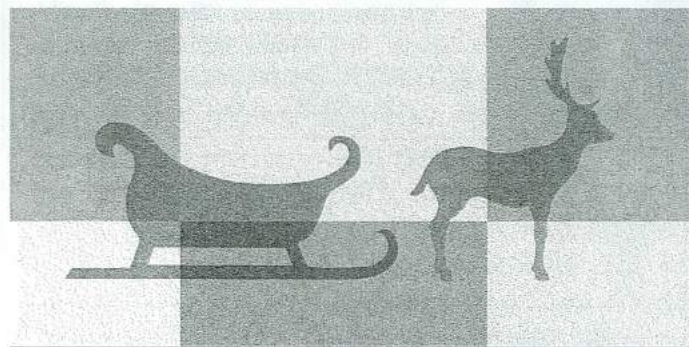
**A - F** Bring a veggie dish

**G - L** Bring a Meat Dish

**M - R** Bring a Dessert

**S - Z** Bring a Salad

If you need additional information or directions, please call Ray or Don at 713-522-7809 jrg



*The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is a social group for Gay men, Lesbian women and Gay friendly persons who enjoy the outdoors. Activities are organized by HOG members, individually or by ad hoc groups, and are reported in the newsletter. Events may be typical sports activities (camping, hiking, etc.) but can also include any social activity, whether indoors or out. Call the Hogline, dial (713)KAMP-OUT, for information, a free trial newsletter and a subscription form for the newsletter or write HOG, PO Box 980893, Houston, Texas 77098. There are no formal membership requirements except for the annual fee of \$20 per household to cover the cost of the newsletter. HOG is affiliated with IGLOO. <http://www.radix.net/~erewhon/igloo/rindex.html>*



## Clubs and Activities

### COUNSELING

Montrose Counseling Center - 713-529-0037



### BOWLING

Sunday Bowling - 713-522-9612  
Monday Nite Women's Bowling  
281-437-6218

Montrose Monday Nite Men's Bowling  
713-641-5424

Wednesday Nite Mixers Bowling - 713-522-9612



### LAMBDA ROLLER SKATING

713-523-9620 or 713-410-7215  
www.noesoft.com/~lrsc  
e-mail: lrsc@neoesoft.com



### The Houston Roughnecks

www.roughnecksrugby.org



### HOUSTON TENNIS CLUB

713-529-2703 or 713-692-2703  
e-mail: m\_archuleta@mindspring.com



### GARDEN AND YARD SOCIETY

713-661-6378



### MONTROSE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

http://montrosoftballleague.com/  
713-867-3913

### HOUSTON WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE - 409-257-1885



### Rainbow Fishing Club

PO Box 66450  
Houston, TX 77266  
713.523.6381



### DANCING

Southern Country Houston  
713-226-2228

Rainbow Rangler Dance Club  
713 682-4165

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713-K-A-M-P-O-U-T or 713-526-7688

web site

http://www.absentmind.net/hog



## New Eve Party December 31, 2002 9:00 PM

Dave and Milton are hosting a New Years Eve party at their house on Dec 31, 2002. It will begin around 9 PM and last until ????. We will provide soft drinks and champagne. We ask that everyone bring hors d'oeuvres of some kind. You know, finger food. Please RSVP by calling 713-868-7991 and for directions.



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## Moody Gardens Jan 18, 11:00 AM

We're planning a trip to Moody Gardens on Saturday Jan. 18, 2003. The plan is to meet at the entrance at 11:00 A.M.

Then, you may buy tickets for the attractions which interest you most: There is a day pass that will allow you to see everything for 29.95; or you can just pay for each attraction you wish to see.

Visitors to Galveston can explore the depths of the world's oceans from inside the Aquarium at Moody Gardens, a 12-story pyramid with several marine habitats. You can also visit the lush Rainforest Pyramid, explore life in space at the Discovery Pyramid and experience the thrills and spills of the IMAX Theater.

Open daily, Moody Gardens is located at One Hope Blvd. in Galveston. For more information, call (800) 582-4673 or visit their website at <http://www.moodygardens.com>.

John and I will be staying at **Hollywood Hotel** on Friday night. If you would like to join us there you can call 1-888-899-0899 for reservations. The cost is \$99. per night and if we have enough people who want to stay there, they will give us a group rate. This is a only gay hotel on the island. If I remember correctly, they have a cocktail hour and a breakfast in the morning. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to stay at the hotel. For questions call Jon or John at 713-290-0220.

# A Happy New Year!



## Future Events

Feb 15. NASA Space Center Houston, TX.  
<http://www.spacecenter.org/>

April 25th—27th, 2003- -Camping trip to  
Enchanted Rock

Date to be determined: San Jacinto Monument,  
with dinner at the Monument Inn.

If you would like to sponsor an outing, please  
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## Boykin Springs Summary

Four men attended the Boykin Springs camping trip in the Angelina National Forest about 2.5 hours from Houston. The camping area had more people than usual due to hunting season which began 11/1, however, hunting is not allowed in the area of Boykin Springs so we heard very few gun shots. We did the 2 mile hike to the abandoned saw mill and heard no shots. The leaves were getting some color in the Cypress, Sweet Gum, and a lot of color in a small tree whose name I don't know. Some of us went to lunch on Saturday in Zavalla. This area is very pretty and not used very much. Being so close to Houston makes it a jewel of forests and Sam Rayburn reservoir. You really missed a nice trip for those that did not go. Hope to see you there next time. Ed





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