

HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



Goose Island Campout— March 10th–12th

Welcome to our first campout for this calendar year. Goose Island State Park is located on the Texas Gulf Coast about 50 miles north of Corpus Christi. This will be the first time for many of us to visit Goose Island. If you'd like more information on this state park, here's the web link:

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/goose_island/

We will be camping on the Aransas Bay. If you have a pop-up or an RV, you will need to make your own reservations.

Three campsites have been reserved. Each site has electricity and water and will accommodate 8 people. Hot showers are in walking distance.

The cost for the campsites will be approximately \$10 per person for the entire weekend; depending on how many people we have camping.

Goose Island Pre-Camp Meeting and HOG Lunch—Mar. 5th

Instead of a breakfast on Saturday, Mar. 4th we will have a HOG lunch gathering on Sunday, Mar. 5th in conjunction with the Goose Island Pre-Camp Meeting.

Whether or not you are going on the camping trip, you can still join the HOG for lunch at the Café Express on Kirby Drive at 1:00 p.m.

MARCH 2006

March 5th—Pre-Camp Dinner at Café Express on Kirby Drive at 1:00 P.M.

March 10th-12th—Campout at Goose Island State Park

March 18th—Breakfast at Luby's, 290 at 34th

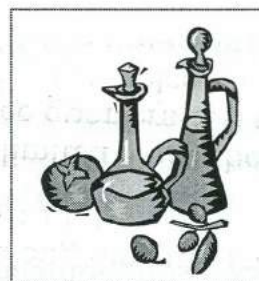
March 25th—The Monastery Horses--
Brenham

If you look on the website, our reservations are in the area of sites 1-24. Wind gusts may be a problem when camping along the gulf, so be prepared to secure your tent.

Hiking is limited since the park has only about three quarters of a mile of hiking trails. Dogs are welcome as long they are on a leash. The pre-camp meeting will be March 5 at Café Express on Kirby Drive at 1:00 P.M.

To make your reservation please call Jon or John at 713-290-0220.

Do let Jon/John know if you plan to attend at 713-290-0220.



Breakfast at Luby's March 18th

The HOG breakfast for March will be at the Luby's at 34th & 290 at 9 a.m.

If you are planning to be there please contact Jeanne/Judith for reservations at (281)829-9532 - jlbevins@ev1.net

Monastery Miniature Horses in Brenham—March 25th

MONASTERY MINIATURE HORSES, in operation since 1981, is owned and operated by the Franciscan Poor Clare Nuns, a non-profit religious organization.

Contemplative nuns support themselves in a variety of ways, and along with the traditional altar bread work (supplying churches with communion wafers), the Poor Clares of Brenham, Texas express their creativity through ceramics and other arts and crafts sold in their Art Barn, and their (Franciscan) love and care of creation in their work with the miniature horses.

The miniature is a horse that is under 34" in height at maturity, the height being measured at the withers, or shoulder blades, precisely where the mane ends.



We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, 2/25/06, at Lowe's (1521 North Loop West, Houston, TX 77008 / Southeast corner of Ella Blvd. @ 610 Fwy). We will congregate in the Lowe's parking lot on the Ella Blvd. side of the parking lot. Hopefully we can consolidate and ride share with one another to Brenham!

The group will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the Lowe's parking lot and drive to K-Bobs Steakhouse Restaurant, 2120 Hwy 290 West, Brenham, TX 77833 (ph: 979-836-7990). The drive from Lowe's in Houston to K-Bobs in Brenham is 69 miles and takes 1.5 hours travel time.

Lunch at K-Bobs in Brenham from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. They have a great salad bar!

Leave K-Bobs at 1:00 p.m. and drive to Monastery Miniature Horses, 9300 Hwy 105, Brenham, TX 77833 (ph: 979-836-9652). Monastery Miniature Horses website address is

<http://www.monasteryminiaturehorses.com/>.

The drive from K-Bobs to Monastery Miniature Horses is 11 miles and takes about 25 minutes travel time.

Monastery Miniature Horses opens on Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Cost of admission is \$3.00 per person.

Call or e-mail Drew by 2/22/06, if you plan to eat lunch at K-Bobs in Brenham at noon on Saturday. A table will be reserved for HOG at K-Bobs for the number of people who RSVP by the deadline.

HOG contact person: Drew Dean

Phone: 713-868-4804

E-mail: houstonddusa@netscape.net

From the President:

I would like to thank all those who have sponsored events so far this season. I would also like to thank those in advance that will be sponsoring events in the near future. The weather has not been cooperating the last few outdoor events we've had, but it's early in the year. If you have ideas for events please contact one of the board members. We are always glad to hear from our members and try new things and see new places. Make plans to join us soon.

Jeanne

Notes from the Treasury

Balance forward: \$295.40

Dues: \$20

Expenses: \$ 62.07

Balance: \$253.33

Upcoming Events

April

Howard has again agreed to sponsor our annual visit to Enchanted Rock - Friday April 7th - 9th. He has reserved two campsites for a total of 16 people. Call Howard 713-528-6174 for further details and to RSVP.

May

Bill & Thomas invite to join them for an urban hike. Come enjoy the great outdoors in the heart of the city. This Saturday event will include a hike along Buffalo Bayou into downtown, lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse, a ride on the light rail, and maybe some wine tasting at Spec's. Date to be announced.

June

This is the month for a visit to New Braunfels and rafting down the river. June 16 - 18, 2006. Ed is again sponsoring this event. We will be camping at KL Ranch Camp, 830-625-3038. Directions from Houston-10 west, 46 West (at Seguin), Pass under I-35, River Road turn right, after the second bridge is KL Ranch camp. We will probably have sites 26 & 27, water only. If you need electricity, call the Camp for another site.

The cost for camping is about \$8.00 per person per night. We will begin rafting at 10am. The cost for rafts is about \$23.00 per person. The trip takes about 3 hours. We will eat dinner on Saturday night at the Grist Mill restaurant in Gruene around 5 pm. If you wish to join the group call Ed 713-529-6661 & RSVP so he will know how many people are coming.

Coming this fall

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Enchanted Rock Campout

If you've never been to Enchanted Rock, you've missed a great Texas adventure. Over the years it has been a favorite spot for our group.

Howard K. is once again sponsoring our annual weekend of camping and fun, April 7th-9th.

This campout fills up so don't wait. If you want to reserve a spot with the group contact Howard as soon as possible: 713-528-6174 or email at howardk@hotmail.com

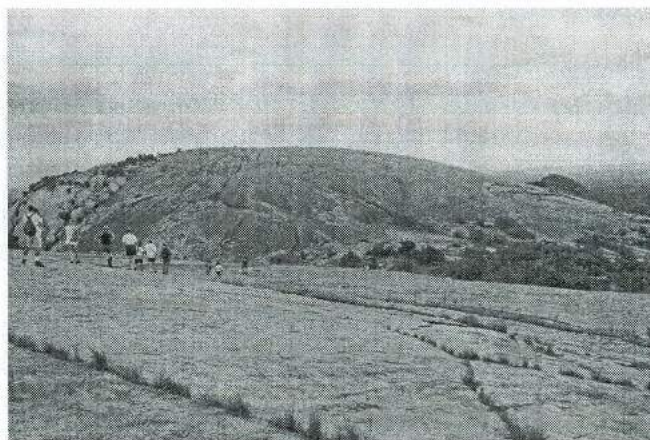
Remember that should we run out of campsite space nearby Fredericksburg has over 100 or more Bed & Breakfast places and a large number of motels. You can then join the group for the Saturday morning hike up to the top of Enchanted Rock.

APRIL 2006

April 2nd—Pre-Camp Dinner at Café Express on Kirby Drive at 1:00 P.M.

April 7th-9th—Campout at Enchanted Rock State Park, Fredericksburg

April 22nd—Breakfast at LePeep, near Shepard & 59, at 9 a.m.



Enchanted Rock Pre-Camp Meeting and HOG Lunch

There will be a Pre-Camp meeting for the Enchanted Rock on Sunday, April 2nd.

Whether or not you are going on the camping trip, you can still join the HOG for lunch at the Café Express on Kirby Drive at 12:30 p.m.



Breakfast at LePeep April 22nd

The HOG breakfast for April will be at the LePeep near Shepard & 59 at 9 a.m.

If you are coming for breakfast please RSVP to Don & Ray at 713-522-7809.

HOG Blown Away By Goose Island Campout!!

Twelve campers had a blast at Goose Island State Park, March 10 thru 13. They were literally blown away, swept off their feet, and flew high as a kite!

Friday started out beautiful with a little wind. By the time Friday night came around, it was very windy, blowing tents to a slant. Saturday the wind was relentless but nevertheless a very beautiful day! The group enjoyed several different activities the rest of the day Saturday. Some went to the Aransas Wildlife Refuge; some went to the beach on Padre Island while others went into Rockport for some site seeing.

Everyone visited "Big Tree" the largest Oak tree in the entire state of Texas. Kenneth, a friend of the HOG's, came from Corpus Christi with his Kayaks for us to enjoy, but the wind just too strong and we had to pass up a great opportunity for safety's sake! John tried his hand at flying a kite, but had to give up when he almost became airborne himself! Dave and Milton won the award for seeing the most wildlife at Aransas Wildlife Refuge, and Leslie and Marie won the Rookie award for hanging in there throughout the entire weekend. Ed and Tom win the "Dorothy" award for having their tents blown away, literally!

We were told the winds got up to 35 mph by Saturday night. This trip just goes to show that camping can be enjoyed by all in spite of adverse circumstances, especially when surrounded by a great group of HOGS!!!



From the President:

The weather has gotten warm, but not too warm. Our camping season has been kicked off with our first trip to Goose Island. This month we visit Enchanted Rock. If anyone wants to sponsor a trip for May let us know. We would love to join you. Get your gear ready; check you tent for moths, and air out the sleeping bags because we are off to the outdoors.

Jeanne

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POTLUCK HOSTS WANTED:

Would you like to host a HOG Potluck? Dates are open for the month of May. Bill & Thomas are hosting an urban hike on May 6th but the rest of month is available. Please contact Jeanne or Bill if you can host.

WE COME BACK

Former members Cindy and Debbie were so "blown away" by the Goose Island Campout that they renewed their membership.

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2006

HOG CALENDAR

- October 14th (Saturday), at 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Harry's, corner of Bagby & Tuam. RSVP to Howard or Terry by 9/11/06 at 713 - 528-6174, or email howardk@hotmail.com
- October 21st (Saturday), at 6 p.m. - Thomas and Bill will host a HOG Potluck/Planning Session on Saturday, at their place in Midtown. If you've got a favorite recipe you want to bring please RSVP with your dish, or you can call to RSVP and get a food assignment at 713-560-9794. You can also do this by email to billpctx@yahoo.com

Bill has a map he can send by email to those needing directions. Remember that Midtown is a busy place and parking can be difficult. Don't be surprised if you have to walk a block or so to get to their townhouse!

- Nov. 10-12th - Lost Maples; sponsored by the Jon and John @ 713 - 290-0220 (see story, below)

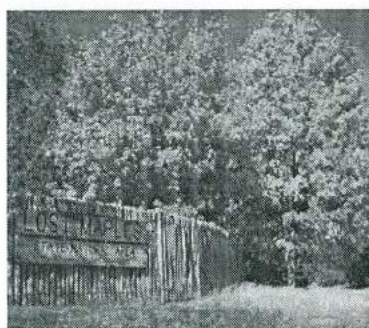
NEW HOG OFFICERS:

On August 29, 2006, the duties of the Executive Board were assigned at the monthly Board / General Meeting:

Dwayne:	President
Drew:	Director of Publicity
Dan:	Director of Membership
Don:	Director of Finance
Ed:	Director of Activity Support

The board will be meeting each month to discuss duties they will share for the coming year. Without a president and other officers your help will be needed. Please make it a goal to attend a board meeting sometime during the year. The Board meeting is the ONE event that occurs each month without fail. It is always in the same place and at the same time: The last Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Don & Ray's. Call 713-522-7809 for directions.

COMING IN NOVEMBER:



*Lodges at Lost Maples
November 10, 11 & 12, 2006*

It will soon be time again to visit Lost Maples State Park. Since the trip comes late in the year, sometimes it can be a little chilly, so we do the cabins. For this trip John Allen and Jon Gray will be your sponsors.

Jon says, "I have made reservation for 4 cabins holding a total of 20 people. Believe me, they will go very fast, so please make a Reservation with us as soon as possible."

There are 12 spots available. At last word 8 people have signed up. October 1, 2006 is the cutoff date to reserve. Jon needs a deposit of \$60.00 per couple or \$30 per person by that date.

This place does not take credit cards and is requesting cash. Lodges at Lost Maples has always been a favorite of the group. Please visit the website to find out more about the cabins and the area.

Happy Trails!

www.lostmaplescabin.com

Contact Jon for more information: 713-290-0220 (or) jonrussell@houston.rr.com

HOG NOTES:

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HOG CALENDAR CHECKLIST

- ☒ Saturday, December 2nd. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast at LePeep, 3800 Farnham Street, Houston, TX 77098 @ 713-520-5201. RSVP to Don or Ray @713-522-7809 by 12/01/06.
- ☒ Christmas Potluck Party * Saturday December 9th @ 5:00 p.m., Dwayne is hosting HOG's Annual Christmas Party. The festivities begin at 5pm with a potluck dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. Please join us for an evening of fun and holiday spirit! Contact Dwayne at 832-731-4460 to RSVP, get driving directions, and receive your food assignment for the potluck. Hope to see you all there! (and don't forget your white elephant gift!)
- ☒ Saturday, January 6th. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast at LePeep (713-520-5201), 3800 Farnham Street, Houston, TX 77098. RSVP to Don or Ray @ 713-522-7809 by 1/5/06.
- ☒ Saturday, January 20th at 4:00 PM for our January's Pot Luck at Dan's place. 415 E 27TH ST, Houston, TX 77008. Please RSVP to Dan by January 18th at 1-713-992-5010 or dannovoa@hotmail.com

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TREASURY REPORT (10/19/06)

Balance forward: \$411.78
Dues: \$ 60.00
Expenses: \$ 64.82
Balance: \$406.96

HOG NOTES

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- ☒ **Saturday, January 20th:** Meet at 4:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner at Dan's home @ 415 E. 27th Street, Houston, TX 77008. Please RSVP to Dan by January 18th at 1-713-992-5010 or dannovoa@hotmail.com

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TREASURY REPORT (11/17/06)

Balance forward: \$406.96
 Deposits: \$60.00
 Expenses: \$34.59
 Ending Balance: \$432.37

• PHOTOS FROM THE HOG CHRISTMAS PARTY ON 12/09/06:



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This spring...

- ☒ **Friday, May 11th through Sunday, May 13th:** Howard K. is hosting his annual trip to Enchanted Rock. He has reserved two campsites there and can accommodate (16) people. This trip fills up fast, so contact Howard soon if you are interested or want information. Howard can be reached by e-mail at howardk@hotmail.com, or call him at 713-528-6174.

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TREASURY REPORT (12/19/06)

Balance forward: \$432.87
Deposits: \$140.00
Expenses: \$34.63
Ending Balance: \$537.74

• *From the President...*

Just a reminder that we still do not have a full board, and some of the board members are pulling double duty. In some instances tasks are just not being done. If you would like to join the board or help out, please contact Dwayne.

Currently, we have few future activities on the calendar. HOG depends upon its members to organize activities! Please consider hosting an outdoor (or indoor) activity. Be creative and sponsor a HOG event!

Also, there is a need for potluck dinner hosts. If you would like to host an activity or a potluck dinner and need help, please contact one of the board members. They will be glad to help you with making plans for a HOG outing!

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- ☒ Friday, 4/20/07 through Sunday, 4/22/07: Tent camping at Lake Somerville State Park, Birch Creek Unit. This is about 2 hours from Houston. Driving directions: Take 290 West to 36 North; continue on to FM 60 West, then turn on Park Road 57 South. On Saturday evening we can eat in the town of Burton, if you wish. This should be a good time for wildflower viewing. Call Ed Baltz @ 713-529-6661 if you are interested.
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TREASURY REPORT (2/20/07)

Balance forward: \$451.11
Deposits: \$ 60.00
Expenses: \$ 53.74
Ending Balance: \$422.70

HOG NOTES

Monthly Meeting

The HOG Board Meeting / General Meeting is held in conjunction with the newsletter mail-out on the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. at Don & Ray's. The meeting this month will be held on April 17, 2007. Call 713-522-7809 for directions. ALL members are welcome!

Newsletter Deadline

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HOG CALENDAR CHECKLIST

☒ Saturday, July 7th, 2007: Monthly Breakfast

Join us at 9:00 a.m. for the monthly HOG breakfast at Taqueria Tepatitlan restaurant, located at 4720 N. Main Street (just west of Airline Drive in the Heights), phone: 713-862-4124. The restaurant's website is <http://www.taqueriastepatitlan.com/>

☒ Saturday July 14th: Potluck Barbeque

Dan is barbequing a brisket. Meet at 5:00 p.m. at Dan's house. Please RSVP to Dan by 7/13/06 to receive your potluck food assignment. Dan's phone number is 1-713-992-5010 and his address is 415 E. 27th Street.

☒ Sunday, July 15th, 2007: Galveston Beach Trip

We will meet at Ed's place at 1:30 p.m. We should arrive at the beach around 3:00 p.m. and stay until about 7:00 p.m. Call Ed Baltz at 713-529-6661 for information.

☒ Saturday, August 4th, 2007: Potluck Supper / Election

Please attend the annual HOG board of directors election and potluck supper. This will be at 5:00 p.m. in the home of Richard McClain at 1716 Marshall Street. Please RSVP to Richard at 713-527-9755, or e-mail him at rjmcc_99@yahoo.com, and tell him what food dish you are bringing by 8/03/07.

We will elect our new HOG board officers at this supper. Our group can not function without members volunteering to be on the board. If you would like to serve on the board, please contact one of the board members or come to the next monthly board meeting on 7/24/07.

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TREASURY REPORT (05/19/07)

Balance forward: \$493.41
Deposits: \$ 0.00
Expenses: \$ 0.00
Ending Balance: \$493.41

HOG NOTES

Ed's Report from HOG's Guadalupe River Rafting Trip (June 8 - 10, 2007):

"Nine men camped out at KL ranch camp on the banks of the Guadalupe River. The river was high so a guide was required for each raft. Seven of us went rafting so we took one large raft and received a movie star looking guide. The trip was swift, two hours, and no one fell out; a few fantasized about being rescued! On Saturday night we ate at the Grist Mill restaurant in Gruene, Texas."

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