

HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



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HOG Calendar

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Joe 649-4721

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Joe 649-47211

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Don 522-7809

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Don 1-713-533-9735

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Judy at the Stonewall Inn

Saturday, October 29

A reminder that the HOG theater outing to see *The Company We Keep's* Houston production of *Judy at the Stonewall Inn* by Emmy Award author Thomas O'Neil is this Saturday, October 29th at Stages Theater. Call Joe (649-4721) immediately if you haven't made your reservation.

Lost Maples Backpacking

Weekend, November 11 - 13

Our favorite annual backpacking trek to see the colorful Uvalde bigtooth maples (*Acer grandidentatum*) at Lost Maples State Natural Area is underway for the weekend of November 11 - 13th.

The park is near Vanderpool on RR187 west of Austin. It has steep rugged limestone canyons some 300 ft high along the Sabinal River, springs, plateau grasslands, wooded slopes, rare birds, deer, and occasionally seen bobcats, fox, javelina and eleven miles of hiking trails.



On Friday night, we'll stay at the EconoLodge in Kerrville, a short drive from the Park. Saturday we hike about 2 miles to our campsite.

If you wish to stay at a Bed 'n Breakfast in the area or car camp at a regular campground, we can give you

The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is a social group for Gay men and Lesbians 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. There are no formal membership requirements. Call the Hogline (dial KAMPOUT) for information, a free trial newsletter, and a subscription form for the newsletter (individual - \$15/yr & couple - \$20/yr) or write to HOG, PO Box 980893, Houston, Texas 77098. HOG is affiliated with IGLOO.

Lost Maples (cont'd)

some suggestions. You can still join us for hiking on Saturday & Sunday.

NOTE: Backpacking reservations are limited to about 12 campers. So call soon — we already have been taking names!

A **pre-camping meeting** will be held at **The Triangle** at 7 pm on Monday, November 7th.

We also need someone to help sponsor this trip. Call Joe Perez, Activity Support director, at 649-4721.

Hogs on Horseback

Saturday, November 19 10 or 11 am

Our November horseback riding will be Saturday, the 19th, at Heather Hollow Stables, less than an hour from town on FM249 with 150+ acres of meadows & woods. Lessons for novices are available. The cost is just \$10/hr per horse. Afterward we'll have lunch.

You need to get your reservation in to Joe (649-4721) by **Wednesday, November 16th**, to get a spot.



Treebeards Social

Saturday, November 19 5 pm

Our November social will be at Treebeards, 315 Travis on Market Square (225-2160) at 5 pm on Saturday the 19th. We'll have our own large room upstairs at this gay-friendly establishment. Treebeards features reasonably priced Cajun and country specialties. **Please call Joe (649-4721)** so we'll know how many to plan for.

Coming Up

Holiday Party

Our annual **Holiday Party** will be at Don Kelsey's on the **Sunday, December 11th at 2:30 pm**. Mark your calendars!!

News Reports Events

Caddo Lake Camping

In September, the HOG ventured to the primeval cypress swamps of Caddo Lake, Texas' largest natural lake. We kayaked through 13 miles of the 43 miles of "boat roads," exploring pristine areas as birds watched us from high atop cypress trees. Water lilies floating on the emerald surface parted and closed as the kayaks passed, not leaving a trace.

Back at camp, the lazy afternoon was wiled away in hammocks swayed by the piney breeze. Offerings were made that night to appease the marauding raccoons, who accepted the cherry cobbler no one else dared touch!

Saturday evening we oohed and aahed over the historic buildings in nearby Jefferson and spoiled our dinner with homemade ice cream at the Old General Store. After a wonderful feast, we headed back to our chariot along the moonlit brick streets just in time before it turned into a pumpkin.

Sunday featured a spontaneous trip to Tyler to take in the Caldwell Zoo and the Tyler Rose Gardens. After a full day, everyone loaded up for the long ride home, satisfied they had a full weekends worth!

Reported by John

Where's the Campsite?

"Hey, do you see it yet?"

"No, but I think it was probably the campsite we just passed"

"I don't think that was it. I remember they said something about being next to the lake."

"Wait! There! I see a rainbow sticker.....Oh, never mind. It's just a radio station bumper sticker!"

Ever had this problem in daylight or in dark of night? You're not alone. Many a person has driven around searching for a clue to lead them to the HOG campsite. The answer is — **WE NEED A FLAG!**

We'd like to buy a flag at a reasonable price, but we need help designing the logo. Plus, we really don't

11th Annual TGRA Rodeo

November 11 - 13

Austin, Texas

Information:

713-880-0670 (Steve & Paul)

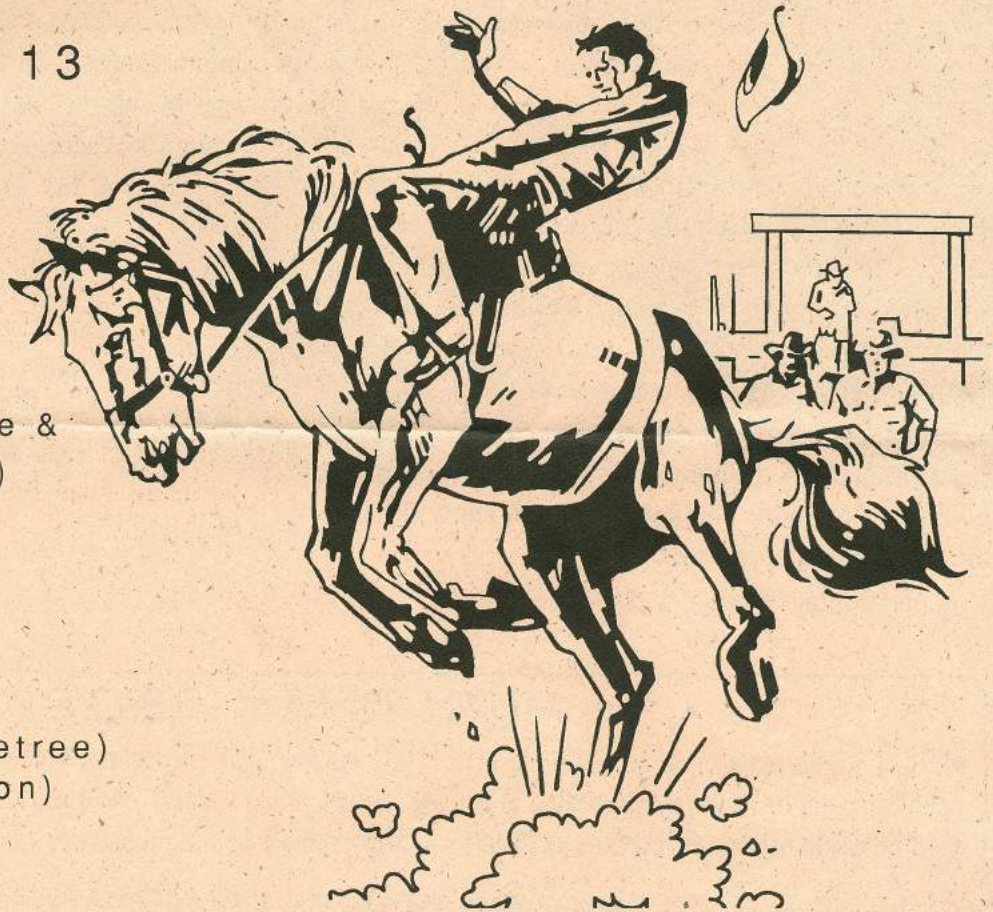
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512-835-5314

Hotels:

800-222-TREE (Doubletree)

800-547-8010 (Red Lion)



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P. O. BOX 980893
HOUSTON, TX 77098-0893

The HOG mailing list is confidential, but you can sign up to be on our **phone list**. Only members who sign up receive the list.

INCLUDE ME (US) ON THE PHONE LIST: YES
NO

PHONE # _____

I, the undersigned, agree to hold the Houston Outdoor Group (HOG), its officers, volunteers, members and guests free from any liability for injury to myself or others or damage to property as a result of my participation in HOG activities. I further agree that I shall do nothing intentionally to jeopardize the health or safety of myself, HOG members and guests, that I have familiarized myself with all of the necessary precautions for safe participation in HOG activities, and that I will take such precautions. **SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED.**

Signed _____ date _____

Signed _____ date _____

know where to start looking for a person or company that makes custom flags.

If you know someone, have design ideas or are the person we're looking for, please call John Fendley at 802-0162.

Pictures?

John Fendley is putting together photo albums and slide shows for publicity purposes and needs your help. If you have negatives or spare pictures, PLEASE send them to John. He will make copies and return the originals. Or if you have some that you could donate, he would love to have them.

When you process your camping pictures, PLEASE make duplicates (which cost only a little more) and give them to John. This way we can show the rest of the world what Hogs look like!

You can contact John at 802-0162.

October Social

Our social at **The Triangle** attracted about 25 members and guests who enjoyed the home-cooked buffet and socializing in this pleasant '60's atmosphere.

Our November social is at **Treebeards** Cajun/country restaurant on the 19th. And don't forget the HOG annual **Holiday Party** at Don Kelsey's on December 11th.

Tim Halley

Long time HOG member Tim Halley, 35, died six years after testing positive for HIV. Tim was an assistant city editor for the Beaumont Enterprise and wrote an award-winning series on "AIDS: Everyone's Problem."

PUBLICITY PEOPLE

Did you always want to be an actress or actor? A journalist? Does your soul thrive on being noticed by others? Are you ambitious, with drive and determination to see your ideas turn into reality? Then you're just the person I need! I'm looking for three people to become HOG Publicity People who will be involved in the following:

Going on the air with radio station 90.1 KPFT at least once a week!

Giving presentations to other G/L groups about the HOG!

Writing publicity releases for local and state newspapers and magazines!

Giving on camera interviews to local G/L TV production companies!

Writing articles for the HOG newsletter and other G/L newsletters!

Organizing and planning for the 1995 HOG Gay Pride Parade float!

Photographing and video taping HOG events!

Public relations with other local, state and national outdoor groups!

Maybe you don't want to be in the limelight, but you're a witty writer. Come join us! Suppose everyone brags on how well your home movies and photos turn out. We want you! If people say your voice on the answering machine sounds like you should be a radio jock / jockette. Put it to use!

Come join the HOG PUBLICITY PEOPLE! IF you think you fit the bill, call me at 802-0162 and I'll make your publicity dreams come true!

John Fendley
Director of Publicity

TOTO TOURS

Here are some trips that don't have to be just a fantasy any longer. For more information, call Joe Perez, our Director of Activity Support. Many of these trips have to be booked well in advance and some have a maximum of 15-20 or less.

Congenial Snowman — skiing Jackson Hole & snowmobile Yellowstone — January 7-14, 1995

Mayan Mysteries — Yucatan, Mexico — January 21-29, 1995

Anchors Aweigh ** — sailing the British Virgin Islands — February 9-15, 1995

Fruits in Kiwiland — New Zealand — February 15 - March 1, 1995

Mardi Gras Extension — Sydney — March 1 - 6, 1995

Hawaiian Lei** — Maui — February 18 - 26, 1995

Wildebeast Express — Tanzania Safari + Amsterdam — March 6 - 21, 1995

Lush Life — Costa Rica — March 31 - April 9, 1995

April & May

French Toast I (barging in Alsace-Lorraine France)

The Queen's Birthday (Amsterdam)

Get Buffed Boot Camp (Chicago)

Le Tour de Vine (California)

[men only on trips marked **]

Listing of tours is for information only and is not an endorsement by the HOG

OTHER GROUPS

Fishing	869-0423	Jogging	522-8021
Softball	522-4529	Kayaking	512-937-9283
Tennis	524-8046	Volleyball	475-2082
Wrestling	522-5994	Women's Bowling	862-3630

HOG Phone#

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Newsletter Deadline

15th of the month. Contact Don Kelsey at 1-713-533-9735 or POB 821343, Houston 77282.

(Articles ONLY; no subscriptions.)

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MOVIES

The **Movie Club**, a Gay social group, meets Saturdays for dinner and a movie. Call Jimmy (952-4048)

COUNTRY DANCING

Line and partner dancing workshops at **The Ranch** every Tuesday 8 pm & the **BRB** on 2nd and 4th Thursdays 8:30 pm.

ROLLERSKATING

Lambda Roller Skating — Mondays November 7th & 21st, 8:30-10:30 pm. at **Dairy Ashford Roller Rink**, off I-10 at 1820 S. Dairy Ashford. \$5 includes skates. Call Keith 933-5818.

ICE SKATING



Mostrose Ice Picks — Thursday, November 17th, 8 - 10 pm at the **Sharpstown Ice Center**, 7300 Belerive Rd at Bonhomme Rd near Sharpstown Mall. \$7 includes skates. Call Angel at 695-9609.

BICYCLING



Chain Gang Bicycling — For schedule, call 863-1860..

SKYDIVING & SCUBA

Texas Aquatic Triangle — contact John Grisak at 488-5576 (day) or 334-4813 (night).



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