

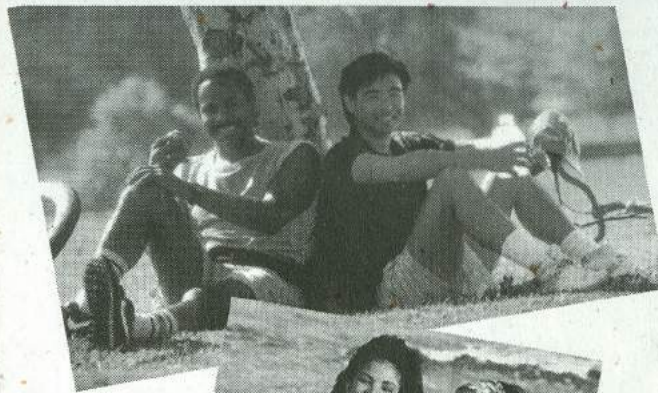
Houston Outdoor Group enjoys...

- ▼ Backpacking
- ▼ Boating
- ▼ Camping
- ▼ Canoeing
- ▼ Cultural Events
- ▼ Hiking
- ▼ Horseback Riding
- ▼ Kayaking
- ▼ Monthly Socials
- ▼ Parties
- ▼ Picnics
- ▼ River Rafting & Tubing

and through our affiliate groups...

- ▼ Bicycling
- ▼ Country & Western Dancing
- ▼ Ice Skating
- ▼ Rodeos
- ▼ Rollerskating
- ▼ Scuba Diving
- ▼ Skiing
- ▼ Skydiving

*Houston Outdoor Group is affiliated with IGLOO
(International Gay & Lesbian Outdoor Organization).*



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HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



*Exploring the
great outdoors
with the kind of people
you enjoy the most.*



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What is Houston Outdoor Group?

The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is a social group founded in 1984 by and for gay men and lesbians who enjoy the outdoors.

HOG activities include not only typical outdoor trips, such as camping and hiking – but also includes just about any social activities such as bowling, game nights, the fine arts...and much more.

What is a typical HOG calendar?

Regular events include a monthly social, monthly horseback riding, and an average of one or more outings.

How extensive are most trips?

The typical camping trip is a two to four hour drive from Houston. They begin on a Friday evening, and most people generally break camp by noon on Sunday to head back home. A "pre-camp" meeting is held several days ahead of time to meet with those who have signed up, and make final plans for carpooling, decisions about meals, equipment, directions and maps, etc...

That's a typical outing. But we have a variety of others as well. These include day trips for hiking and visits to nearby natural areas or events. Some exotic trips have been made as far as the Cayman Islands, Big Bend, Wyoming, Montana, and Canada.

How do I meet other HOG members?

Come to one of our monthly socials. These are usually casual potluck buffets held in members' homes on the weekend. Sometimes we have a special theme or party or picnic. This is a great way to meet our group and to find out about the events being planned. You don't have to be a member to attend our socials – guests are always welcome!



Who plans activities?

It is up to the individual members to actually plan and organize activities. Of course, we have plenty of experienced members who can provide information and advice. Our president and directors oversee the general functions of the group and specific areas – activity support, publicity, finances and membership.

All of our events and trips are published regularly in the monthly *HOG Newsletter*.

What is included in the HOG Newsletter?

The newsletter lists the upcoming events every month. We regularly include the activities of affiliate groups, such as the Chain Gang (bicycling club), the Lambda Rollerskating Club, and the Montrose Ice Picks (ice skating club). Also listed are events sponsored by other gay Texas and national groups, such as skiing trips, scuba diving, skydiving, country & western dancing, and rodeos just to name a few.

What does the newsletter cost?

The HOG Newsletter subscription is just \$15 a year for individuals and \$20 a year for couples (living at the same address). Subscription costs are to cover the expenses of printing and mailing of the newsletter and keeps you well informed.

How do I Join?

We have no formal membership requirements or dues. Basically, if you subscribe to the HOG Newsletter, you're a member.

There are two ways to join: Call the HOGline which is...

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and leave your name, address and phone number. Or write to:

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We will send you a free current sample copy of the HOG Newsletter and a subscription form.

Is membership confidential?

Definitely. Our membership and address list is never given out to anyone or any mailing houses.

If you choose, members can elect to be on and receive the club member phone list – but only those members who specifically authorize to appear (and get) the phone list.

How can I find out more?

Just call the HOGline (K-A-M-P-O-U-T) and leave your name and number. We will call you back and answer any questions you may have about the group and its activities.

