

# HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



January

## NEWSLETTER

2001



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### HOG Anniversary Party

Saturday, Jan. 20 3-7 p.m.

The Houston Outdoor Group, (HOG), will celebrate its 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 20, 2001 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. at Resurrection MCC located at 2025 W. 11<sup>th</sup> street, Houston, Texas 77008. The party will take place in the gymnasium at the church and lots of fun activities are being planned.

Besides the phenomenal Potluck dinner, audiovisual presentations, games, and even dinner music are being planned. Long-time HOG members as well as new members are invited to bring photographs of Camp-outs and activities of the Houston Outdoor Group to be viewed by other members as well as non-members. If you are currently ..... (see *party pg 03*)

**Donations to our Silent Auction are being accepted for our Party in Jan.**



### Garage Sale 2001

Sat/Sun March 2001

We are looking forward to another successful garage sale to raise funds for activities such as the Pride Parade, in June 2001. The Parade is taking a step back this year to the 70's and including Festivals, political speeches, booths for community vendors and organizations. The Houston ..... (see *garage sale pg 04*)



### Brazos Bend Day Trip/Hike

Saturday, Jan 27 9 AM

Bruce and Dennis will be sponsoring the first Day Trip/Hiking Event of the New Year at our own local state park, Brazos Bend State Park. Brazos Bend State Park is located some 28 miles south of Houston at 21901 FM 762, Needville, TX. web-site, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/brazos/brazos.htm> We will be meeting for breakfast before the day trip ..... (see *hiking page 03*)

*The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is a social group for Gay men and Lesbians 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://chiltern.org/chiltern/igloo.html>*

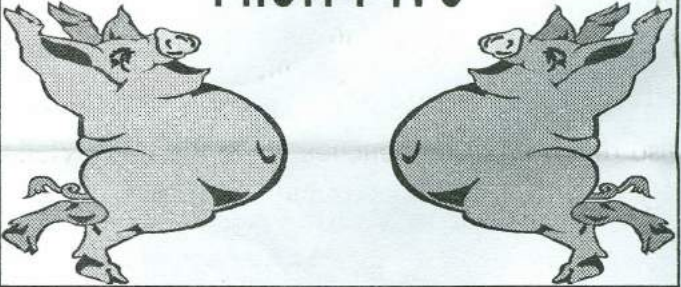
<b>Clubs and Activities</b>	
<b>COUNSELING</b>	
Montrose Counseling Center - 713-529-0037	
	<b>BOWLING</b>
Sunday Bowling 713-522-9612 Monday Nite Women's Bowling 281-437-6218 Montrose Mon Nite Men's Bowling 713-641-5424 Wednesday Nite Mixers Bowling 713-522-9612	
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713-683-1867	
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	<b>Garden and Yard Society</b>
713-661-6378	
	<b>Montrose Softball League</b> 713-867-3913 <b>Houston Women's Softball League</b> 409-257-1885
	<b>Texas Gay Rodeo Association</b>
713-777-1444	
<b>DANCING</b>	
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**WELCOME!!  
New Member**



Join NOW to receive a monthly Newsletter!

# High Five



*We are accepting donations for  
our March Garage Sale*

Your advertisement could be here, at least 200 people read the Houston Outdoor Group Newsletter every month. The cost is only \$10 per month per business card size ad.. e-mail **David** at **drs3@earthlink.net** or call **832-251-6063**

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..... (hiking from page 01)  
 then caravanning to the park south of Houston. If you prefer to skip breakfast and meet at the park call **Bruce and Dennis at 713-529-2691** for details. Brazos Bend State Park activities include camping, picnicking, hiking, biking, and fishing. Six lakes are easily accessible to fishermen, with lighted piers and fish-cleaning tables. The Creekfield Lake Nature Trail is a pilot project and first of it's kind, It is a .5 mile trail that is fully paved and makes a loop through the outstanding wetland area. It has marked special interest areas along the trail to view wildlife and wetlands. There are also rest areas with benches along the trail. Visitors are cautioned to pay due respect to alligators, which are numerous in some areas of the park. Pets owners are advised to leave the pets at home or stay on a leash only, as pets are seen favorably ..... (hiking page 04)



## Meet Us at Breakfast

Sat, Jan. 06 9 a.m.

Our HOG monthly breakfast will be at the ever so accommodating Java Java Cafe at 911 W 11th St. 713-880-5282 if you need info from them. Gear up for that busy Saturday ..... (see breakfast pg 04)

..... (party from pg 01)  
 considering joining HOG, and would like to attend as a guest, feel free to call an officer to RSVP. (Officer phone numbers are on page 02)

We are inviting the leaders of many gay organizations in our community to this year's anniversary celebration. This promises to be a fun filled afternoon and an opportunity to meet other HOG members as well as leaders of other organizations and prospective new members. If you would like for your **organization** to have a space to advertise at the event, then **RSVP ASAP**, with **David S. at 832-251-6063**

Early in January you will be hearing from one of the members. We will be in contact with each and everyone of you. If for any reason you do not desire to be called, please contact **Jon Gray at 713-290-0220** to let him know you will or will not be attending.

▽ For the potluck dinner, the theme will be BBQ. HOG officers will provide the meat consisting of brisket, ham and sausage. It is suggested that you bring a side dish to go with the BBQ. **To make sure we have ample variety of side dishes, condiments, desserts, drinks, ect. Diana has volunteered to coordinate the menu.** Please give **Diana or Fay** a call, at **713-681-7321**, so they may coordinate the menu. She will work with you if you are not the chef type and suggest menu items that are needed but don't need a lot of preparation. If you already have a favorite BBQ dish to bring, give her a call and she will mark it down on her menu.

Again, Please call **Diana or Fay at 713-681-7321**, for suggestions or to let them know what you will be bringing. Let's have a great party!!

For more information call **Jon Gray at 713-290-0220**. and if on the day of the event you get **lost** you may call **Jon** on his **cell phone at 832-264-0220**.



# WANTED



## Donations for the Garage Sale

Contact **Diana P. 713-681-7321**,  
 We will arrange for pickup of large donations. Thanks for your support!

## Activity Sponsors

Where do you want to go today?  
 Do you have a weekend activity planned? Tell us, we will put in the newsletter and join you. Contact  
**Diana P. 713-681-7321**

..... (hiking from pg 03)  
 by the alligators as just the right size meal. The George Observatory is located in the park and is open Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. For information on stargazing programs/passes and other programs, call the Observatory at 979/553-3400 Look for gifts at "Ye Olde Gator Shoppe," the Visitor Center, and George Observatory. Brazos Bend State Park is one of our recent additions to the state parks, as it was purchased by the state in 1976-77 and was opened to the public in 1984. Archeologists materials show prehistoric people visited this area possibly as early as 300 BC. Check out the website for additional interesting facts and colorful pictures of the park and the wildlife inhabitants at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/brazos/brazos.htm> Contact: **Bruce & Dennis** at 713-529-2691 for details: Call them first to let them know you are coming, and feel free to leave a message. They will call you back with directions to the event.

.....(garage sale from pg 01)  
 Outdoor Group loves to show it's Pride and participate in the activities. We can use all help possible to hold a very successful garage sale as a fund raiser for our group. Please start setting aside any donations for our Garage Sale, and planning time to help the day of the sale. Give us a call if you need help transporting any large donations, we will promptly pick them up. For more info call **Diana P.** at 713-681-7321, **Jon G.** at 713-290-0220 or **David S.** at 832-251-6063

..... (breakfast from pg 03)  
 by joining us at Java Java for breakfast and a friendly chat with other members, friends and prospective members who join us at this breakfast regularly to get to know us before joining us on campouts. If you're looking for something to do for the day, there may be someone with plans that would be glad to have you join in with them. Or if you have plans and would like to have someone join you for the day we like going on last minute outings. For more info about this breakfast call **David** at 832-251-6063

**HOG NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION / MEMBERSHIP**  
*Individual or couple at same address - \$20 / year*

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NAME 1 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**New member**       **Renewal**

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HOG?  
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Make your check payable to:    ARTHUR GONZALES

MAIL TO: HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP  
 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.*

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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

*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

**The activities sponsored by the Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) are cooperative in nature. Individuals participate at their own risk and with the understanding that trip leaders are not to be considered experts. The Houston Outdoor Group and its individual volunteers takes no responsibility and disclaim any and all liability for personal injury or property damage associated with its activities.**