

# HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



▲ SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## HOG CALENDAR SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**September 11 -**

### HOG Breakfast

Coordinated by Don & Ray  
713-522-7809

**September 18 -**

### Galveston Beach Cleanup

Coordinated by Bill & Thomas  
713-560-9794 • billpctx@yahoo.com

**September 28 -**

### General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout

Hosted by Don & Ray  
713-522-7809 • (7:30pm)

## From the President ...

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO! The Houston Outdoor Group is off and running into their 20th year. From the looks of our future calendar there should be several events taking place to meet the various interests of our many members.

Besides our monthly pot luck dinners and breakfasts there are tentative plans for two camping trips in east Texas along with a Lost Maples trip to the Hill Country. For those who enjoy the beach, there are members planning to participate in the Texas Beach Cleanup.

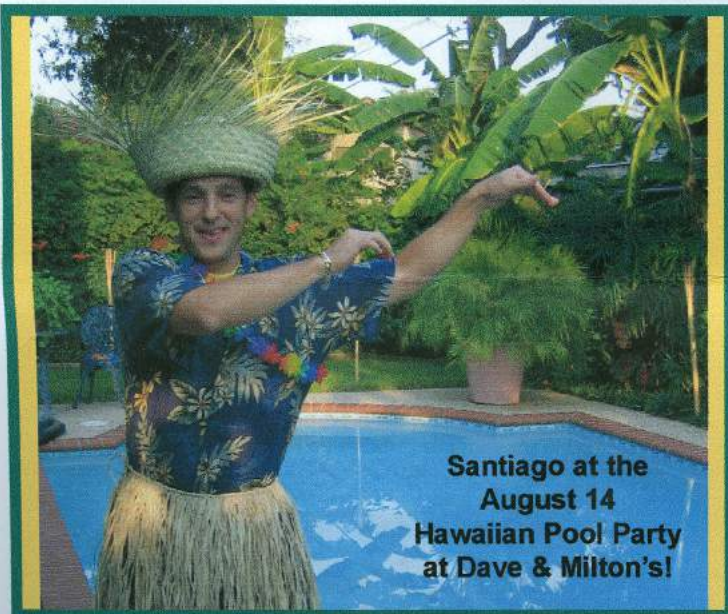
For our members who enjoy a more cultural experience there are plans to attend the Greek Festival and go to Galveston for an Art Walk evening. Also planned is the annual Christmas party with the White Elephant gift exchange ... or should we say "bartering?"

All this is possible because of the willingness of fellow members to organize and sponsor these events which we can all say *thank you* to.

With the new year comes a change of board members and their duties. Let's all get behind those willing to serve (see page three for board roster).

I know that I am anticipating with joy and excitement the opportunity to serve as president to the Houston Outdoor Group, but more importantly the privilege to serve the friends made through this wonderful group of people.

Dave



Santiago at the  
August 14  
Hawaiian Pool Party  
at Dave & Milton's!

The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is a social group for gay men, 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 monthly newsletter. Events may be typical sports activities (camping, hiking, etc.) but can also include any social activity, whether indoors or out. Call the Hogline at (713) KAMP-OUT for information, a free trial newsletter or write to HOG, PO Box 980893, Houston, TX 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 the IGLOO ([www.radix.net/~erewhon/igloo/rindex.html](http://www.radix.net/~erewhon/igloo/rindex.html))

# HOG EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

## Meet Us for Breakfast September 11



Join us for breakfast and friendly chat with other HOG members, friends and prospective members.

This is a good time to get to know other members and discuss upcoming events and activities.

Meet us for **Breakfast at Le Peep**, sponsored by **Don & Ray**. For more information, contact them at **713-522-7809**.

## Garage Sale October 2

The Houston Outdoor Group is having a garage sale once again. This year it will be held at John and Jon's house in Oak Forest on Saturday, **October 2nd** beginning at **7:00 a.m.** Our treasury is running low at the present time and what a better way to build it up than an old fashioned Garage Sale.

Please help us out by donating your un-needed and un-wanted items. Remember "one mans trash is another man's treasure." You may drop off any donations at John's place to be stored in their garage until the date of the sale.

Please give us an idea of how much you think you would like to sell the items for. This will help us to price things quicker. Also, if any items not sold, the rest will be delivered to a Good Will center.

We will need tables, volunteers to make signs, and Hogs to staff the tables during the sale. There's usually a large crowd at Oak Forest garage sales and they do come early!

Give **Jon and John** a call at **713-290-0220** or send an email to [JonRussell@houston.rr.com](mailto:JonRussell@houston.rr.com) to let them know how you can help.

## Boykin Springs Campout October 15-17

**Boykins Springs** is out thirty miles north of Woodville in the Angelina National Forest. It is a 2.5 hour trip from Houston. It has hot showers, good hiking trails, a nine acre man-made lake, and some interesting shelters built before WW II.

## Galveston Beach Clean Up September 18

Last spring a series of thunderstorms washed-out the semi-annual Galveston Beach Clean-Up. A small group of members huddled under cover with the organizers as storms swept the island. It was still good to be there. We had a nice breakfast before returning to Houston.



Now, on **Saturday, September 18**, we get a second-chance as the fall clean-up event takes place. This is a day to spend some time outdoors on the beach with friends and at the same time provide an important public service to the community. The HOG has participated in the beach clean-up for a number of years. We usually do the spring event only, but since we were rained out we will try again.

**Registration begins at 8:30 at Menard Park** in Galveston. That is on the **Seawall at 28th Street**. **Bill C. will have registration forms** at the September breakfast and you can also sign up with him on clean-up day. The clean-up will only take three hours from 9 a.m. till Noon. After that we can either join in the free food back at Menard Park or go for lunch together as a group.

The **Texas Adopt-A-Beach** program has a few suggestions for volunteers. Don't forget your sun-screen. You should wear gloves and close-toe shoes. Take water. From past experience we have learned that the gloves and shoes are a must.

For more information contact **Bill C.** at [billpctx@yahoo.com](mailto:billpctx@yahoo.com) or **713-560-9794**



The 5.5 mile **Sawmill Hiking Trail** spans from Bouton Lake to Boykin Springs Recreation Area. A 0.75 mile spur leads to the historic Aldridge Sawmill site.

White painted rectangular markings, about head high, mark the trail. Hikers can see the Neches River from several points along the trail. Portions of the trail follow an old tramway once used as a rail line to haul logs to the sawmills.

Boykin Springs Recreation Area features camping, fishing (electric motors only), swimming and canoeing. The cost is **\$7.00 per night per camping site**.

For more information, contact **Ed Baltz** at **713-529-6661** or email [edbaltz@yahoo.com](mailto:edbaltz@yahoo.com).

## Save these HOG dates:

**Saturday, September 11 - Breakfast at Le Peep**, sponsored by Don & Ray. For more information, contact them at 713-522-7809.

**Saturday, September 18th - Galveston Beach Cleanup.** Since we got rained out at the April beach cleanup, we're going to try again in September. Sponsored by Bill & Thomas. For more information, call them at 713-560-9794.

**Saturday, October 2 -- HOG Garage Sale**, at Jon & John's. See page two or call 713-290-0220 for more information.

**Thursday, October 7th, Greek Festival**, 6:30pm. Let's meet at 6:30pm at the north entrance to the Greek Festival at the corner of Yoakum and Harold in Montrose. **Admission is \$3** per person.

You can buy lots of variety of Greek food, pantries, desserts, wine, beer, soft drinks. There is a large gift shop, you can watch Greek dancing, tour the church, watch travel movies, and *people watch!* Come join us for an evening of fun!

Call **Howard K.** or **Terry P.** at 713-528-6174 or email at [howardk@hotmail.com](mailto:howardk@hotmail.com) to let us know who to be looking for at the entrance.

**Saturday, October 9 - Breakfast @ Tecate**, sponsored by Dave & Milton. For more information, call 713-868-7991

**October 15-17th - camping at Boykin Springs.** See page two for more information, or contact **Ed Baltz** at 713-529-6661 or email [edbaltz@yahoo.com](mailto:edbaltz@yahoo.com).

**Saturday, October 23 - Potluck @ Judith's & Jeanne's** For directions & potluck food assignment, call 281-829-9532.

**Friday-Sunday, October 29-31- Annual Halloween Camping Trip** to Martin Dies State Park. Contact **Russell Williams** for more information at 832-265-3346 or [driftw@aol.com](mailto:driftw@aol.com).

**Saturday, November 6 - HOG's 20th Anniversary**  
Details to follow!

**Friday-Sunday, November 12-14 - Farm House @ Lost Maples** - Sponsored by Jon & John. For reservations and more information, call 713-290-0220.

**Saturday, November 20 - HOG Social** - sponsored by Don & Ray. For more information, call 713-522-7809.

**Saturday, December 11 - Christmas Party** - Sponsored by Jon & John at 4pm. For more info: 713-290-0220.



## HOG NOTES

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

The HOG General Meeting is held in conjunction with the newsletter mailout on the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30 - 9pm at Don & Ray's. Call 713-522-7809 for directions. Members and non-members are welcome.

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please submit articles, photos and/or ads before the 15th of the month for publication in the following month's edition of the HOG Newsletter. Contact Russell at 713-862-1488 or send email to [driftw@aol.com](mailto:driftw@aol.com)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:  
JEFFREY A. • DENIS G.  
and SYL C.**

## HOG OFFICERS

**President - Dave M.**  
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713-K-A-M-P-O-U-T  
[www.geocities.com/houstonoutdoorgroup](http://www.geocities.com/houstonoutdoorgroup)**

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

**AVES:** Amigos Volunteers in Education & Services, Inc.  
713-626-2837 • [www.aves-health.org](http://www.aves-health.org)

### BOWLING

Sunday Bowling: 713-522-9612  
Monday Nite Women's Bowling: 281-437-6218  
Montrose Monday Night Men's Bowling:  
713-641-5424  
Wednesday Night Mixers Bowling:  
713-522-9612



### HOUSTON TENNIS CLUB

[www.HoustonTennisClub.org](http://www.HoustonTennisClub.org)  
713-522-1053



**Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club**  
713-682-4165  
[www.RainbowRanglers.org](http://www.RainbowRanglers.org)

### MONTROSE SOCIAL GROUP

is making new friends, having fun and building community  
[info@msgshouston.org](mailto:info@msgshouston.org) / [www.msgshouston.org](http://www.msgshouston.org)

### CLASSIC CHASSIS CAR CLUB

[www.ClassicChassisCarClub.org](http://www.ClassicChassisCarClub.org)



### COUNSELING

Montrose Counseling Center  
713-529-0037  
[www.MontroseCounselingCenter.org](http://www.MontroseCounselingCenter.org)

### RAINBOW FISHING CLUB

PO Box 66450  
Houston, TX 77266  
713-523-6381

### The Montrose Softball League *Houston*

<http://MontroseSoftballLeague.com>  
713-867-3913  
**Houston Women's Softball League**  
409-257-1885

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Individual or couple at same address - \$20 / year

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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

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Include me (us) on the phone list:  YES  NO

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### SIGNATURE(S) REQUIRED

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

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