

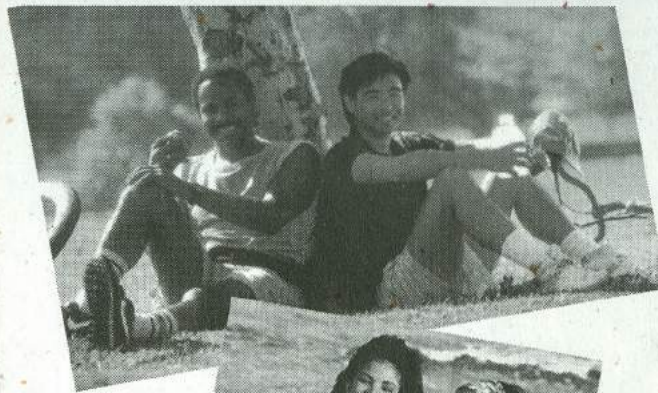
Houston Outdoor Group enjoys...

- ▼ 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).*



Houston Outdoor Group
P.O. Box 980893
Houston, Texas 77098

Phone: K-A-M-P-O-U-T

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HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



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



1997

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...

K A M P O U T

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

Houston Outdoor Group
P.O. Box 980893
Houston, Texas 77098

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.



HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



APRIL

NEWSLETTER

1998



HOG CALENDAR

Boykin Springs Camping Apr 3-5
Ed 529-6661

Potluck Social Apr 18
Barb & Dar 864-0082

HOG Breakfast Apr 25

General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout Apr 28
Don 522-7809

Enchanted Rock Camping May 1-3
Howard 528-6174

For Precamp Meetings and other info see the pertinent camping trip article.



Boykin Springs Camping

Weekend, April 3 - 5

The rustic Boykin Springs Recreation Area in the Angelina National Forest is located 34 miles south-east of Lufkin. Fishing, bird-watching, camping, hiking and swimming can all be enjoyed at and around the man-made and spring-fed Boykin Lake. The 5 1/2 mile hiking trail takes hikers to an abandoned sawmill town and over a swinging bridge though the Neches River bottom land. Some of it follows the route of a logging tram used until 1920. Because this is a national forest, the

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campsites are first come, first serve. Ed will travel early on Friday and get our campsites. Give him a call at 529-6661 to reserve your spot. Our pre-camp meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, at Cafe Express on Kirby at 7:00 pm.

Potluck Social

Saturday, April 18 5 p.m.

The April social will be hosted by Barb and Dar on the evening of April 18 at their home in the Heights. Bring in Spring with the rest of the HOGs and join us for dinner. Bring your favorite home-cooked or specially store-bought potluck dish. Call 864-0082 ahead of time for directions or suggestions on what to bring. Our socials are a wonderful way to meet people and we always have a good time with Barb and Dar!

New HOG T-shirts are for sale!

Perfect for any HOG event, hiking, biking, camping or to wear to the Pride Parade. White 50/50 t-shirt with the Houston Outdoor Group logo in rainbow colors. Available in M, L & XL. \$15 each



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. 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.

Clubs and Activities

	<p>BICYCLING Chain Gang - 768-8793 Rainbow Riders - 681-7340 (womyn's groupguusje@aol.com)</p>
	<p>BOWLING Sunday Bowling 522-9612 Monday Nite Women's Bowling (281) 437-6218 Montrose Monday Nite Men's Bowling 641-5424 Wednesday Nite Mixers Bowling 522-9612</p>
	<p>ROLLER SKATING Lambda Roller Skating 7414 Puerto Vallarta, 77083</p>
	<p>FISHING Rainbow Fishing Club 523-6381</p>
	<p>Houston Tennis Club 692-2703</p>
	<p>Garden and Yard Society 661-6378</p>
	<p>Montrose Softball League 867-3913 Houston Women's Softball League 688-9468</p>
	<p>Texas Gay Rodeo Association 777-1444</p>
	<p>DANCING Southern Country Houston (281) 579-9192 Rainbow Rangler Dance Club 880-0670</p>

WELCOME!!!!!!!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*Katie E
 Carla K
 Scott M*

HOG Breakfast

Saturday, April 25

9 a.m.

Please join us for breakfast at Java Java Cafe at 911 West 11th Street. The restaurant is prettily decorated and the food is definitely very yummy! Anywhere from 8 to 25 people come to our breakfasts, its an easy way to meet new people and catch up with friends in the Group. Hope to see you there!

**HOGLINE
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HOG OFFICERS

President - Ed Baltz ----- 529-6661
 Director of Publicity - Jim Jadloski ----- 682-3362
 Newsletter Editor - Lisa Thomas ----- (281) 484-4735
 Director of Activity Support - Penny Corman ----- 863-1572
 Director of Finance - Diann Thomason ----- (281)996-5521
 Treasurer - Arthur Gonzales ----- 862-9766
 Director of Membership - Howard Kanelakos ----- 528-6174
 Membership Records - Byron Burke ----- 862-9766

Enchanted Rock Camping

Weekend, May 1 - 3

Enchanted Rock State Park is a favorite HOG destination and this year's visit will be the first weekend of May. The Park is located 20 miles north of Fredricksburg which is west of San Antonio. This is one of the most beautiful state parks in Texas. There are incredible hiking trails with high granite outcroppings, blooming wildflowers and cactus. We usually go to Fredricksburg for dinner Saturday night at a German restaurant. Plan on joining us for this great weekend! Space is limited to 24 campers. Any over that will be put on the waiting list. Call Howard at 528-6174 for details. The pre-camp meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at Cafe Express on Kirby at 7:30 pm.



Looking Ahead

June 5-7...Guadalupe Rafting Trip

Other ideas people have suggested are a Brazos Bend daytrip, horseback riding, movie night at someone's house, game night, dessert cook-off, Heights Antique Shopping trip, River Oaks or Heights bike ride, rock climbing....what would you like to do? Call Penny at 863-1572 with your ideas!

Sunday Bike Ride

On the 8th of March, four intrepid cyclists (assisted by two search/rescue drivers) rode the Braeswood bike trail to Herman Park. The weather was evenly matched, with temperatures in the forties and the wind speed about the same. Advanced hypothermia was avoided by a bakery stop enroute. We toured the Museum of Natural Science, the butterfly pavilion and the planetarium. After lunch in the area we all successfully mused back to the start point. It should be noted that all participants have been released from the hospital and can be reached at home without any permanent results from the frostbite. Who says day trips are for wimps?!?!
Reported by Ray

Tanqueray's Texas AIDS Ride

October 5 - 11

This ride is a 7 day, 575 mile bicycling event with the net proceeds supporting AIDS-related services throughout Texas. There will be fully catered meals, 5 daily water & snack stops, tents and more. Each rider needs to raise \$2700 minimum. Call 521-RIDE for more information.

Recent Trips

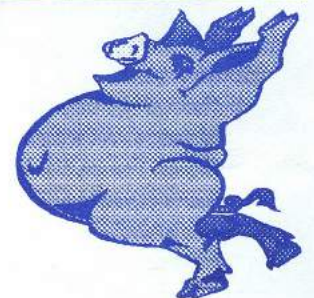
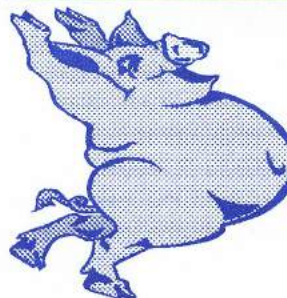
We've been busy this winter. Five HOGs went to Moody Gardens and experienced the Rainforest Pyramid and the "Dolphin" movie ride. We had a great seafood dinner at Casey's. About 9 HOGs toured the Messina Hof Winery, bought out the wine cellar and lunched at the Grapevine. Five HOGs spent a wonderful weekend at Village Creek State Park, another 2 joined us to canoe down Village Creek Slough. Sorry you missed it!

HOG Monthly Meeting

The HOG general meeting is held in conjunction with the mailout on the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30 - 9 pm, at Don and Ray's. Call 522-7809 for directions.

Newsletter Deadline

15th of the month. Contact Lisa Thomas
(281) 484-4735
Articles or Advertisements





Travel Corner
 OutWest Adventures
 Gay & Lesbian Adventure
 Travel

By: Jim Jadloski, Independent Travel Agent

Owners, Aaron and David, have put together a variety of multi-sport, active outdoor vacations in the Great American West. You can select from a variety of activities - rafting, hiking, fishing, horseback, biking and even by railroad. Aaron and David are involved in every aspect of the operations, carefully selecting menus and restaurants. Hotels, guest houses and even camp sites are chosen specifically for their location, scenery, unique atmosphere and historic significance. They have been awarded "Out & About's" Editor's Choice Award for creating "well-planned programs in activity-based vacations for women and men."

With supportive guides, you will learn the skills necessary for an exciting, safe, unforgettable experience. Guests are mostly men, with some women and come from North American and overseas. This year one adventure is for women only. With an average group size of 12, guests have described their experiences as "an instant feeling of belonging."

If you don't think you like tours, adventure tours may change your mind. Tours of this size are very intimate and personal. Everything is carefully picked and all the little details are taken care of making it possible for you to relax faster. In active vacations, a camaraderie develops and new friends are made. And, you can enjoy yourself if you are traveling alone, with a lover or with friends.

Adventures planned for 1998 are: Red Rock/White Water, Utah Red Rock Adventure, Montana Big Sky Adventure, Alaska Adventure, Backcountry Bliss (Utah or Montana), Montana by Rail and OutWestern Trails. Four Winter Adventures were also offered in 1998. For a brochure, more information or other adventure vacations call: 713.682.4972.

Gay Pen Connections - Free Service for the Gay Community.....For information write to Keith Tiemeyer, # 637699, 3060 FM 3514, Beaumont, Texas 77705.

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

PLEASE PRINT!

NAME 1 _____

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.

NAME 2 _____

PHONE # _____

Address _____

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

ZIP _____

New member **Renewal**

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.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HOG?

Make your check payable to: ARTHUR GONZALES

Signed _____

MAIL TO: HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP
 P.O. BOX 980893
 HOUSTON, TX 77098-0893

date _____

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