

Calendar of Events

January 6, 2026
- May 31, 2026

Living the Change

January - May, dates/times individually set, online

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This program, which will help participants reduce their carbon footprint by 50%, will work individually with participants online, on dates and times (available spots January - May) that work for both them and the facilitator. To find days and days that work for you, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1975018418255>

Scientists tell us that we must reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 (vs. a 2010 baseline), and that 25 – 30% of all needed emissions reductions must come from individuals/households. 50% may seem like a very high hurdle. But, it translates to only a 10%/year reduction, starting now. And, you may have already made some lifestyle improvements since 2010 that reduced your emissions, so you could already be well on your way toward the 50% reduction goal.

Participants in this individualized course will leave with a personal plan to achieve the 50% emissions reduction goal through targeted lifestyle improvements that will also save them money. The course was developed in response to the Walk on Earth Gently multi-faith statement, inspired by religious teachings to turn away from consumerism and to seek balanced relationships with all people and the planet. Walk on Earth Gently invites you into a journey of Living the Change that the world needs. This program will work individually with participants, on dates and times that work for both them and the facilitator. Those already far along on their carbon footprint reduction journey may only need a few sessions with the facilitator to complete their 50% carbon footprint reduction plan, whereas others may need more sessions. Accept the Walk on Earth Gently invitation and commit to a sustainable lifestyle. Register for this course on www.eventbrite.com at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1975018418255>. For more information, please contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com.

March 1, 2026
- June 15, 2026

Lights Out Houston! Protect our migrating feathered friends

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST

Here in the Houston area, we are lucky to be on one of the major spring migration pathways for birds. Birds can become massively disoriented by outdoor lighting at night as they fly over and can go off course or even die. Please turn out all outdoor lights during this time. Let's help our feathered friends either travel safely through or come home to Texas by turning out non-essential lights after dark.

April 18, 2026

Artist Boat Habitat Workday

Coastal Heritage Preserve

13117 Settegast Road

Galveston, TX 77554

08:00 AM - 10:00 AM CST

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Simsbrook Planting with HPB

Simsbrook

4951 Simsbrook Dr

Houston, TX 77045

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Karastin Katusin, 8324995503

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Celebrate our home and bayous with HPB this Earth Month!

Join us on Saturday, April 18 from 9 AM to 12 PM to plant natives along Sims Bayou.

Family friendly event - all are welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian at all times.

RSVP here: [Simsbrook Planting](#)

April 18, 2026

Bioswale Planting with Friends of Columbia Tap

Just a bit down the trail from 3rd Ward Columbia Tap Bike Shop

~ 3616 Briley

Houston, TX 77004

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

April 18, 2026

Earth Day San Marcos Festival

201 San Marcos Springs Drive

San Marcos, TX

10:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Celebrate Earth Day at the headwaters of the San Marcos River with a day of music, art, hands-on discovery, and community connection!

This year's festival theme, One Heart, Many Waters, reminds us that while water takes many forms, it ultimately connects us all.

What You'll Experience

Honoring Culture & Connection

Begin the day with a blessing at the San Marcos Springs led by the Indigenous Cultures Institute to commemorate Indigenous Peoples Day and to ask for healing for all people on Mother Earth.

beautifully illustrated retelling of the Coahuiltecan creation story. A limited number of advanced copies will be available for purchase at the festival, with an opportunity to have your book signed by the author.

Eco-Art & Experiences

Be part of a living work of art! Throughout the day, festivalgoers will help create a community art installation of fabric “prayer flags,” using repurposed materials to express what water means to them. Each piece will become part of a collective display to symbolize how water connects us all.

Featured Eco Sessions

Looking to dive deeper? Join one of our Eco Sessions for conservation-focused learning and reflection:

Exploring Aquifers through Art – Textile artist and Texas State professor Gwendolyn Hustvedt shares how art can inspire new ways of thinking about aquifers and ecology.

Eco Philosophy Walk & Talk – A guided walk and discussion exploring our relationship with the natural world.

Exploring the Deep – Experience Spring Lake through immersive virtual reality and interactive exhibits.

Vendors & Food

join the festivities.

More than 50 exhibitors, including artisan and food vendors, will

Food and refreshments will be available from Springtown Roasters, AJ's Ranch Road Grill, Yapa's Empanadas, and Ollie's Market.

Live Music

Settle in and stay awhile! Live music begins at 10:45 a.m. and continues throughout the day on the Ozarka® Spring Water stage.

Enjoy a curated DJ set from Chief and TheDoomsdayDevice, along with performances by local artists including the San Marcos Youth Mariachi, Tracy Weinberg, Sophia Johnson Trio, and singer-songwriters Vanessa Barbee and Veronica DeWitt.

April 18, 2026

? Nature Journaling Workshop ?
Nau Family Pavilion, Eleanor Tinsley Park
18-3600 Allen Pkwy
Houston, TX 77019
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST
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irmi.willcockson@txgcmn.org.
? Nature Journaling Workshop ?

Looking for a deeper connection to nature? Discover the art of observation and creativity through nature journaling! Join a relaxing morning outdoors and learn how to capture the beauty of the natural world through words and sketches.

? Date: Saturday, April 18th
? Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
? Location: Nau Family Pavilion, Eleanor Tinsley Park

? Cost:

Free for Master Naturalist - Gulf Coast members
\$30 for non-members

? Materials:
Material kits available for \$15 (payable to the instructor). Bring a chair, water, sunscreen, and bug spray as needed.

For questions or to register, contact Irm Willcockson at irmi.willcockson@txgcmn.org.

Come connect, create, and be inspired by nature! ?

April 18, 2026

Fifth Ward Soil Symposium

Carl Walker Community Center

10:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Learn more about soil conditions in 5th ward from a community science perspective and understand ways to promote soil safety from experts. This event is designed for anyone who is concerned about soil contaminants, soil health and attendees who grow or have a desire to grow food in Fifth Ward.

Fifth Ward Soil Health Symposium Agenda

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10am-1pm

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Speaker #1 - Dr. Garrett Sansom - Texas A&M, School of Public Health - Fifth Ward Soil Study

Speaker #2 - Erica Hubbard - Soil remediation project at Hershe St. Community Garden

Speaker #3 - Rebecca Verm - Why is compost important to soil remediation

Speaker #4 - Dr. Brian Shmaefsky - A closer look at chemical compounds found at Fifth Ward schools

Panel Discussion + Audience Q&A with Presenters and Chrystal Beasley, Environmental Engineer from BeAspire Enviro Consulting

Poster - Milenna Brocchini, University of Houston

Revising The Universal Soil Loss Equation to Predict the Theoretical Extent Enhanced Pocket Prairies Can Mitigate Toxin in Rainfall Runoff

[Register Here](#)

April 18, 2026

Via Creationis: Walking the Way of Creation

Hermann Park

6001 Fannin St.

Houston, TX 77030

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Gain a richer appreciation of the great mystery of God's creation in this guided walk in Hermann Park,

using the park's beautiful natural setting to prayerfully ponder this mystery and praise our Creator for

the marvels of Creation. The Via Creationis (the way of creation) commemorates the mystery of

Creation by reading side by side the two sacred books that God wrote: the Book of Scripture and the

Book of the Cosmos, as theologians have taught throughout history. At each stop along the walk, we will

focus on one aspect of creation, with an accompanying verse from Genesis, a related science highlight,

responsive readings, and time for reflection and prayer. Deepen your Christian spiritual practice by

walking the way of creation in the park! All attendees will receive materials on the Via Creationis to take

home and use again in future. This event is for a small group and advance registration is required.

Specific meeting location in the park will be sent to all registrants several days prior to the event.

Register on www.eventbrite.com at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1981050547516>.

Contact Lisa

Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com for more information.

April 20, 2026

CEC Booth Crew @ UHD Plant Fair
University of Houston - Downtown @ Fondren Commons

10:00 AM - 01:30 PM CST

Brooke Campbell, 903-240-2144

brooke.campbell@cechouston.org

Join CEC at UHD's Plant Fair as part of their Earth Week programming!

The Plant Fair is a culminating service-learning project for BIOL 3130 Plant Biology Lab students. Throughout the semester, students have designed interactive demonstration tables that translate plant science concepts into accessible, community-facing activities. Topics include pollination ecology and biodiversity, gardening and mental health, soil health and sustainable agriculture, and urban plants and climate resilience.

The event will be open to UHD students, faculty, staff, and community members. Our goal is to connect scientific learning with civic engagement, environmental stewardship, and local action in Houston. CEC is honored to participate in the event to:

Share information about CEC's mission and current initiatives

Engage students in conversation about careers, volunteering, or partnerships

Highlight how plant science connects to community wellbeing and sustainability

We see this as a meaningful opportunity for students to interact with professionals and community leaders shaping Houston's environmental landscape. Your presence at the CEC booth would enrich the experience by offering real world perspectives and pathways for engagement beyond the classroom!

April 21, 2026

CHEJ Monthly Training Webinar: Health Studies

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

THEA's Founder and CEO, Jackie Medcalf, will share practical approaches for navigating health concerns in your community, from the first moments of concern and tracking health patterns locally, to understanding what the data means if a study is conducted.

Register for this virtual event [here](#).

April 21, 2026

Houston Wildlife Class

Trees For Houston

1911 W 34th St

Houston, TX 77018

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Bailey Rohde, (713) 840-8733

bailey@treesforhouston.org

Trees For Houston in partnership with Houston SPCA Wildlife Center will be teaching a Houston Wildlife class

Learn all about native Texas wildlife in this class, taught by the Houston SPCA Wildlife Center. Discover their mission, the essential roles native animals play in healthy urban and suburban ecosystems, and what to do if you encounter wildlife that may be in distress.

In-person participants will also be introduced to some of the center's ambassador animals, birds of prey that cannot be returned to the wild.

This is a free hybrid event but registration is required, In person participants will receive a Beautyberry shrub!

April 21, 2026

Weathering Change Together: Perinatal Health, Environmental Health, and Collective Resilience

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

The EnviroNatal Week 2026 Symposium brings together community leaders, birth workers, health professionals, researchers, advocates, and policymakers to explore how we are weathering environmental change together, with parents and babies at the center.

As part of EnviroNatal Week 2026 and the inaugural year of the EnviroNatal Network, a coalition facilitated by Nuturely and part of the March of Dimes Mom and Baby Action Network, the symposium will highlight community programs, emerging research, and policy efforts addressing the intersection of perinatal and environmental health.

Programming will examine environmental stressors such as wildfires, extreme heat, air quality, water access, and climate-related disruption, while uplifting strategies that strengthen collective resilience and advance environmental and perinatal health. This virtual symposium is designed to foster shared learning, cross-sector connection, and practical takeaways that can be applied across communities and regions.

Who Should Attend: - Community-based organizations and grassroots leaders - Birth workers, clinicians, and public health professionals - Researchers and evaluators - Policy advocates and decision-makers - Funders and partners interested in climate and health equity

Speakers: - Michael Keuler, Marion County OR Health Promotion & Prevention Services: Climate and Health Adaptation Plan (a model for health departments) - Rose Aka-James, Care USA: CARE x March of Dimes: Protecting Moms & Babies in Emergencies - Dr. Jacquita Johnson, Seed Health Strategies: Responding to A Call for Black Feminist Mixed/Multi-Methods in Environmental Justice Research and Practice - Kelley Dennings, Center for Biological Diversity: Reproductive Health Preparedness in Climate Emergencies

Air Alliance Houston has been part of the steering committee of this coalition since 2023, and we have been working with partners to really highlight the importance of having these conversations in maternal, infant, and reproductive health spaces along with environmental and climate spaces.

During the Symposium, Air Alliance Houston will:

Spotlight innovative climate programs

Share emerging research

Highlight community-led solutions

Build cross-sector connections to strengthen collective resilience

As environmental disruptions increase, so does the urgency to protect maternal and infant health. The EnviroNatal Symposium creates space not just for awareness, but for strategy, partnership, and action

Register here.

April 22, 2026

Earth Day Social
Walking Stick Brewery
959 Wakefield Drive
Houston, TX 77018

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM CST

A relaxed, come-as-you-are evening to connect with friends, meet fellow supporters, and enjoy door prizes, a food truck, and a silent auction. Your RSVP (and your bids!) help support THEA's work alongside communities facing toxic exposure—because everyone's backyard deserves protection. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Walking Stick Brewery, 959 Wakefield Drive, Houston, Tx 77018 USA

RSVP

April 22, 2026

Earth Day Festival
Ecologist school Houston

09:30 AM - 12:00 PM CST

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fetterj4369@gmail.com

Join us at Ecologist School Houston on Earth Day from 9:30-12:00 to meet several local organization and participate in a trash cleanup.

April 22, 2026

Trees For Houston Bookclub
Trees For Houston
1911 W 34th St
Houston, TX 77018

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Bailey Rohde, (713) 840-8733
bailey@treesforhouston.org

Branch out and connect with like-minded readers during our bi-monthly bookclub!

The book we will be reading will be "The Hidden Company That Trees Keep" by James B Nardi

A Trees For Houston staff member will lead the discussion with questions and prompts, but we encourage everyone to share their insights and ideas.

As an environmental organization, we encourage the use of digital or used copies of the book.

April 23, 2026

Tree Education Class
McGovern Centennial Gardens

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Bailey Rohde, (713) 840-8733
bailey@treesforhouston.org

Join us on April 23th at Herman Park Conservancy to learn about selecting, planting, and caring for new trees!

Did you know now is the perfect time to be planting trees? Wether you've gotten a seedling from our outreach events or a 3g at one of our giveaways, or are looking to purchase a new tree, now is the time to put it in the ground or pot!!In this class, participants will learn best practices for selecting, planting, and inital stages of care for new trees.

April 24, 2026
- April 27, 2026

City Nature Challenge 2026

HGAC counties + Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

April 24, 2026 12:00 AM - April 27, 2026 11:59 PM local time

info@cechouston.org

Join CEC in the 2026 City Nature Challenge, a global community science event!

Organize your own event with your school, place of worship, scout troop or friends in the Houston, Galveston, Fort Bend and surrounding countries or participate in one of the many events around town.

April 24, 2026

Endangered Sea Turtle Fundraiser Gala

Reflections Event Hall & Terrace at the Houston Zoo

06:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST

For more than 35 years, Grupo Ecologista Quelonios, A.C. in Champotón, Campeche has quietly carried out one of the most extraordinary conservation efforts along the Gulf coast of Mexico.

Led by local fishermen who chose guardianship over extraction, this community transformed its livelihood into a mission: protect endangered sea turtles and ensure their survival for generations to come. With little institutional funding and sustained largely by donations and volunteers, their impact is remarkable:

Over the years since Quelonios began their work, more than 2,000,799 sea turtles released. That number represents decades of disciplined, hands-on conservation work carried out day and night under demanding conditions.

Their work is not symbolic, it is physical, relentless, and deeply committed:

- *Nightly patrols across miles of dark coastline searching for nesting mothers*
- *Careful relocation of fragile eggs to protected hatchery camps*
- *45–60 days of daily incubation monitoring*
- *Safeguarding hatchlings during emergence*
- *Guided dawn and dusk releases to give each newborn the strongest chance at survival*

This event is organized by volunteers and proceeds will fund sea turtle conservation and the Houston Zoo Conservation Program. Donations will go through SEE Turtles, a US-based conservation organization. 5% of the donations will go towards SEE Turtles administration costs and fees.

April 24, 2026

Gulf Coast Green

The Ismaili Center

2323 Allen Pkwy,

Houston, TX

7:30am-5:30pm Conference; 5:30pm-7:00pm Final Toast: Zero Proof Hour

The Ismaili Center | Houston, 2323 Allen Pkwy, Houston TX

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After 19 successful years, Gulf Coast Green has proven to be the leading green building conference in the Gulf Coast region. In addition to a lineup of groundbreaking speakers in the field of sustainability, the Gulf Coast Green Conference continues to bring like-minded green building professionals together to experience next-generation sustainable and resilient building solutions. GCG'26 is your invitation to a full day of immersive learning, inspiring keynotes, networking with peers & experts, expo, and the opportunity to earn AIA and ASLA continuing education credits.

CYCLE: Where Ends Become Beginnings

CYCLE is an invitation to explore the dynamic processes that shape our built and natural environments along the Gulf Coast through patterns of renewal, transformation, and continuity. From the material life cycles of construction to the seasonal rhythms of ecological systems, this conference seeks to foreground design approaches that embrace stewardship, circularity, resilience, and adaptation. CYCLE challenges practitioners to reconsider linear modes of development and instead implement practical strategies of stewardship, reuse, regeneration, and resilience—approaches that call for ownership, responsibility, and long-term commitment in responding to climate change, cultural memory, and the evolving needs of communities. ?

How can design and planning transform waste into resources, extend the life of materials, and support ecosystems and communities that thrive in balance? How might circular thinking also honor cultural memory while addressing climate change and the evolving needs of our region??

[Click Here for more information and to register.](#)

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More Info and Get Tickets [HERE](#)

April 25, 2026

Green Mountain Energy Earth Day at Discovery Green

Discovery Green

1500 McKinney Street

Houston, TX 77005

12:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST

The community is invited to celebrate Earth Day at a fun, family-friendly event filled with music, art, learning, and hands-on activities for all ages. The celebration is proudly sponsored by Green Mountain Energy and presented in partnership with Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC), Magpies & Peacocks, and the University of Houston-Downtown. If you are interested in exhibiting, [click here](#). If you would like to volunteer to help make the event go smoothly, contact earthday@cechouston.org.

The day kicks off with a blessing ceremony of the Earth from Danza Azteca, honoring nature and setting the tone for a day focused on caring for our planet. The opening will be followed by a welcome from Discovery Green Conservancy President Kathryn Lott, remarks from local council members, and a special Earth Day Proclamation.

Guests can enjoy Fireside Chats with Green Mountain Sun Club recipients, including the Captain Planet Foundation and the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. These conversations will offer an inside look at the transformative work these organizations are doing to protect our planet and its wildlife.

Families can jump into creative activities like the mask making workshop with Wolfbat Studios and a Mosaic Mural made of recycled materials with artist Gleeson Ryan, creating art together and reflecting on the power of community action.

Community partner Magpies & Peacocks will present a sustainable fashion show featuring designs crafted from repurposed textiles. This Houston-based nonprofit design house works to divert post-consumer materials from landfills while promoting sustainable fashion and creative reuse. The show will also include a special surprise appearance by the Wolfbat Monsters, with models showcasing handmade masks created by students from the Kinder High School for Performing and Visual Arts.

Environmental nonprofits will be on hand to educate you about what you can do to help protect our shared home. A specific cohort of groups focused on the plastics crisis will have information on the health and environmental concerns about plastics and how you can minimize your exposure and help limit the plastics in our environment.

In conjunction with this focus on plastics, The University of Houston-Downtown will also be featured, with mission-driven artwork focused on the harms of and solutions to the plastics crisis by students from the Department of Arts and Communication, which will be displayed in an open-air gallery, showcasing creativity inspired by environmental stewardship.

This will be a zero-waste event. Please plan on bringing your own refillable water bottles and utensils.

Exhibitors will be asked to ensure waste is minimized by only providing reusable or compostable items.

UHD's Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability will provide student volunteers to support zero-waste operations in partnership with CEC / Zero Waste Houston.

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3rd Ward Photo Walking Tour
Project Row House
2521 Holmans St
, TX
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

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April 25, 2026

Healthy Gulf Earth Day Houston
Las Perras Cafe
3401 Harrisburg Blvd
Houston, TX
05:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST

April 25, 2026

April at Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge

1206 Apc Nwr Rd • Eagle Lake

, TX

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

On Saturday, April 25, 2025, 9 am, the Houston Sierra Club will visit Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) to view wildlife, butterflies, wildflowers, and birds. We'll celebrate "Earth Day" and hike trails and drive a scenic road on this 10,000-acre prairie. Group size is limited to 20 participants and your leader.

The link below has the Sierra Club participant sign-in agreement (liability waiver).

Please read this before the outing. We'll sign-in quickly at the Refuge and proceed with the outing. [Sign-Up

Sheet 2-2020.pdf (sierraclub.org)](<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/range-of-light-group/PDFs/Sign-Up%20Sheet%202-2020.pdf>)

If anyone has COVID symptoms or is sick don't come! We want everyone to be safe.

Going on this outing, you'll hike with individuals who are vaccinated or unvaccinated. It's your choice to participate on this outing.

Bring a daypack, 3 qts water, snacks, lunch, cameras, spotting scopes, field guides, and insect repellent. We'll have lunch at the Refuge. Long pants are recommended. It will be warm. No pets, firearms, or radios. We'll put cell phones on vibrate and enjoy the solitude/quiet/natural sounds of the Refuge.

Anyone who wants to carpool or caravan meet at Starbucks, Meyerland Plaza, at 7:30 am. I have a gray Honda CRV hybrid and will be parked just west of Starbucks. My phone number is 281-570-7212. Don't be late! We'll meet at the Refuge in the headquarters parking lot at 9 am. Directions are:

- 1. Drive 70 m W from Houston on I-10 to Sealy, Texas.*
- 2. Exit I-10 to SH 36 S and drive 2 m to FM 3013 and turn rt.*
- 3. Go W 10 m on FM 3013 to the Refuge entrance, on the rt.*
- 4. Drive to Refuge headquarters.*

April 26, 2026

Bayous, Berries, Bikes + Brews 2026

Patterson Park Patio Bar

2205 Patterson St

Houston, TX 77007

04:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Emmanuel Nunez, 2819645264

Emmanuel@atotb.org

Join us to celebrate Houston's bayous, enjoy nature's bounty (in the form of abundant, free blackberries), improve Houston's greenspaces, and raise a glass with like-minded folks.

April 26, 2026

Spring 2026 Interfaith Environmental Stewardship Event

Willow Waterhole Greenspace

11350 Ricecrest

Houston, TX 77035

01:30 PM - 04:30 PM CST

Calling people of all faiths or no faith at all in Houston to care for our shared environment during Earth

Month! We will engage in hands-on environmental stewardship at the Willow Waterhole Conservation

Reserve, with a variety of hands-on tasks suitable for all ages and skill levels. In observance of the Great

American Clean-up, one of the activities will be a trash bash. Meet at 11350 Ricecrest by the Oak tree in

the park to sign in. Metro bus line 7 stops right nearby. Tools/supplies will be provided.

This event is

organized by Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Interfaith Environmental Network of

Houston, in partnership with the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. The conservancy requires

signing of a waiver to participate. Please register for planning purposes on www.eventbrite.com at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1983691780515>. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com for more information.

April 26, 2026

It's Always About the Habitat

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Join the Rev. Rob Spencer, founder of Cultiv8Community, to learn their story of connecting neighbors to

neighbors, engaging people with nature, and restoring life-giving habitats.

Cultiv8Community envisions a

world where people are connected with community and caring for nature, so that all life is flourishing,

now and for generations. Their core programs help families who are Asset Limited, Income Constrained,

& Employed, (ALICE), become homeowners, provide children in rural areas joyful experiences in nature,

and restore communities and the earth itself. Hear their story and how this has led to helping thousands

of kids connect and fall in love with our planet. Time for interactive discussion with the speaker will be

provided. Please register for this talk on www.eventbrite.com at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1984390183457>. This virtual event will use the WebEx platform.

Registrants will receive a separate e-mail with WebEx connection details. All registrants will get a link to

the recording of this talk. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com with any questions.

April 26, 2026

**City Nature Challenge 2026 BioBlitz at Arrowwood Preserve with Bayou Land Conservancy
Arrowwood Preserve**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Bayou Land Conservancy is seeking participants and knowledgeable guides to join their BioBlitz planned for Sunday, April 26, at their private Arrowwood Preserve. Interested participants and willing team leaders can register [HERE](#).

April 27, 2026

Cool Congregations Cohort

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

4 th Monday/month, 7 p.m. central, online

Starts January 26, 2026

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April 27, 2026

**Jones Road Groundwater Plume Community Meeting with Texas Health and Environment Alliance
Northwest Branch Library**

11355 Regency Green Drive

Cypress , TX 77429

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Bring your family and your neighbors to Texas Health and Environment Alliance's next Jones Road Meeting and learn what the EPA has been up to — Because everyone's backyard matters!

April 27, 2026

City Nature Challenge - BIOBLITZ!

Greens Bayou

12895 Greens Bayou St

Houston, TX 77015

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Karastin Katusin, 8324995503

karastinkatusin@houstonparksboard.org

Join HPB Naturalists at Thomas Bell Foster Park to participate in the 2026 City Nature Challenge. This is a great opportunity to use iNaturalist in the field to document wildlife and plants.

Please download the iNaturalist App before the event to be familiar with the platform.

April 29, 2026

Pocket Prairies Class

Trees For Houston

1911 W 34th St

Houston, TX 77018

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Bailey Rohde, (713) 840-8733

bailey@treesforhouston.org

Have you always wanted to start a pocket prairie or make your lawn more eco-friendly, but didn't know where to begin?

Join Trees For Houston on April 29th as Beth Clark, Landscape Architect, shares how to transform an area into a thriving, low-maintenance native landscape right here in the Houston area. This class will cover the basics of pocket prairies, including plant selection!

Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to enhance your existing yard, this class will give you the tools and confidence to get started.

This class will be offered both in person and virtually. In-person attendees will be able to select from a variety of native grass seeds! Please only sign up if you plan to attend, space is limited, and no-shows take spots away from others.

April 30, 2026

Air Alliance Houston's AirMail Gulf Coast Relaunch Community Celebration
St Arnold's Brewery
2000 Lyons Ave
Houston, TX 77020

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

info@airalliancehouston.org

One year ago, Air Alliance Houston's EPA Community Change Grant was terminated. But their work didn't stop.

The AirMail Gulf Coast project was created to challenge pollution at its source—amplifying local voices, delivering critical information, and ensuring communities across Texas and Louisiana have the tools to engage in environmental decision-making that directly impacts their health, homes, and futures.

While federal support may have shifted, our communities' needs have not. From Houston to the Louisiana Gulf, residents are organizing, informing one another, and demanding accountability—proving that environmental justice does not depend on a single administration.

This gathering will highlight why AirMail Gulf Coast matters now more than ever, how frontline communities are forging their own path forward, and how you can take part in shaping decisions that affect air quality, public health, and industrial expansion across the region.

April 30, 2026

Air Alliance Houston's AirMail Gulf Coast Relaunch Workshops

11:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

info@airalliancehouston.org

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May 2, 2026

**Pardee Swales Planting
Houston**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Karastin Katusin, 832.879.7373

karastinkatusin@houstonparksboard.org

Join Houston Parks Board in planting out new wetland swales along Hunting Bayou!

This event is open to all ages and a family friendly event. Please make sure to register all attendees (even the littles)!

May 3, 2026

Pocket Prairie and Great Grow Out Workshop

Deer Park Prairie Education Center

1222 E. Purdue Lane

Deer Park, TX 77536

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Join us for a hands-on pocket prairie and native plant grow-out workshop designed for Communities of Faith! Staff from the Coastal Prairie Conservancy and a volunteer from the

Native Prairies Association of Texas will lead participants in lessons on pocket prairie establishment, plant propagation and sourcing, biodiversity surveys, and how our organizations can support your efforts to foster nature on your grounds. Participants will go

home with germination trays, soil, and native seeds to grow out for restoration projects.

Open

to ages 10 and up. This event has been organized in partnership with the Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston. Contact Bethany Foshee with any questions at

bfoshee@coastalprairieconservancy.org. Register for this event on www.eventbrite.com at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1985921533767>

May 8, 2026

HPB Green Team @ Coolgreen Nursery

Coolgreen Nursery

08:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Karastin Katusin, 832.879.7373

KarastinKatusin@houstonparksboard.org

Our last Green Team of the season!! Join Houston Parks Board at our Coolgreen Nursery on May 8th at 8 am to help pot-up seedlings for the fall planting seasons!

May 9, 2026

Trail Clean-Up

5504 Ardmore Dr

, TX

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

May 9, 2026

A Hike in Big Creek Scenic Area
Big Creek Scenic Area
Forest Service Road 217 Â Shepherd
, TX

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM CST

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 9 am, the Houston Sierra Club will hike 3 miles in Big Creek Scenic Area (BCSA) in Sam Houston National Forest (SHNF). For 64 years BCSA has provided a scenic view of the Big Thicket. This will be a leisurely paced hike focused on what we can see in the forest.

Bring a daypack, 3 qts water, lunch, snacks, insect repellent, hat, camera, and field guides. Long pants and closed-toed shoes are required due to insects/briars/poison ivy. Group size for this outing is limited to 15 people and your leader. No pets/firearms/radios. Cell phones will be turned off/placed on vibrate to enjoy solitude/quiet/natural sounds. It will be hot!

A Sierra Club sign-in agreement/liability waiver must be signed by all participants. The link below has the participant sign-in agreement/liability waiver. Please read this before the outing so we sign-in quickly and begin the outing. [Sign-Up Sheet 2-2020.pdf (sierraclub.org)](<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/range-of-light-group/PDFs/Sign-Up%20Sheet%202-2020.pdf>).

May 9, 2026

Wetlands Walkabout
16315 Diana Ln
Houston, TX 77062

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

May 9, 2026

Master Urban Composter Course (MUCC)
Evelyn Meador Branch Library - Harris County Public Library
09:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Compost Class provided by Zero Waste Houston / Houston School of Compost and sponsored by Harris County Office of County Administration.

FREE for a limited time!

Part 1: May 9th

Part 2: May 16th

register online: <https://www.houstonschoolofcompost.com/>

Service Description

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What to Expect:

Designed to be interactive & for all experience levels, students will be taught in two formats:

- in-person, classroom discussions & training*
- hands-on, outdoor composting laboratory exercises*

The course will take place in 2 parts.

Part 1 - May 9, 2026; 9am - 1pm

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- what materials go into making compost & how to create your compost pile*
- learning how to calculate the right ratio of materials to give your compost the right nutrient balance*
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- Hot Compost Pile Lab – Create a deeper understanding of what to expect during your own compost project by working as a group to create a hot compost pile.*

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- Soil Texture Analysis Test – customize the composting process by learning how to analyze the texture of your soil at home to determine what it needs. Course Completion: upon participating in & completing both parts of the course, students will receive a certificate certifying that they are officially a Master Urban Composter.*

May 13, 2026

new event

GHBA Education Room
9511 W Sam Houston Pkwy N
Houston, TX 77064

08:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

SPEER is partnering with CenterPoint Energy to host a free half day heat pump contractor training next month, and we are bringing in experts from our member organizations LG Electronics & Daikin.

May 13 @ 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

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**Coffee, breakfast, and snacks provided.*

The training will cover:

Heat Pump basics

Technology introduction

Types of Heat Pumps

Ways to measure efficiency

Design considerations

Cost Comparisons

Importance of continued training

Emerging Technology

Register here.

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May 23, 2026

Witness Series

Third Ward Garden at Riverside Methodist Church

4920 Cullen Boulevard

Houston, TX 77004

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Kristi Rangel,

kris.rangel.kr@gmail.com

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May 24, 2026

Stewarding the Wilds with Faith

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Calling people of all faiths – or no faith at all: Spend two hours living out your values by helping restore

vital ecosystems on the Coastal Heritage Preserve as you plant native coastal prairie species. The two

hours of hands-on volunteering will have an impact for centuries to come as these plants mitigate

erosion, fix nitrogen, filter heavy metals, and provide habitat to the wildlife that call the 1,039 acres

“home.” This activity involves standing, walking, and digging holes in the forgiving sandy alkaline soil of

Galveston Island. Children 5+ are welcome to participate with parents/guardians.

Please wear long

pants, closed toe shoes, gloves, and sun protection. Bring a refillable water bottle and bug spray. All

tools needed to do the work and an igloo of drinking water will be provided This event is organized by

the Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston, in partnership with Artist Boat. We look forward to

seeing y'all out on the prairie! Please register for this event for planning purposes on

www.eventbrite.com at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1986277088240>. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at

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May 25, 2026

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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

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May 30, 2026

Texas Native Plant Sale

2515 Harvard St.

Houston, TX

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

May 31, 2026

The Preserve - A Nature Based Solution

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Join Karla Klay, Executive Director of Artist Boat to hear about their largest project and their clearest

nature-based solution: the Coastal Heritage Preserve on West Galveston Island.

Galveston Island sits in the Galveston Bay Estuary, facing the Gulf of Mexico. Bayside wetlands improve

water quality, support fisheries, and buffer storms. Coastal prairies absorb floodwaters and sequester

carbon. Dunes and beaches guard against erosion from a high-energy coast. These habitats are in steep

decline under pressure from development, sea-level rise, erosion, and subsidence.

Protecting land

before it's fragmented is the most cost-effective, durable intervention we have. Since 2010, with

partners across agencies and the community, Artist Boat has assembled a 1,039-acre sanctuary with a

goal of 1,400 acres — a living laboratory for resilience. Thus far, \$24M+ has been secured through 14

transactions to make the vision real. With hope, Artist Boat is striving to conserve the next 204 acres.

Learn how hope, persistence, and hard work have turned an uncertainty into a "given" with willing

sellers and an invested community from the national to state to local level. Time for interactive

discussion with the speaker will be provided. Please register for this talk on www.eventbrite.com at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1986278890631>. This virtual event will use the WebEx platform.

Registrants will receive a separate e-mail with WebEx connection details. All registrants will get a link to

the recording of this talk. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com with any questions.

June 1, 2026
- June 5, 2026

Free Native Prairie camp for ages 13 -17

08:30 AM - 01:30 PM CST

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Join the Native Prairies Association of Texas, the Environmental Institute of Houston, and conservation partners for a week of prairie activities, including hiking, birding, insect studies, nature journaling, green careers presentations, and more!

Locations include Deer Park Prairie (NPAT), University of Houston – Clear Lake (EIH), Armand Bayou Nature Center, and Baytown Nature Center.

Details:

Cost: Free

Age range: 13-17

Maximum 12 campers per week

Campers will need to provide their own lunches

Campers will need transportation to Deer Park Prairie and field trip locations. More information will be provided in the registration process.

Schedule: Weekday Camp

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Session 1: June 1-5

Session 2: June 22-26

Register here!

June 13, 2026

Sierra Club Visits Exploration Green

Exploration Green Main Parking

16304 Diana Ln

Houston, TX

08:30 AM - 02:00 PM CST

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 8:30 am, the Houston Sierra Club will visit and enjoy wetlands, wildflowers, ponds, and walking trails at Exploration Green. Exploration Green is 200 acres of parkland that used to be a golf course. The 200 acres have been turned into a green space for flood control, recreation (hike/bike trails), and wildlife observation.

The link below has the Sierra Club participant sign-in agreement/liability waiver. Read this before the outing. We'll sign-in quickly at Exploration Green and proceed with the outing. [Sign-Up

Sheet 2-2020.pdf (sierraclub.org)](<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/range-of-light-group/PDFs/Sign-Up%20Sheet%202-2020.pdf>)

If anyone has COVID symptoms or is sick don't come! We want everyone to be safe. Going on this outing you'll be with individuals who are vaccinated or unvaccinated. It's your choice to participate on this outing.

Bring your daypack, 2 qts of water, umbrella (it will be hot), lunch money, hat, sunscreen, camera, and field guides. Wear clothes and shoes that are comfortable and cool. We will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant after we finish walking. This outing is limited to 20 people. No pets, firearms, or radios. We'll put cell phones on vibrate and enjoy the solitude/quiet/natural sounds of Exploration Green.

For those who want to carpool/caravan we'll meet at 7:30 am in the parking lot just west of Starbucks in Meyerland Plaza. I have a gray Honda CRV hybrid (WMP 3632) and will be parked just west of Starbucks. My phone number is 281-570-7212. Don't be late!

Contact your leader, Brandt Mannchen, if you have questions, at the Houston Sierra Club Outings Meet-Up Site or at [brandt_mannchen@comcast.net](mailto:brandt_mannchen@comcast.net). Directions to Exploration Green are:

- 1. Go S on I-45 and exit at Bay Area Blvd.*
- 2. Turn It (east) onto Bay Area Blvd and go to El Camino Real.*
- 3. Turn It (north) onto El Camino Real and go 1 block to Ramada Dr.*
- 4. Turn rt onto Ramada Dr, go 2 blocks, turn It onto Diana Ln.*
- 5. Go about 1 block and turn into the parking lot at 16306 Diana Ln.*

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July 25, 2026

Witness Series Part 3

Houston Botanic Garden

1 Botanic Lane

Houston, TX 77071

04:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

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November 23, 2026

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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

4 th Monday/month, 7 p.m. central, online

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December 28, 2026

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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

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