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## DISCOVERY ROOM HOURS

NOON - 5:30 TUE - FRI  
10 - 5:30 SAT & SUN  
CLOSED MONDAYS

## ADMISSION FREE

Donations are appreciated.

Groups of six or more  
children by appointment.  
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DON'T MISS  
OUR SUMMER  
PROGRAM  
LISTINGS ON  
PAGES  
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## Summer Program Registration

**Don't miss out on summer science fun at the center!**  
Register online at [www.naturediscoverycenter.org](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org).

Registration is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Follow links to our Summer Camp/Class Registration Forms & **login or create a login if you don't have one yet.**
2. Select camps or classes you want to sign up for.
3. Choose your method of payment.

**Summer Science Campers** (ages 5 - 10) will travel around the world exploring 5 Continents in 5 days, learn about pioneers on the Texas frontier, make fizzy, bubbly chemical reactions, and get to know different animal groups as they investigate Insects: Our Six Legged Friends, or Vertebrates: Animals with Bones. Our camps will actively engage kids in these immersive topics through hands-on investigation, group games, crafts, and more! *Camp details are listed on page 3.*

Preschoolers (ages 3.5 - 5) and their caregivers will **Sneak-a-Peek** at a variety of science and nature topics in weekly sessions that will excite them about the natural world, give them hands-on exposure to specimens and live animals, allow them to experiment, and more! *See page 4 for details.*

## Save these dates!

**Family Nature Nights** (see page 4 for details)  
Wednesdays, June 3, July 8, & August 5 at 6:30 pm

**Park After Dark Night Hikes** (see page 4 for details)  
Fridays, June 12 & 26 at 8:30 pm

**Bees You Never Hear About** (see back cover for more)  
Saturday, June 27 at 10 am

**Summer Foraging in Houston** (see back cover for more)  
Sunday, June 28 from 1 - 4 pm

**Meet the Animals - Amphibians**  
Sunday, July 12 at 2 pm, \$5/person paid at the door

## Upcoming Special Events for Fall 2015

**Pumpkin Patch**  
Saturday & Sunday,  
October 17 & 18,  
11 am - 4 pm

**21st Annual Twilight Gala  
at the Houstonian Hotel**  
Friday, November 20  
6:30 pm - Midnight



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## From the Director's Desk:

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful and busy spring. I am thrilled with the positive response many of you have shared about the completion of Phase One of the Gateway Project, the renovations to the historic Henshaw House that serves as our nature center. I often hear comments like:

"The building is so much brighter and more open"

"It feels more welcoming"

"The redesigned classrooms are great for kids"

We aim to create that same, bright, fresh, and welcoming feeling in the one acre surrounding the Nature Center by renovating animal enclosures, adding a new outside bathroom, redesigning the native landscaping, and building new sensory gardens during Phase Two of the project.

Each of these updates will create a more enjoyable experience for our visitors. The redesigned animal enclosures will provide enlarged space for our outdoor animals in a more natural environment making viewing more accessible for kids of all ages. The new bathroom building will help us better accommodate large groups: the deck of the new outdoor bathroom will feature a trough sink at child height that will allow 4 kids to wash their hands at the same time, and added bathrooms will reduce strain and wait time for our three current restrooms.

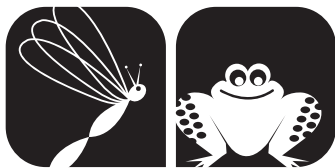
The Gateway Project is committed to preserving the character of the Henshaw House and surrounding grounds while providing for its current function as a premier science and nature education facility. The careful planning is now complete, and we are planning a celebratory groundbreaking event to kick off the Phase Two renovations. Be on the look out for more details soon. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Center Welcomes New Development Director



 **Michelle Vryn,**  
**Director of Development**

This spring, the board and staff of the Nature Discovery Center welcomed **Michelle Vryn** as our new Director of Development. In this role she manages all fundraising efforts including annual funds, major gifts, grant writing and donor relations. Born in the Texas Hill Country, Michelle has always had a love for natural space. While earning her M.A. in environmental anthropology, Michelle conducted research on the role that values play in private landowners' conservation activities. This work provoked her strong belief that the future of our natural resources is directly dependent on how well youth understand and appreciate the importance of their natural world. She has found a great fit in the Nature Discovery Center's dedicated team that works to enhance visitors' connection with nature. Armed with a passion for parks and nonprofit management, Michelle is eager to use her background to help Nature Discovery Center articulate its programmatic impact and vision to the community.



## Camp Details

### Ages:

5 to 10 year olds

### Days & Times:

Monday - Friday from  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

### Cost:

\$230/wk Members or  
\$290/wk Nonmembers

### After Care (optional)

### Days & Times:

Monday - Friday from  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

### Cost:

\$60/week

### What to bring:

Kids bring lunches  
(we provide snacks/water)

## Registration

**Advance registration  
is required. Register  
online at:**

[naturediscoverycenter.org](http://naturediscoverycenter.org)

**IMPORTANT  
REGISTRATION  
UPDATE for MEMBERS**

*Members, we are now  
registering kids for camp  
under your Member  
profiles. You no longer  
need to log in as each  
child to register them for  
camp!*

*Call us at 713.667.6550 if  
you need assistance with  
registration and we will  
be happy to help you!*

# Summer Science Camp 2015

## 5 Continents in 5 Days:

### Habitats Around the World *with Mica Segal*

**Jun 8 - 12 WAIT LIST ONLY OR Jun 15 - 19**

Take a journey around the globe to investigate the unique habitats of 5 of the 7 continents. What makes life so different in Australia and Africa? What kinds of animals can be found on each continent and why are they there? Get ready for a globe-trotting adventure full of games, crafts, animals and more!



### Vertebrates: Animals with Bones *with Eric Duran*

**Jun 22 - 26 OR Jun 29 - Jul 3**

Come explore the world of animals with backbones. We'll spend each day of camp with a different group of vertebrates from around the world: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. We'll learn what makes each group of vertebrates unique and wonderful.



### Wild West in Texas *with Laura Lopez*

**Jul 6 - 10 OR Jul 13 - Jul 17**

Embrace the wild west as you learn about life on the frontier in this camp that will have you playing the part of a Texas pioneer. Discover the hardships pioneers faced as they lived off the land and relied on their knowledge of plants and animals to survive. How did they do it? Could you have survived the 1800s in Texas? Come find out during this wild week camp!



### Fizz, Bubble, Pop! *with Jenni Malone*

**Jul 20 - 24 OR Jul 27 - 31 - BOTH WAIT LIST ONLY**

From baking powder and vinegar volcanoes to "magic" paper that can turn green or pink and back again, chemical reactions are fizzy, fun, and surprising! Sign up for a week of hands-on scientific discovery, interactive games, chemical inspired crafts, and more!



### Insects: Our Six Legged Friends *with Eric Duran*

**Aug 3 - 7 OR Aug 10 - 14**

Join us for a fascinating week uncovering the most varied group of animals on Earth, the insects. Whether they creep and crawl under ground, fly through the air, or glide across the water, these animals have amazing life histories and survival stories! We'll learn all about them in the classroom and outside.





# summer family fun

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## Sneak-A-Peek Pre-K Classes

**Ages 3.5 - 5**

Sneak-a-Peek classes for 3.5 – 5 year olds (with adult) meet for a little over an hour each week. You can pick the days and times that best fit your summer schedule. Class topics this summer include a mixture of fun animal themes and hands-on, experiment based classes designed to ignite your preschooler's natural curiosity!

**Classes meet on Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays, OR Thursdays**

**10 am - 11:15 am**

**Cost/Class:** \$12 member  
or \$20 non-member



### 2015 Dates & Topics:

Jun 9, 10, 11	Flutterby Butterflies
Jun 16, 17, 18	Wonders of Water
Jun 23, 24, 25	Life Under Logs
Jun 30, Jul 1, 2	Sparkly Science
Jul 7, 8, 9	Ladybugs (& Other Beetles)
Jul 14, 15, 16	Life in the Ocean
July 21, 22, 23	Fun with Fossils
July 28, 29, 30	Soap Bubble Science
Aug 4, 5, 6	Busy Bees

**Advance registration strongly encouraged. Each class period is limited to just 10 students.**

Register at [www.naturediscoverycenter.org](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org) or call the Center at 713.667.6550. Members you may now register under your own profile. Please email Mrs. Maura, a.k.a Ms. Mo, at [mmapple@naturediscoverycenter.org](mailto:mmapple@naturediscoverycenter.org) if you need assistance.



## Park After Dark Hikes

Our night walks give you and your family a unique opportunity to explore Russ Pitman Park after dark with a center staff member to guide you. Come learn about the nocturnal animals that call Russ Pitman Park home!

**Cost: \$5/person**  
**Advance registration required.** Visit us at [naturediscoverycenter.org](http://naturediscoverycenter.org) to register.

**June 12 at 8:30 pm**  
**Nocturnal Animals**

**June 26 at 8:30 pm**  
**Owls in the Park**



## Outdoor Adventure Play Day

**Saturday, June 20 from 10 am – noon**

**FREE - For Kids Ages 5 to 10**

Spend a day in the sun with the **Girl Scouts of Cadette Troop 21182**. The scouts will lead a lesson all about healthy eating as well as play games for exercise. All who attend will be provided snacks, a healthy eating pamphlet, and FUN!

For more information: [gs21182@yahoo.com](mailto:gs21182@yahoo.com)

**FREE - For Kids Ages 2 to 4**

The Nature Discovery Center will host area preschoolers for a morning of adventure play using earth's elements. Sand and water will be available for fun, messy play at the south end of Russ Pitman Park near the playground.

## Family Nature Nights Pack in Science Fun!

**Select Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Family Nature Nights are packed with opportunities for experiential learning, creative expression, and exposure to the natural world through live animal interactions and nature walks.

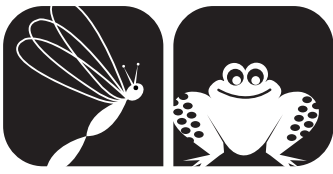
Activities begin with themed crafts and fun snacks at 6:30 pm, followed by a brief nature walk before a 7:00 pm presentation by Staff Naturalist Eric Duran or a kid-friendly guest speaker. We wrap things up at 8:00 pm.

**Cost: \$10/family (Drop in program)**

**June 3 - Terrific Texas Turtles**

**July 8 - Owls & other Urban Birds**

**August 5 - Slithery Snakes**



# fall birding activities

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## Hawk Watch Birding Trip

**Friday, September 25**  
**8 am – 6 pm**



Mary Ann Beauchemin will lead a birding trip for NDC Senior Members to the Smith Point Hawk Watch at the height of raptor migration. Full trip details can be found on our website:

[www.naturediscoverycenter.org/hawk-watch](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/hawk-watch)

Advance registration required. Register and become a member online, or call us at 713-667-6550 to sign up.

## Center to Co-sponsor 'Swift Night Out' Events

Join us for our family friendly 'Swift Night Out' events. Mark your calendars and come help count the swelling numbers of Chimney Swifts migrating through Houston. We will watch Chimney Swifts swoop and soar over their roosts and count them as they enter their chimneys. We often count over 500 Chimney Swifts in some locations at this time of year!

Bring a folding chair if you care to sit down and mosquito repellent!  
Binoculars are optional (the swifts are visible with the naked eye as they enter the chimney).  
For more details and updates closer to the date, see [www.naturediscoverycenter.org](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org).



### Dates & Locations for 2015:

**Tuesday, August 25 at 7:45 pm – Swift Night Out at Whole Foods Market**  
**OR Pershing Middle School** (Exact location TBD in August.)

**Friday, September 4 at 7:30 pm – Swift Night Out at the Nature Discovery Center**

**Friday, September 18 at 7:30 pm – Swift Night Out at Lakewood Elementary in Sugar Land**

# volunteer news

## Special Thanks to the Following

**Larry Dybala** for caring for our Purple Martin house.

**Terrell Sword & Sword Plumbing** for continuing repairs and upkeep to pipes, leaky faucets and fountains in the park and house!

**Don Verser** for his continual help in caring for native plants in the park.

### Eagle Scout Projects

Removing bamboo & planting native plants  
Brendan Miller

Constructing a section of decomposed granite trail  
Michael Schmitt

Removing non-native plants & planting a native plant garden at the south entrance  
Bryan Dunn

## Spring Quarter Volunteers

### Animal Care

William He  
Hannah Radcliffe  
Jonathan Radcliffe  
Dana Shay  
Jaka Tanugraha  
Cate Urbani  
Matthew Urbani  
Mary Grace Urbani  
Arthur Yong

### Aviary Care

Ellen Hastedt  
Karen Borovsky  
Dr. Dan Jordan

### Birdwalks, Field Trips, & Great Backyard Bird Count

Betsy Black  
Marcy Brown  
Gary Gray

### Discovery Rooms

Riya Varadhachary

### General Handymen

Gary Gray  
Sword Plumbing

### Hummingbird Feeders

Sherri Chilivets

### NAYD Field Trips

Betsy Black  
Debbie Lancaster

### Park & Plant Care

Don Verser  
John Willis

### Special Projects

Frank Farese  
Roland Groenenboom  
Mary Jiang  
A. D. Patton

### Tree Walks in the Park

Jim McKee

### Monday Morning Gardeners

Betsy Black  
Debbie Lancaster  
Jenni Malone  
Celeste Mead  
Shannon Morrison  
Belinda Rossiter  
Mary Ellen Taylor  
Miao Wang

### Wednesday Willing Workers

Norma Barnes  
Fred Campbell  
Marcelle Daniel  
Beth Debenport  
Beth Murphy  
Jim Murphy  
Debbie Patton  
Michael Patton  
Pat Roberts  
Nora Wolff

### Welcome Volunteer

Margaret Dybala

## Calling All Volunteers

### Teen or Adult Plant Watering Help Needed this Summer



Park Steward Mary Ann Beauchemin needs volunteers to water plants in the park during our hot summer. Schedule to be arranged. If you are interested in this volunteer role, please email Mary Ann Beauchemin at [mbeauch@naturediscoverycenter.org](mailto:mbeauch@naturediscoverycenter.org)



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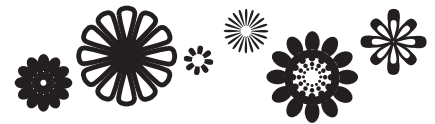
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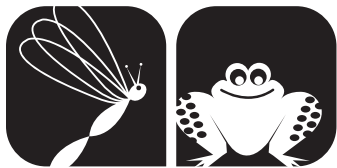
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offering quality science and  
nature programs to children and  
families throughout the Houston  
area.*

*We thank you  
all for your  
support!*





# membership

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## New & Renewing Members

*The Nature Discovery Center is pleased to welcome the following new and renewing members for the Spring Quarter from February 15, 2015 to May 15, 2015.*

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Brenda & Greg Cauthen  
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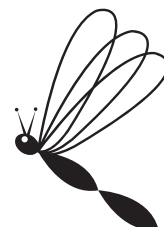
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on classes, camps,  
and field trips.

## Membership and Gift Form

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Name Address City Zip

Phone Email

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| <input type="radio"/> Wildlife Supporter        | 250   | <input type="radio"/> Discovery Circle    | 15,000   |
| <input type="radio"/> Wildlife Guardian         | 500   |   |          |

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☐ Enclosed is my matching gift form. My employer's name is:





HANA AND ARTHUR GINZBURG

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## Special Summer Talks

We're offering some very special talks by guest speakers this summer. Visit us at [naturediscoverycenter.org](http://naturediscoverycenter.org) for more information about these talks and about the speakers we've invited to give them.

# Summer Issue



## The Bees You Never Hear About

*with Michael Eckenfels*

**Saturday, June 27 at 10 am**

**FREE**

Local naturalist Michael Eckenfels will lead a fascinating exploration of local solitary bee species, bees that most of us never hear about. There will be an indoor talk, followed by a bee hike out in the park. Michael Eckenfels is a volunteer in the Texas Master Naturalist program and leads field walks and presentations on native bees throughout the region.

## Summer Foraging in Houston

*with Dr. Mark "Merriwether" Vorderbruggen*

**Sunday, June 28 from 1 - 4 pm**

Join Dr. Mark "Merriwether" Vorderbruggen for a fun, informative exploration of edible wild plants available in and around Houston in the summer. Bring your sense of adventure, and your culinary curiosity.

**Advance registration required. Limited to 18 Adults.  
\$30/person.**

**We will be closed on July 4th.**

**We hope you and your family have a blast!**

