Canoeing
Village Creek, Big Thicket National Preserve

Schedule
Sunday February 18th, 2018
7:00 AM Meet at Rec Center
Continental breakfast provided by ROPE
7:30 AM Departing Rice
9:30 AM Drop Shuttle & Arrive at put-in
10:30 AM Put-in
Lunch on Trail
3:00 PM Take-out & Shuttle
4:00 PM Head back to Rice
6:00 PM Arrive at Rice
6:30 PM Cleaning and Done!

Join ROPE as we head out to the biologically diverse Big Thicket National Preserve for a refreshing day of hiking away from the city. Wandering through cedar, pine, sloughs, and bayous, we'll keep our senses primes for all sorts of new sights, sounds, and smells. This trip is open to participants of all skill levels. This trip is open to participants of all experience levels. Trip registration includes transportation, trail fees, trail equipment, and associated recreational fees.

The riparian corridor of Village Creek supports a great diversity of plant and animal life along the creek and beyond the banks. The Big Thicket area is known as the biological crossroads of North America since more species of plants and animals occur in this area than any similar sized area of North America.

The trip location requires a 1.5 hour drive and a vehicle shuttle. Please be prepared to spend a full day of travel with ROPE. ROPE will cover breakfast and lunch.
**ROPE will provide all necessary canoeing equipment.**

**Packing List:**

**Required:**
- Two 1-liter water bottles (e.g., Nalgene)
- Tennis shoes or water shoes
- Light jacket
- Long sleeve insulating layer
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Swimwear or synthetic clothing
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Backpack/day pack

**Optional:**
- Camera
- Change of clothes & towel for the ride home (in case you get wet!)
- Medications, if any taken
- Additional snacks
- Personal money

These requirements are for the safety and comfort of participants. ROPE reserves the right to refuse involvement in the program to anyone not properly equipped.

**Alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs will not be tolerated on any trips led by ROPE. If you have such items, do not bring them!**