

# You don't want to miss this one!



*It doesn't get prettier!*

*Texas Conservation Alliance  
invites you to the 29th Annual  
Texas Wilderness POW WOW  
April 25-26-27, 2008  
Big Thicket National Preserve  
and  
Village Creek State Park*

**Mark your calendars...**  
**make your reservations\* now!**

**The 2008 Texas Wilderness POW WOW will highlight the  
Neches River and the Big Thicket National Preserve.**

**Texas Conservation Alliance is partnering  
with the Big Thicket Association and other co-sponsoring  
groups to bring you a spectacular program  
and special events for all ages.**

**Join us for the day or stay the weekend...  
we have lots planned!**



*\*Details and info about reservations on back of this flyer!*



**Texas Conservation Alliance**  
**Austin 512-327-4119 • Tyler 903-592-0909**  
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**TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE**

(subject to change)

**HELPFUL INFORMATION**

**Saturday, April 26**

**Birding**

7:00 Bird Walk

**Canoe trips** (first come/first served)

8:00 Neches River/Pine Island Bayou/Cooks Lake

8:15 Village Creek

**Boat Trip**

8:30 Lamar ELC boat trip (limit 40)

**Longer Nature Walks (take lunch or snack)**

8:30 Rush Creek (proposed addition to Preserve)

9:00 Old Wagon Road Trail, Jack Gore Baygall

9:00 Canyonlands Unit

9:15 Longleaf Restoration in BTNP

9:30 Marysee Prairie / Loblolly Unit

9:45 Hickory Creek Savannah, Sundew trail

9:45 Turkey Creek, Pitcher Plant Trail and Beyond?

**Shorter Nature Walks**

9:30 Flora and Fungi

9:45 Children's Tour & Walk / Big Thicket Visitors Center & Kirby Nature Trail

1:00 Village Creek State Park

1:15 Larsen Sanctuary (Nature Conservancy)

**Exhibits (at Lodge)**

12:30-3:30

**Program (at Pavilion) and Evening Activities**

4:00 Pow Wow Program (special guests, music)

5:30 Dutch Oven dinner (donation requested)

6:30 Various Activities

8:30 Campfire - Bill Oliver

**Sunday, April 27**

8:30 Big Sandy Creek Unit

9:00 Rosier Unit (driving tour)

9:15 Village Creek State Park

**Note: Village Creek State Park is waiving entrance fees for Texas Wilderness Pow Wow participants**

**Area Motels**

Pinewood Inn, Silsbee 409-385-5593

Super 8 Motel, Kountze 409-246-8680

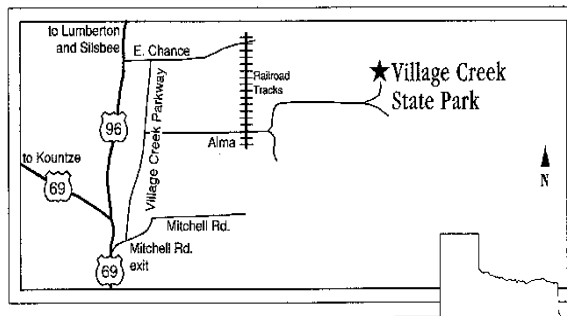
Lumberton Inn 409-751-5557

**Cabin rentals** available at Beaumont ISD Outdoor Education Center a very short distance from Village Creek State Park. \$15 per day per person and \$7 per half day per person. Cabins sleep 10. Minimum \$65 per day per cabin. Two bathhouses. Additional facilities may be available. Call TCA at **903-592-0909** for reservations and information.

**Directions to Village Creek State Park**

**From Beaumont :** North on U.S. 96 to Mitchell Road exit, north on Village Creek Pkwy; then east at Alma Drive to park

**From Kountze:** South on US 69-287, then east at West Chance Cutoff ; cross US 96 and continue east to Village Creek Pkwy, south to Alma Drive, then east to park entrance



**For More Info:  
Contact TCA  
at 903-592-0909 or  
TCA@TCATexas.org**

**CAMPSITE / CANOE TRIP RESERVATIONS**

To ensure availability of campsites, the Big Thicket Association has reserved campsites and other facilities at Village Creek State Park. Consider sharing sites with friends. Please indicate below your requests for accommodations.

For a map of the park, click on the following link: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/>

Sites with water/electric hookups (20 sites) at \$15 per night; limit two cars can have trailer/tent <u>or</u> two tents:	\$ _____
Primitive walk-in sites @ creekside (10 sites) @\$15 per night / accommodates two tents per site	_____
Group campsite accommodates 12 tents (10'x10') \$6 per tent per night	_____
Canoe / boat trips (reservations needed to estimate requirements)	
Neches River boat @ \$15 per person .....	_____
Neches River canoe @ \$15 per person .....	_____
Village Creek canoe @ \$15 per person .....	_____
Total .....	\$ _____
<u>OR I WILL BRING MY OWN BOAT</u> .....	_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks for campsites, canoe trips, or boat tour payable to Big Thicket Association and send to P. O. Box 198, Saratoga, TX 77585. Online payments can be made through PayPal by going to BigThicket.org. BTA MUST have this form for planning purposes. Forms may be faxed to 936-274-5484. For questions about reservations, call BTA at 936-274-1181.**