

WEEKEND GUIDE

RED, WHITE & ROAR

Oct. 16-18 | Fri 11:30 AM-7 PM; Sat 9 AM-9 PM; Sun 9 AM-7 PM

POST, X Atrium | 401 Franklin St, Houston

FREE admission. H-Town International Lion Dance Championships.

Parking: POST main lot, Gates A/D/E. Fri.-Sun.: first 20 minutes free, then \$5/hour + tax/fees; event rates can vary.

Visit tip: Friday and Sunday feature high-pole competition; Saturday is traditional lion dance. Arrive before the session you want to see. Check the program and RSVP on the official page.

OFFICIAL LINK: posthouston.com

OFFICIAL DETAILS

ARBOORETUM

Sat., Oct. 17 | 10 AM-4 PM; last entry 3 PM

Houston Arboretum | 4501 Woodway Dr, Houston

\$25 ages 3+ through Friday / \$30 day of. Members and under 3 free.

Parking: No general onsite parking. Shuttle from 1850 Post Oak Park Dr. Woodway entrance is for ADA parking and rideshare only.

Visit tip: Book an early arrival slot; allow shuttle time. Birds of prey: 11 AM and 2 PM. Storytime: noon and 3 PM. Registration QR code, water and walking shoes. All guests must register. No pets; rain or shine.

OFFICIAL LINK: houstonarboretum.org

OFFICIAL DETAILS

HOUSTON PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 16-18 | 10 AM-11 PM

Discovery Green | 1500 McKinney St, Houston

\$28 weekends; ages 3 and under free. Rides included; food extra.

Parking: Avenida North Garage, 701 Avenida de las Americas, or 1515 Rusk St lot. Avenida Central is listed as closed for construction.

Visit tip: Try the 10 AM opening for a daytime family visit. Buy ahead; tickets do not reserve an entry time. Walk-ups depend on capacity. Entry may close an hour early. Season ends Nov. 8.

OFFICIAL LINK: discoverygreen.com

BOOK TICKETS

Before you go: Confirm hours, tickets, weather and parking on the official event page.

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HOUSTON FILIPINO STREET FESTIVAL

Sat., Oct. 17 | 3-10 PM

Constellation Field | 1 Stadium Dr, Sugar Land

\$19 advance / \$22 at door, fees included. Ages 7 and under free.

Parking: Free for this festival. For Lot A, take Hwy. 6 to Imperial Blvd, then Stadium Dr; follow attendants for open lots.

Visit tip: Go near 3 PM for food and activities. Check the stage schedule for headliner AJ Rafael. Groups of 5+: \$17 each through Friday 11:59 PM. Veterans and ages 65+: \$17 onsite with valid ID.

OFFICIAL LINK: milb.com

OFFICIAL DETAILS

AFFORDABLE ART FAIR HOUSTON

Oct. 16-18 | Fri Noon-8 PM; Sat 11 AM-8 PM; Sun 11 AM-6 PM

George R. Brown | 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston

\$20 + tax/fees. Ages 16 and under need a free ticket. 50+ galleries.

Parking: Avenida North Garage, 701 Avenida de las Americas; enter on Rusk or Capitol. Skybridge to GRB. Rates vary; Avenida Central is listed as closed.

Visit tip: Family Hours are Sat./Sun., 11 AM-1 PM. Family Passes apply to that window. Friday noon is another opening-time option. Ask onsite for a free re-entry pass if you want to return.

OFFICIAL LINK: affordableartfair.com

OFFICIAL DETAILS

NIGERIA CULTURAL PARADE & FESTIVAL

Sat., Oct. 17 | Noon-7 PM

Discovery Green | 1500 McKinney St, Houston

FREE admission; RSVP/details on the organizer's page.

Parking: Avenida North Garage, 701 Avenida de las Americas; enter from Rusk or Capitol. Allow extra downtown arrival time.

Visit tip: Arrive around noon for the start of the celebration. Confirm parade timing and route with the organizer. Cash for food vendors and a rain layer. Strollers, wagons and wheelchairs are welcome. Rain or shine.

OFFICIAL LINK: nigeriaculturalparade.com

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NEON NOSTALGIC

Fri., Oct. 16 | 7:30-9:30 PM

Miller Outdoor Theatre | 6000 Hermann Park Dr, Houston

FREE hill seating; free tickets needed for covered seats.

Parking: Free Hermann Park Lots A, C, F, G and H. Paid garage option: Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Visit tip: Aim for 6:30 PM to park and settle in. Covered-seat guests should be seated by 7:20 PM. Box office opens at 6:30 PM. Online tickets released Oct. 15 at 10 AM; check availability. Facing the stage: chairs left, blankets right. No glass.

OFFICIAL LINK: milleroutdoortheatre.com

OFFICIAL DETAILS

ENERGY DAY

Sat., Oct. 17 | 11 AM-3 PM

Sam Houston Park | 1000 Bagby St, Houston

FREE outdoor STEM festival for K-12 students and families.

Parking: Nearby paid option: Hobby Center Garage, 800 Bagby St; entrances on Rusk and Walker. Check rates and availability; not reserved festival parking.

Visit tip: Start at 11 AM for time to try the slime lab, pedal power and other demonstrations before the 3 PM finish. Water, sun protection and comfortable shoes; allow time to walk from parking.

OFFICIAL LINK: energydayfestival.org

OFFICIAL DETAILS

KBR KIDS DAY

Sun., Oct. 18 | 11 AM-3 PM

The Water Works | 105 Sabine St, Houston

FREE activities and registration. Food and drinks sold separately.

Parking: Use free Lot H, 1643 Memorial Dr, across from The Water Works.

Visit tip: Arrive at 11 AM for storytime at 11:20 and birds of prey at 11:35. A second birds of prey show starts at 2:15 PM. Costumes encouraged. Register online. The 10 AM family bike ride has a separate sign-up.

OFFICIAL LINK: buffalobayou.org

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MEOW WOLF’S RADIO TAVE

Timed entry | Reserve an available Oct. 16-18 slot

2103 Lyons Ave, Building 2, Houston, TX 77020

TICKETED; choose a date to see the current price.

Immersive art, interactive rooms and a story you can explore at your own pace.

Parking / arrival: Limited paid parking behind the building off Semmes St. The venue lists \$5/hour; first 20 minutes free Fri.-Sun. Rideshare is another option.

Visit tip: Choose a slot that leaves 2-3 hours to explore. Book ahead: the venue warns Friday evening and weekend entry times can sell out.

Good to know: Expect darker spaces and immersive sound. Sensory kits are available at Guest Services. Check your ticket confirmation for entry instructions.

OFFICIAL LINK: meowwolf.com

BOOK TICKETS

GREAT BIG GAME SHOW - CITYCENTRE

TICKETED | 60-minute games; reserve an Oct. 16-18 slot

794 Sorella Ct #127, Houston, TX 77024

A live-hosted game show with trivia and playful challenges. Prices vary by booking.

Parking / arrival: Closest free option: upper levels of the Queensbury Lane garage, across from Queensbury Theatre. Another free upper-level option is behind Star Cinema Grill.

Visit tip: Book this live-hosted game before lunch or dinner, leaving time to park. Select a game slot; venue hours are 8 AM-midnight.

OFFICIAL LINK: greatbiggameshow.com

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CYPRESS TRAILS RANCH

TICKETED | One-hour ride; reserve an Oct. 16-18 slot

21415 Cypresswood Dr, Humble, TX 77338

Parking / arrival: Use ZIP 77338 in GPS to avoid a similar address. Follow your confirmation’s directions to the rearing-horse mailbox.

Visit tip: Choose a morning ride for an earlier outdoor outing. Check in 30 minutes before your booking; allow extra travel time.

Good to know: Ages 5+; max. 240 lb. Long pants, closed-toe shoes and helmets required (loaners available). Sign the waiver before arrival.

OFFICIAL LINK: cypresstrailsranch.com

BOOK TICKETS

MAGIC SHOW THEATER

Fri. 8 PM | Sat. 5:30 & 8 PM | Sun. 5:30 PM

6981 South Texas 6, Houston, TX 77083

Ticketed family magic and comedy. Choose your date to see current prices.

Parking / arrival: Use the Highway 6 address above. Parking instructions are not published on the official contact page; call 888-372-1605 for current parking/access guidance.

Visit tip: Try the family-friendly 5:30 PM show for an earlier evening. Allow 15-20 minutes for arrival; follow your ticket’s check-in instructions.

OFFICIAL LINK: magicshowtheater.wellattended.com

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