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- **Texans for State Parks 2014 Annual Meeting – THE DATE HAS CHANGED**

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- **State Parks Host Christmas Events**

**From the President:**

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**Revise your calendars!** The Texans for State Parks 2014 annual meeting originally scheduled for February 21 - 22 at LBJ State Park near Johnson City **HAS BEEN CHANGED to Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>** (Friday pm – Sat. ) 2014 due to a scheduling conflict with a special event at LBJ SP.

We hope to have a good attendance at the annual meeting this year, so please make time to attend and network with other park supporters.

Brent Leisure and other members of the State Park leadership team have been invited and are expected to participate on the program with updates about the parks system and other issues you might wish to discuss with them.

TfSP will provide information on two recently approved programs for providing grants to park friends, and with assisting with restricted donations to park friends.

We won't have legislation to address this year, so that leaves more time for informative and entertaining programs, so let us hear from you about what else you would like to discuss or who you would like to hear from at the meeting.

Friday evening, everyone is invited to participate in the program with a presentation about some activity with your friends group or your park.

Please contact President John Gosdin (jmgosdin@aol.com) or Linda Evans, leevans@texas.net with program suggestions, or to schedule time on the Friday evening program.

In addition to the meeting, we suggest you plan a long weekend with time to visit the LBJ State Park exhibits and gift shop, the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm and the adjacent LBJ National Park and to take advantage of many activities and sites in the area.

John Gosdin, President

President, Texans for State Parks

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**Christmas at the Mission – Goliad State Park**

Goliad State Park invites you to enjoy 'Christmas in Goliad' activities at 8:00 pm on Saturday December 7th, by coming to Mission Espiritu Santo at Goliad State Park to enjoy a Christmas concert by the Beeville Community Chorus! Under the direction of Dr. James Lee, the Chorus will present a selection of sacred and secular Christmas music inside the old mission chapel. Flickering candlelight, phenomenal acoustics, and voices raised in song create a visual and auditory Christmas experience like no other.

During the first half of the program the choir will perform sacred Christmas anthems that tell the story of the true meaning of Christmas. Several anthems



will be directed by Mr. Jeff Brewer, artistic director of the choir. Sharon Lee will be the narrator and Nona Schorp will be accompanist.



The second half of the program will be a portion of George Frideric Handel's Messiah. "Messiah" was composed in 1741 and has become a fixture of the Christmas season creating mesmerizing performances with uplifting messages and emotional impact.

Goliad State Park is located ½ mile south of Goliad on Highway 183. For more information, please call 361-645-3405. Entry fees are \$3.00 per adult. Entry is free for children under 12 and TSPC cardholders.

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### Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historic Sites Host Trail of Lights

Enjoy a fantastic 1/4-mile walking trail illuminated with thousands of lights that decorate the Monument Hill and Kreische House portions of our park Dec 21, 2013 from 06:00 PM to 08:00 PM. Walk a trail overlooking the town of La Grange. Experience the more traditionally decorated 1850's-era German home of H.L. Kreische, bedecked in Christmas splendor, in a Texas-German style. Bring your children to tell secrets to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and enjoy the genuine seasonal hospitality of the Friends of Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery, who sponsor the event. Get into the Season's spirit with us! Admission fee required. No pets allowed. Contact Dennis Smith, [monument.hill@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:monument.hill@tpwd.texas.gov), (979) 968-5658, for more information.

For more of the many State Parks events during the holiday season, see <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar> and click on your favorite park, or click 'all events' and choose your favorites.

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