



HERMANN PARK CONSERVANCY KITE FESTIVAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who puts this event on and who benefits?

Hermann Park Conservancy (HPC), with support from the *Kite Festival* chairs, host committee, sponsors, and partners, proudly puts on this fantastic, free community event. Founded in 1992, Hermann Park Conservancy is a nonprofit citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park – today and for generations to come. For more information about how to get involved or to become a Conservancy member, visit hermannpark.org.

Where is Hermann Park Conservancy *Kite Festival* located?

Kite Festival takes place in Hermann Park in the area surrounding Miller Hill and the Jones Reflection Pool. The best address to plug into your GPS is 6100 Hermann Park Drive, 77030.

Who can participate at the festival? Do I have to fly a kite to come to this event?

This is a day for anyone and everyone to come out and try their hand at flying kites! However, you don't have to fly a kite to come to the event. Many take advantage of the festival to watch the kite flying and hang out with friends and family. There will also be plenty of other activities all around the park and after seeing all the kites, you might want to try one! Kite merchants will have kites for sale the day of the event.

Is there a cost to get in?

Kite Festival admission is FREE. Bring a few bucks for concessions, a new kite, or to join Hermann Park Conservancy as a member. There will be an array of delicious food offered from snacks to food truck fare.

What time does it start?

The festival activities begin at 10 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

Is there parking at Hermann Park?

- Yes, all regular Hermann Park lots will be open, but please understand that space is very limited and much is reserved for volunteers, vendors, event staff, and sponsors. **We DO NOT recommend that you drive to the Park unless you come very early.**
- We strongly encourage you to utilize public transportation, ride your bike, park outside of the Park and walk in, or carpool as this is an extremely busy day. Parking will be extremely limited and traffic will be very prohibitive.
- Special Needs parking is available in the Park. Be sure you have the special needs hanging placard. **It should be noted that traffic will be heavy in the Park, so seeking other transportation is advised.**

- **Hermann Park is easily accessible by the MetroRail line.** The closest stop is the Hermann Park/Rice U Station: www.ridemetro.org/Pages/Rail.aspx

Will there be food there?

Yes, some of Houston's most popular food trucks will be at *Kite Festival* and HPC's Pinewood Cafe will be open. There will also be concessions available for snack and water purchases. You are welcome to bring a picnic - no glass or Styrofoam containers, please.

Interested in being a food vendor at *Kite Festival*? These positions are only open to in-kind sponsors (donated concessions) or concessionaires already listed on Hermann Park's approved vendor list. To be considered, please contact visitorservices@hermannpark.org

What are the Hermann Park Conservancy *Kite Festival* rules?

- Be considerate of other kite fliers
- Do not use the kind of kite string that has the capability of cutting other kite strings
- Keep kite flight height below 300 feet
- Drones are prohibited
- Do not bring anything to the *Kite Festival* that puts others in danger
- Do not fly your kites in the street or near power lines
- Help us respect the environment by depositing your trash and recyclables in the appropriate containers
- No smoking allowed in Houston city parks

Are there other kids' activities besides kite flying?

Yes! Face painting, educational booths, live performances, and lots of other FREE fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!

What if it rains?

Kite Festival takes place rain or shine. However, very bad weather does happen and we unfortunately do not have a rain date. Check our website, Facebook or Twitter for the most up-to-date information. The decision will be posted by 9 a.m. *Kite Festival* morning.

Can we get a kite there?

Yes, kite merchants will have kites available for sale the day of the festival. Please know that supplies are limited and will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. You are encouraged to bring your own kite with you to avoid the lines and possible sell out.

Can I bring my dog?

Yes, *Kite Festival* is canine friendly. Please bring your pet on a leash to ensure the safety of Park visitors. Please be considerate of others and the environment and pick up after your dog.

Interested in hosting an activity booth at *Kite Festival*?

Much of *Kite Festival*'s mission is to provide wholesome, free, family activities to the public. Each year, HPC seeks community partners to give *Kite Festival*-goers a fun-filled day in Hermann Park through interactive activities – does your nonprofit or organization have something fun, environmental or educational programming to contribute to *Kite Festival* day activities? Contact us to see if your activity is a good fit for *Kite Festival*! ***These types of booths are highly curated. Please contact gdurham@hermannpark.org to be considered.***

Interested in performing at *Kite Festival*?

There are performance slots between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. as well as opportunities for “wandering performers” (off stage performances). Performances must be free of charge and will be considered an in-kind donation to Hermann Park Conservancy in support of the event*. Performers will also be listed on event day maps and stage schedule! Please note, consideration for a fully paid performance at *Kite Festival* is rare and there is presently no open application/recruitment process. All other interests, should contact gdurham@hermannpark.org

**Donation value will be based on your average charge for a 30 minute set*

How can I volunteer to help out at *Kite Festival*?

Many volunteers will be needed to assist with the *Kite Festival* throughout the day. Positions include: set-up, way-finders, booth helpers, breakdown, clean up, and stage hands! If you or your organization would like to help out, please email gdurham@hermannpark.org