



***"Nature awaits" ...***Right in the heart of Houston lies a lush 155-acre forest, one of Houston's greatest natural treasures.

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# discovery boxes

## ***Enhance your life science curriculum with a Discovery Box!***

Discovery Boxes are an interactive resource to be used with a whole class or in a science station. Teachers are welcome to share the box with other classes.

### ***Teacher's Kit included with each box:***

A teacher's guide

Additional curriculum (aligned with TEKS)

Resource list of web sites

Story and/or activity books

Reproducible worksheets

Resource list of videos

### ***Discovery Boxes Available for Rent:***

- **Gotcha Covered** — Learn about the 5 vertebrate classes (reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds, and fish). Investigate the similarities and differences of animal coverings by studying specimens. Discover the purpose of fur, feathers, scales, and other animal coverings.
- **Houston Wildlife**— Find out what animals live in traffic lights and other city places. Observe wildlife on your school ground and learn how people can help wildlife survive in the city.
- **Nature Recycles** — Examine forest specimens and match them to their job descriptions. Discover how nature recycles organic material. Includes extension activities for recycling at school.
- **Reptiles** — Learn the characteristics of reptiles by studying reptile specimens and models. Discover what different reptiles eat and create food chains that include reptiles.
- **Tracks Tell Tales** — Learn about animal adaptations and life styles based on their tracks. Rubber paw reproductions and "mud" are included to make tracks. Students interpret track stories and make their own stories for others to interpret.
- **Water, Water, Everywhere**— Understand how important freshwater is to all organisms. Learn ways to conserve water and to help stop water pollution. Create aquatic food chains and an aquatic habitat.



# Discovery Box Reservation Request

To schedule contact Naletta Galbraith

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Fax this completed form to: 713-681-1191 or

Mail to: 4501 Woodway Drive, Houston, TX 77024

## Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle the box you would like to rent.*

Gotcha Covered

Houston Wildlife

Nature Recycles

Reptiles

Tracks Tell Tales

Water, Water, Everywhere

## Rental Dates:

Discovery Boxes rent for a two week period beginning on a Saturday. You may pick up the box on a day other than Saturday, but your date for return remains two weeks after the original Saturday pick up date.

Please choose a Saturday as your date of choice:

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1st choice

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2nd choice

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3rd choice

## Payment Information:

**Cost:** \$50 for 2 weeks (late fee: \$10 per day)

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ exp. \_\_\_\_\_

## Deposit Information:

The Discovery Box Kit will be inventoried at pick up and drop off. The price of any missing or damaged items will be charged to your credit card. Failure to return the box will result in a \$500 charge.

*Payment may be made in cash, check, or credit card; however, a credit card is required as a deposit.*

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Name as it appears on credit card

Visa \_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_