

# 2001 PRIDE EVENTS CALENDAR

HOUSTON GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE 2001 will be the city's longest Pride celebration ever. It starts with the Pride Kick-off Party on Friday, June 1, and climaxes with the nighttime Pride Parade on Saturday, June 23 and the return of the Pride Festival on Sunday, June 24. Here is a list of some of the events that the Pride Committee sponsors in June. However, for a complete list of the educational, cultural and social events taking place during Pride 2001, refer to your weekly edition of *The Texas Triangle* throughout the month of June. You can also call the PrideLine at 713-529-6979 or check the web site, [www.pridehouston.org](http://www.pridehouston.org).

## **Pride Kick-off Party - Friday, June 1**

Start off Pride 2001 and a very busy Pride weekend with a free buffet, a cash bar and entertainment. Meet the Pride Parade Grand Marshals, the Pride Committee, and other members of the community. Time and location to be announced.

## **Pride Day at Six Flags AstroWorld - Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3**

Spend a day or two at Six Flags and show your Pride. Your \$30 Pride Committee ticket covers admission to AstroWorld on Saturday, including a free barbecue buffet in our private picnic area, free admission into Rich's on Saturday night, and a free pass to WaterWorld on Sunday (or any other day throughout the season). The headline entertainers for Pride Day are the **Village People!** Tickets are available at Basic Brothers, located at 1232 Westheimer or by mail from the Pride Committee of Houston, P. O. Box 66071, Houston, Texas 77266-6071. A special room rate of \$55 (up to four people) will be available at the Radisson Hotel Astrodome, 8686 Kirby. Call 800-333-3333 and ask for the "Pride 2001 event" rate.

AstroWorld/WaterWorld, 9001 Kirby at the 610 Loop.

## **2001 Pride Participant Mandatory Meeting - Tuesday, June 12**

All groups participating in the Pride Parade are required to attend this meeting, except for those located outside a 50-mile radius of the city. The meeting is also the deadline for all

entry applications submitting a parade entry application with a late fee. Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray

## **Parade/Festival Volunteer Orientation - Tuesday, June 19**

Pulling off the annual nighttime Pride Parade and the Pride Festival wouldn't be possible without the help of dozens of volunteer Parade Marshals and Festival Staff. Individuals who would like to volunteer are requested to attend this meeting to prepare for the Big Weekend of Pride.

7:00 p.m., Parade Marshals Orientation

8:00 p.m., Festival Staff Orientation

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray

## **2001 Pride Parade - Saturday, June 23**

Embrace Diversity with over 150,000 of your friends and family at Houston's annual nighttime Parade, the largest Pride Parade in the Southwest and one of the largest parades in Houston. The awesome 8½ foot disco ball returns to light up the night and add flair to our already colorful, float-filled celebration of Pride.

8:45-11:00 p.m.

Westheimer, from Woodhead to Whitney

## **2001 Pride Festival - Sunday, June 24**

This year witnesses the return of the Pride Festival after a long five-year hiatus. Come experience the local GLBT culture first-hand. Speak with club representatives, shop the vendor bazaar, enjoy the artists and entertainers and be energized by motivational speeches. Most of all, participate and meet other members of our "family" on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Tickets are \$10 (\$12 at the gate) and are available through the Pride Committee of Houston.

1-7 p.m., Garden in the Heights, 3926 Feagan

## RETURN OF THE PRIDE FESTIVAL CAPS OFF A MONTH OF PRIDE

AFTER A FIVE-YEAR HIATUS the Pride Festival is making a return to the long list of Pride events. Why was the festival absent for so long? The major reason was the switch to the nighttime parade format in 1997. Running a nighttime parade required more resources than were available for both a parade and a festival. Additionally, the committee wanted to focus on growing the Parade and proving its value. Now that the Parade has become the largest Pride event in the Southwest, with attendance last year exceeding 150,000, and more volunteers have taken the call to action and service, the Pride Committee thought it was time to fill in this obvious void in our community involvement and outreach activities.

After last year's Parade, the Board determined it was time to bring the Festival back to Houston in a new format and on a new day. Unlike the Parade, a Festival gives you the opportunity to experience the local GLBT culture rather than watch it ride by on a float. You can speak with representatives of local clubs and groups, purchase merchandise from local retailers and enjoy food from local restaurants, all while being entertained, encouraged, amused and informed by local and national speakers and artists. In short,

the Festival allows personal community interaction that the Parade simply cannot provide. After all, to be a community, you have to communicate. Besides, why should all the fun end on Saturday?

Look for the all new Pride Festival to return to Houston on Sunday, June 24, 1-7 p.m., at Garden in the Heights, 3926 Feagan. Spend a quiet, lazy afternoon meeting others in our community and sharing you Pride in our uniqueness.

Scheduled attractions will include two stages of music, speakers, comedians and other performers. A Marketplace featuring local organizations and businesses as well as multiple food and drink vendors will also be on site.

Tickets are \$10 (\$12 at the gate) and are available through the Pride Committee of Houston. Contact the PrideLine at 713-529-6979 or e-mail us at [info@pridehouston.org](mailto:info@pridehouston.org).

Vendor applications for the Festival Marketplace are still being accepted for a short time. For more information, check the Pride web site, [www.pridehouston.org](http://www.pridehouston.org).

Time and trouble will tame an  
advanced young woman, but an  
advanced old woman is  
uncontrollable by any earthly force.  
D. Sayers













