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***Local Snakes 101* program begins *Walk in Woods Nature Lecture Series* spring lineup**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (January 26, 2017) – Gardeners and nature lovers are not the only creatures that come back to life on beautiful spring days. Warmer temperatures also stir native reptiles from winter hibernation, increasing the possibility of a surprise encounter between human and snake. Finding a coiled snake in one’s backyard can be a frightening experience, but it need not be.

Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 7 p.m., *Walk in the Woods Nature Lecture Series* presents *Local Snakes 101* with Matt Abernathy in the L.G.I. Lecture Hall at McCullough Junior High School, 3800 S. Panther Creek Drive.

The vast majority of local snakes are quite harmless according to Mr. Abernathy, herpetologist at Jesse Jones Park and Nature Center. An expert in snake behavior, Mr. Abernathy will provide quick and easy tips to distinguish venomous snakes from harmless species. Appealing to all ages, from elementary students to adults, the informative and entertaining program will address common myths, cover safety tips and feature live contained specimen.

The free program is the first offering in the spring lineup for *Walk in Woods Nature Lecture Series*, organized by The Woodlands Township and sponsored by Nature’s Way Resources, Waste Management and The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N.

For more information, please contact The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department at 281-210-3800, or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/wildlife.



What will you remember when encountering a Southern Copperhead? Matt Abernathy with Jesse Jones Park and Nature Center will share tips for keeping safe in the woods at Local Snakes 101, Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the L.G.I. Lecture Hall at McCullough Junior High School.