



*Best Atmosphere*

## Deer Lake Lodge

NO. OF EMPLOYEES: 15 YEAR FOUNDED: 2012

At this holistic wellness resort nestled in 50 serene, wooded acres just west of Conroe, flora bloom and fauna scamper the grounds. Everything here is eco-friendly and employs refurbished materials—the buildings themselves are shipping containers insulated with reclaimed blue jeans.

"Most of the employees have been here since day one," says spa director Carrie Harmon. "Once you work here, you don't want to leave." Harmon, who lives on the property along with two other employees, says its natural setting and soothing atmosphere—filled with yoga, essential oils and holistic healing—make for a happy staff. "Everybody here participates. We're very connected with each other," she says. "I'm exposed to a lot of peaceful, loving

people on a daily basis. Those are the people I work with."

### HONORABLE MENTION: Houston Ballet

The internationally acclaimed company boasts airy, two-story dance studios throughout its newly built, \$46.6 million state-of-the-art facilities downtown, while its gallery-like interiors, flooded with natural light, provide ample views into nine rehearsal rooms, encouraging creativity and collaboration.

### Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - Houston

At the Triple Tap Ventures LLC-owned company's headquarters in the First Ward, the walls are lined with movie posters and props, including giant neon Drafthouse signs.