



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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September 2000

## Out of Town Events

### September 2000

- 15-17 Bearadise  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Red Earth Bears  
[www.RedEarthBears.org](http://www.RedEarthBears.org)
- 22-24 LVL PWA Campout  
Event for people living  
with HIV/AIDS and their  
support group.
- 22-24 Ft. Worth Campout  
Ft. Worth, TX  
Trinity River Bears  
of Ft. Worth are having  
their First Annual  
Campout at Rainbow  
Ranch
- 22-24 Virgin Fur  
Cincinnati, OH  
River Bears Cincinnati  
[riverbears@members.gayweb.com](mailto:riverbears@members.gayweb.com)
- 23-24 Cactus Canyon Camp  
Arkansas  
Ozark Mountain Bears  
[cactuscanyoncampground.com](http://cactuscanyoncampground.com)

### October 2000

- 6-8 OctobearFest 2000  
Denver, Colorado  
Front Range Bears  
[www.FrontRangeBears.com](http://www.FrontRangeBears.com)
- 19-23 Bear Bust 2000  
Orlando, Florida  
Bears of Central Florida  
[www.bocf.com](http://www.bocf.com)

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## Bear Mixer, Pool Party, and Pot Luck

**When:** Saturday,  
September 16<sup>th</sup>,  
6:00 pm

**Where:** Richard & Dave's  
See the calendar page  
for directions

Come out to  
Richard S. and Dave  
L.'s home and check  
out their pool. This is

not our usual pool  
party, since we are  
specially inviting new  
members and also Bears  
whose memberships  
have expired.

If you're new to our  
rolls, come out and  
meet the gang! If

you've let your  
membership lapse,  
come out for another  
get together with old  
furry friends.

The Pool Party is  
also a Potluck.

## A HOT Bear Membership Benefit...

We are glad to have  
so many members  
participate at the  
Members Only parties.  
As always, we are  
looking for members  
who are willing to open  
up their homes for a  
party with a special  
theme (pool, dinners,  
holidays, etc.). If you  
would be willing to host  
a party, please send us  
an email:

[info@heartoftexasbears.org](mailto:info@heartoftexasbears.org) or you  
can call Telebear and  
leave a message.

We also would like  
to remind you to be  
respectful of the

members homes. They  
are always willing to  
accommodate you and  
your needs. If you don't  
know where something  
is, please ask. If you  
don't know where  
something goes, please  
ask. Many of our  
members homes that we  
have parties at  
participate in recycling  
programs and often  
have special  
accommodations for  
trash and recycling. If  
you are not sure, please  
ask. With a little respect  
and courtesy, we will  
always be welcome  
back for the fun!

Members Only  
events are for *members  
only* and *one guest*. We  
have been a bit relaxed  
with the policy. We will  
be starting to check for  
members cards (please  
bring them) at the  
events. We will also  
have a roster and you  
can show a photo ID to  
get into the event with  
your name on the active  
member roster.

Regular events such  
as BDO and BNO are  
open to anyone and  
posted on the web site.  
You may bring as many  
people as you like to  
these events.



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**November 2000**  
**10-12 Bear Prowl 2000**  
**London, Ontario, Canada**  
**Forest City Bears**  
**www.gaycanada.com/**  
**fcbears/**

**For more events, see:**  
**www.resourcesforbears.com/**  
**BEARCAL/**

## Bears Night Out

**When:** Thursday,  
September 28<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 pm  
**Where:** Old Alligator Grill  
Lamar & Manchaca  
(512) 444-6117

Bears Night Out this month is back down in South Austin at the Old Alligator Grill, on

Lamar at Manchaca. A little bit of New Orleans in the middle of Austin. As you might have guessed, Creole and Cajun-cooking is the name of the game at the Old Alligator Grill. They've got etouffee, jambalaya,

blackened fish, and Cajun Kissers... something for everybear!  
Come out and join us for some good old Cajun fun this month at the Old Alligator Grill.

## Meet the HOT Bears' Secretary

Woof! I am Garreth, the Secretary for the HOTB for the next year. I am very excited about the changes we are making for the club for the next year. While we are offering more events for the next year, not everything will be listed on the calendar. We plan to do more outings and only have a few days notice for things that come up in the month.

We will be sending out email for the people who have electronic notification (so make sure we have your current email address) and regular Snail Mail for those who don't.

Things like sporting events or movies may come up and we want members to come join in on the fun often come out too late to plan a month or more ahead of time. So,

be sure you listen to Telebear if you are looking for something to do, or check out the web page, as we will be notifying our webmaster to post things that come up.

I can tell you that we have a picnic planned, bowling, putt-putt, and a movie planned that will not be in the Bear Briefs in the coming months. We want this to be a fun club this next year, and we want to have more events that you can be comfortable wearing your clothes and not having to go to the bar to attend.

Just because we are

bears does not mean everything has to revolve around food and sex! Not that there is anything wrong with food and sex, especially when they are combined, but, I digress... We want everyone to be comfortable participating in events with others, and to get to know each other in their own comfort zones by offering different activities to be involved.

We don't want all the events at the Chain Drive. We want to offer different things for everyone's tastes. I hope you will enjoy the

HOTBears this next year, and send in your ideas and suggestions for things you would like to see happen and participate.

We are making changes concerning Members Only Parties in that you must present your Member Card to get into the event. I hope to meet people I have not met before, and make a lot of new friends this year. I think most of you will like the changes we are making and find plenty of Bear activities to do.

By the way, I am single, 33, Gemini, and my favorite color is Tall, Dark, and Hairy....

## August Bears Day Out & First Saturday Brunch

**When:** Saturday,  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
10:00 am  
**Where:** Hoover's Cooking  
2002 Manor Road  
(512) 479-5006

Join the bears for a good Saturday morning brunch at Hoover's Cooking on Manor

Road. Hoover's has plenty of good food and we always have lots of bears show up for this fun Saturday morning event.

After brunch the group will decide where

to go for the day. We do something different each time, so come out and join us for another fun brunch and afternoon adventure around Austin!

Woof



## Sponsors

The HOT Bears are grateful for the continuing support of the following people and companies. In consideration of their long-time contributions, please support those who support us.

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Austin, TX  
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Austin, TX 78756  
(512) 454-0555  
[www.DrChocolateOnline.com](http://www.DrChocolateOnline.com)

**The Summit House**  
Bed & Breakfast  
1204 Summit Street  
Austin, TX 78741-1158  
(512) 445-5304  
<http://summit.home.texas.net/>

**Chain Drive**  
504 Willow Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 480-9017



## Ice Cream Social and Some Other Upcoming Events

**Sunday**, September 24<sup>th</sup> — Ice Cream Social. Come out to the Chain Drive to this fundraiser for HOT Bears and get some cool creamy treats.

**Saturday**, October 14<sup>th</sup> — Bear Contest. Who's the bear-est one of all? Come out to Chain Drive and root for your favorite bear. Anybear who wants to help with the contest, finding contestants, rounding up prizes, writing a format for the contest, judging, anything, please contact Ed B or any club officer.

**Bowling?** — There have been several members interested in starting a bowling night or a bowling team again. If you are interested, you can send an email to: [info@heartoftexasbears.org](mailto:info@heartoftexasbears.org) or you can call Telebear and leave a message.

**Friday - Sunday**, September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> — LVL PWA Campout. This is a special event for people living with HIV/AIDS and

their support group. Anybear who can sponsor a camper who may not financially be able to afford the weekend, can do so for only \$25.00. If you can attend or help out in any way, please contact John Szewczyk at [tex4ever@hotmail.com](mailto:tex4ever@hotmail.com) or leave a message at (713)526-4641. Attendance is limited to 100 (75-80 HIV campers and 20-25 sponsors/volunteers. Deadline for applications is September 7 but--provided openings are available--will be considered if received by September 15.

**Saturday and Sunday**, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> — Cactus Canyon Camp. This is also the weekend for the Cactus Canyon Campout at Cactus Canyon Campground in Arkansas. This event is sponsored by the Ozark Mountain Bears. For information visit the campground website <http://cactuscanyoncampground.com>

**Friday - Sunday**, September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> — Ft.

Worth Campout. The Trinity River Bears of Ft Worth are having their First Annual Campout at Rainbow Ranch. The \$40.00 fee covers campground entrance, Friday evening meal, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Deadline is September 9. See Ed B for applications.

The Houston Area Bears *finally* have a new home bar and invite the HOT Bears to come socialize at Mary's every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

Some other upcoming events:

**Feast of All Saints Picnic Anniversary Banquet**



## New T-Shirt and Cap Design

We are looking for new designs for T-Shirts and Caps to present at the October meeting. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or art work, please submit them to one of the officers or mail

them into the Post Office Box.

We want to be able to have merchandise for our membership but also to be able to take to bear events and sell as fund-raisers. T-shirts and caps always go big!

If you know of a place where we can get caps and T-shirts made that offers a good price, we would be interested in checking them out too.

## Friendly Dallas Bears

We have several Heart Of Texas Bears that live in Dallas. Two of our members there have offered to host traveling HOTB for a night or two in the

Metroplex. They enjoy meeting and hosting bears in our membership and are willing to open their home to the HOTB.

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mation, send an email to: [info@heartoftexasbears.org](mailto:info@heartoftexasbears.org) or you can call Telebear and leave a message.

# September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2 Bears Day Out &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Brunch</b> 10am Hoovers 2002 Manor Rd
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16 Bear Mixer, Pool Party, and Pot Luck</b> – 6pm at Richard and Dave's
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Ice cream social &amp; fundraiser</b> – 4pm at the Chain Drive	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Bears Night Out</b> – 7pm at the Old Alligator Grill on South Lamar	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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