



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



Back to the Woods is one of my favorite events this club does. So many men from all over come to it and we have the chance to give a great time and party for the entire weekend. It involves many volunteers and pulls out the best in people. With gas prices this year, we may not get the targeted 150- but looking at the tremendous response already, it should be a very good time- and is still a bargain! Sign up now before September when the price jumps again. HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw. As of this writing, we have 60 people signed up. That's a strong start—so tell your friends. You don't have to be a HOT Bear member to go—it is open to all who want to attend.

Progress on the TCC First Aid Station continues. We have a basic building up and trip, floor, and deck will follow when we have enough money to do so. This project has been a fun one to be involved with. There are many to thank from the club. I think we should have a "christening" at Back to the Woods to celebrate.

Early this month, there is "Take Me to the River" at Daniel's in Del Valle. Canoeing, swimming, and a cookout. This should be a great event. Camp out on Friday or join us for the day on Saturday. As we did with toobing, canoes are available for rental as well as a shuttle to and from the entry and exit points to the

river. The HOT Bears are providing the Breakfast and Dinner on Saturday. Look for details via HOT Bear Happenings.

One of the biggest events this year will be Texas Gay Rodeo 25! It takes place on September 4-7. Like we did last year, the HOT Bears are hosting the pool party at the Windham Garden Hotel on Saturday the 6th. It was a huge success last year- and we hope to duplicate it again. Free drinks and lot of great bear camaraderie with the cowboys. What's not to love! TGRA is also looking for volunteers for security. If you want to work the show, email me so we can get a good count. It's good clean fun!

As always, its great to see you at the beer busts, dinners, and other events around town this summer. The board welcomes your input as we continue to keep this club a good one.

-Peter

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A Treasury Note



Just as cities grow and change so do organizations. New people enter while others leave; this is true for Heart of Texas Bears as well. Change is something that I've grown accustomed to throughout my life. We change schools, jobs and cities that we live in. Our friends change as our lives progress. Board members change as well, unless of course

we're talking about PEC but that's a different issue there.

As the new Treasurer of Heart of Texas Bears I want the membership to know that I'm open to change. I'm looking forward to working with the other board members this upcoming year and the general members as well. I hope that together we can continue making this organization the best it can be.

We're planning a lot of things this year and we need the

assistance of our membership to help with things. Assistance doesn't need to be much, volunteering to assist with activities, coming to a breakfast, coming to a planning or quarterly meeting, and most importantly providing input for activities that you would like considered for the membership to take part in.

So far this year we've tried Bears on Ice which was a new idea. We had about seven people show up for that, though later I heard some people didn't make it because the venue wasn't clearly marked, that's an issue we will work on. Coming up we will be having Gourmet Bears which Peter will discuss more as it comes up.

It's up to the membership to make Heart of Texas Bears the best it can possibly be. I hope to see each and every one of you out at an event sometime this year.

Hugs,

Jon — Treasurer, Heart of Texas Bears

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 1

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar**, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 454-1474. Join us at Trudy's for their great breakfast buffet!

Tuesday, August 5

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. This time, it will be at the home of Kelly Stephens, your vice-president. See the members only calendar for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

Friday, August 8

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See SmokingBanana.com for details.

Friday — Sunday, August 8 — 10

Join the HOT Bears August 8, 9, and 10th as we continue our 10 year anniversary celebration with a weekend of camping, canoeing, and BBQ-ing. All followed up with our monthly Beer Bust at the Chain Drive on Sunday.

Friday August 8th starting at 7pm — (for those who want) camp out under the stars at Daniel Trevino's place in Del Valle right next to the Colorado River.

Saturday August 9th starting around 11am — we plan on canoeing/kayaking the Colorado River (for a small fee...Cooks Canoe's is just across the river) then returning to Daniel's place for bear camaraderie and an evening BBQ with cold drinks provided by the HOT Bears.

Sunday August 10th — we have our regularly scheduled **Beer Bust** at the Chain Drive where we will have lots of cold, cold draft beer and a 50/50 raffle.

Mark your calendars and be sure to respond to the Evite... Hope to see **you** there! [1401 Man-O-War Drive, Del Valle 78617, (512) 461-0359]

Sunday, August 10

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears for \$0.50 draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers. [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

Wednesday, August 13

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (caffeine is good!). This month we are heading to **Genuine Joe Coffeehouse**. They offer some great coffee choices and some fabulous local eats! See you there at 7pm. [2001 W. Anderson Lane Austin, TX 78757 (512) 220-1576]

Friday — Sunday, August 15 — 17

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite.

Saturday, August 23

2nd Bear Breakfast at 10am at **The Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar** (austin.bakehouse.com). Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood! [5404 Manchaca Road, Austin, 78745 (512) 443-5167]

Saturday, August 23

Bear Swim — All Bears in the pool! Join the HOT Bears at Joe Smith and Tom Strauch's home starting at 2pm—???. They will provide the main meat dish and keg, and we will do the usual potluck sides. BYOB and mixers. Check your Member's Only calendar or members roster for location and directions.

Thursday, August 28

Bears Night Out. Dinner this month is in South Austin at **Canoli Joe's Italian Buffet**. Come join us for a delicious selections of antipastas, baked dishes, soups, salads, and even pizza! They have something that everyone will enjoy. See you at 7pm (Bear Time). [4715 US-290 E Austin, TX 78745 - (512) 892-4444]

Saturday, August 30

Bear Feet — One of our newest members (Sterling Smith) has started a monthly Bear Get-Together near Lake Travis on the last Saturday of the Month. For times and directions, you can contact Sterling directly at (512) 576-2685 or texasotter@gmail.com.

Thursday — Sunday, Sept 4 — 7

Texas 25 — Silver Anniversary **Texas Gay Rodeo**. HOT Bear volunteers are needed to help with daytime security for the weekend and for the cocktail party. Contact Kelly for volunteering opportunities. Free entrance for all those who volunteer. The HOT Bears will have a hospitality suite at the host hotel and will be hosting a Bear Cocktail party Saturday Night from 5-9pm... be sure to join us!

Saturday, September 6

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar**.

"Back to the Woods 4"

October 10th—12th, 2008. Join us for our fourth annual campout weekend at the TCC Landsite. Register early and get the best price. Details and online registration at HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw



The Heart Of Texas Bears invite you to:
Back to the Woods 4

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At Texas Conference of Clubs

**October
10, 11, 12**






The HOT Bears in Austin invite you to join us for our annual camp out run at the TCC landsite on Buzzards' Peak. 3 days and 2 nights camping under the stars with Bears in the woods. All food, drink, entertainment, and a run pin are included in one low price. Don't have a tent or trailer? No problem. Stay in the bunkhouse. A small number of indoor accommodations are available for a nominal charge. We had a blast last year- just ask around! Better hurry-We are limiting this event to 150 attendees.

Online Registration Now Open!
heartoftexasbears.org/bttw

THE HEART OF TEXAS BEARS

August 2008 HOT Bears Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31 ACE 8 7pm» Bears Night Out	01  ACE 8	02 ACE 8 10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast
03 ACE 8	04	05 7:15pm» HOT Bear Planning Meeting	06	07	08  Take Me To The River - Anniversary Party Part 2 6pm» Guerilla Queer Bar	09 Take Me To The River - Anniversary Party Part 2
10 Take Me To The River - Anniversary Party Part 2 4pm» Bear Beer Bust	11	12	13 7pm» Bear Coffee	14	15 TCC Activity Weekend	16  TCC Activity Weekend
17 TCC Activity Weekend	18	19	20	21	22	23  10am» 2nd Breakfast 6pm» Bear Swim - All Bears in the pool!!!!!!
24	25	26	27	28 7pm» Bears Night Out	29	30  Bear Feet
31 Ramadan begins	01 Labor Day	02 7:15pm» HOT Bear Planning Meeting	03	04 Texas 25 - Silver Anniversary Texas Gay Rodeo	05 Texas 25 - Silver Anniversary Texas Gay Rodeo	06 Texas 25 - Silver Anniversary Texas Gay Rodeo 10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast