



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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The President's Corner

Again – What a month we had!

Thanks to all that attended Bear Watch! The Heart of Texas Bears were a big hit. From all reports – everyone had a great time. And to be honest – I expected nothing less from the group! We are making a good name for our club all across Texas and other states.

The first Saturday in June is the Pride Parade. There is more information about the parade in this issue. I would like to see **all** of our members there to march in the parade. It is important to show support for our brothers and sisters. The streets have been very crowded every year. I am sure this year will be the same.

The parade committee has a spectacular design for the parade. We will be seen and remembered!

Changing the subject — This is my last column and I am feeling sadness and gladness.

It has been a great year for the club. We have done so many things this year. None of this could have been done without the help of a great board – Ed, Tom, and Scott. I thank each of you for all of your hard work. Also, I thank all of the members that have supported our activities. **You** have made our club one that is envied by other clubs.

This has been a learning experience for me. I have learned that team work is very important. All of this year's activities could not have been done with out team work. We also did this with no drama! I know the team work will continue.

I am also sad that I am leaving as an officer. I did enjoy the work. I am so nosy some times; this gave me a way to know what is going on in the club. It was also a way for me to help make decisions on the directions the club will take in the future. I think we made good decisions. Being

an officer is good experience in interpersonal relations.

And thank you for cutting us some slack for the first several months. We encountered several major obstacles. I think we handled the situations in the best interest of the club.

I feel very confident the new board will take the Bears to new heights! I ask you all to give the new board the same cooperation you gave my board. I look forward to handing over the gavel to Ed and going back to being a "regular" member again.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the parade.

It was an honor and a privilege!

Good bye and thanks!!!

*Leonard Schlueter
President*



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in the parade!

There will be a prize for the loudest Hawaiian shirt. Tell your friends that they too can march with the Bears... the more, the merrier.

Come March With The Bears – Austin Pride Parade

The 4th Annual Austin Pride Parade

The Heart of Texas Bears are #64 out 65 entries. Our line up begins at **6pm**. The judging begins at 7pm. The parade begins at 8pm.

We are at the end of the parade due to the number of lighting effects we will be

using. I encourage all of you to join us. The more bears the better.

Group Theme — If you have a Hawaiian Shirt... **wear it!!** If you don't, wear your bear shirt!

We are planning on a great time. Maybe we can all get together afterwards too.

We will be meeting at **6pm** for the Pre Pride fluff in the parking lot (northeast corner of South Congress and Riverside). Charlie and CJ are going to be leading our group in their Prowler, a very cool car, loaded with stuffed Bears.

Exciting news! Our own Peter Reid is Mr. Lonestar and we get to carry the TCC Flag

Upcoming Events

Friday June 3

Project Transitions is hosting the 10th Annual Texas Swing at Saengerrunde Hall & Scholz's Bier Garten. See www.projecttransitions.org/texaswing.shtml

Saturday, June 4

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!

Saturday, June 4

Austin's 4th Annual Pride Parade! Come march with the HOT Bears! We'll gather at 6pm in the TxDOT parking lot at the North East corner of South Congress and Riverside Drive to assemble for the parade. A block party at the 300 block of Guadalupe will be held from 9pm-1am after the parade. See the article on page one for additional information.

Saturday June 11

The 2005 Texas Pride Festival will be held from Noon to 8pm at Waterloo Park, 403 E. 15th Street, Austin, TX, 78701.

Sunday, June 12

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, 78701) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

June 17 — 19

TCC activity weekend at the landsite at Buzzards' Peak. If you'd like to spend a nice weekend camping out at the landsite with friends and helping on some projects around the place, the TCC activity weekends are for you! For more information contact Peter Reid or email the club at info@HeartOfTexasBears.org

June 17 — 19

Gathering of the Clans II at the Habana Inn in Oklahoma City. A Bear Run on the Dark Side, \$45, Visit www.okccavebears.com for information.

Thursday, June 30

Bears Night Out dinner is central this month. We're headed to El Arroyo on 5th Street. It's located at 1624

West 5th Street, Austin, 78703. Join us at 7pm for dinner.

July 1 — 4

Unrun — Pigs in Heat. A run at the TCC Landsite hosted by the Lonestar Leathermen.

July 15 — 17

Nekkid Men Camping IV Austin Gay Nudists (AGN) TCC Campsite (Buzzards' Peak) \$80 admission includes all meals, beer, and sodas Participate in karaoke, nude oil wrestling, volleyball. For more information, go to austingaynudists@excite.com.

Saturday, July 16

Mark your calendar: Steve is hosting is annual *Mid-Summer Splash* on July 16th. He has invited the HOT Bears members to come and enjoy the fun. Starting at 2pm, there will be keg beer, hot dogs, and burgers provided. Potluck or contributions are always appreciated.

July 21 — 24

Bear Jam 2005, hosted by the Music City Bears. This Ye Olde Bear Faire will be held in Nashville, TN. You can read

more about the event at www.musiccitybears.com/bearjam.html

October 7 — 9

Back to the Woods... A HOT Bears run at Buzzards' Peak. As Peter's column in this issue talks about, the HOT Bears will be hosting a run at the TCC Landsite at Buzzards' Peak near Cameron, Texas. Three days and two nights camping under the stars with Bears in the woods. \$60 per person. All food, drink, entertainment, and a run pin included. Don't have a tent or trailer? No problem. Stay in the bunkhouse. For more information, please email: btw@HeartOfTexasBears.org



June Birthday Bears

Michael Lucus	6/2	Tom Brabandt	6/17
Joe Callison.....	6/3	Tom Bolt	6/20
Donald Walker.....	6/3	Jim Laferla.....	6/27
Bill Rogers.....	6/16	Kevin H.	6/29



HOT BEARS AT BEARWATCH 6 IN GALVESTON



For more pictures from BearWatch 6, go to our web site, www.HeartOfTexasBears.org



The View from Buzzards' Peak

[submitted by Peter Reid, aka Mr Grizzly, 2005]

Hey men! By the time you get this, BearWatch and LoneStar will be over (more on those runs next month), For now, I will report on another, smaller run at TCC that I and many members of the HOT Bears attended, along with close to 70 others. The Trinity River Bears "4-Fur" run was held at TCC on Buzzards Peak in early May. Fourteen Heart of Texas Bears arrived and set-up a great campsite. We had 5 tents surrounding a common table where we shared stories and welcomed visitors from other sites. We hung our colors and flags. Ed created a spectacular chandelier of stars and tiny, battery operated lights. We hung it on a 100 foot tall branch and it dangled above the campsite. Beer and cocktail parties flowed all weekend long. Great food was served on Saturday of roasted scallops, gumbo, and salad. The HOT Bears threw a great "HOT" Sci-Fi cocktail party (that was voted best over all at the awards ceremony on Sunday). Various activities included a live version of the Newlywed Game, cocktail parties, a scavenger hunt, followed by cocktail parties, hiking to the peak at sun-up, hiking to the peak at sundown, even more cocktail parties, a card games, general fellowship (especially at night), oh, and cocktail parties. I am going to show more than write about the run — pictures tell 1000 words!

As always, there is an application for the "Back to the Woods" run in October included in this *Bear Briefs*. Email me (btw@HeartOfTexasBears.org) if you have any questions about the run. One of the main questions is "Do you have to be a member to attend?" the answer is, of course, "No, you do not have to be a member". I encourage all of you to bring your friends to the run. Introduce them to TCC and the great men that are the Heart of Texas Bears.

—Peter



Ed created a chandelier of stars and tiny light that was hung from a 100 foot tall limb.



Ed's favorite T-Shirt



Jello shots around the picnic tables



Cocktails anyone? (it was a warm night)



The Newlywed Game!



Bubbles collects for a charity

Heart Of Texas Bears

Back to the Woods '05

Run Application and Agreement



HOTB- Back to the Woods camp out will be held at the Texas Conference of Clubs (TCC) landsite at Buzzards' Peak from October 7-9, 2005. The landsite is located near Cameron, Texas and is convenient to Austin, San Antonio,

Dallas, and Houston. Facilities include showers, toilets, walk in cooler, ice machine, kitchen, and a pole barn. All facilities and many campsites are handicap accessible.

This is an outdoor, camping event. We expect that all attendees treat the land with respect. Littering and/or causing harm to wildlife will not be tolerated. We expect that you will keep a clean campsite and leave the land as good or better than it was when you arrived.

The entire weekend is provided by volunteers. Treat your servers and hosts accordingly. Jump in and help out if you see something that requires it. Your help will be appreciated and remembered.

For medical emergencies, there will be an on-site EMT. For severe cases, there is a good hospital 15 min away.

Basic fee includes a campsite, meals on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning, entertainment, and a run pin.

Please note that the road into the landsite is not paved and larger RVs will have limited maneuverability.

We attempt to limit attendance to 100 people.

All sites and facilities are provided on a first come, first serve basis at the time of check in.

Official check in starts at Noon on Friday. If you would like to arrive earlier, please call to make arrangements.

By signing this application, you certify that you are at least 21 years of age, and agree not to bring any pets, firearms, explosives or illegal substances of any kind whatsoever on to the Texas Conference of Clubs premises. You agree to comply with all applicable laws of the various governmental agencies during "HOTB- Back to the Woods", and while on the premises. You also agree to be solely responsible for any and all personal property whatsoever that you bring to "HOTB-Back to the Woods". You agree to hold blameless the Texas Conference of Clubs and Heart of Texas Bears, their officers and members, their member clubs, a member of a member club, independent or commercial members, from any and all liability in the event of your accidental injury or death while on the premises.

Questions? e-mail: BTTW@HeartOfTexasBears.org

phone: Peter @ 512-996-9347

www.HeartOfTexasBears.org

Base Run Fees:

- \$65 if received by September 7
- \$85 if received by September 23
- \$110 after September 23 or at the gate

Options (available on a first come first serve basis)

- \$15 Bunkhouse accommodations (advance notice required)
- \$10 Electrical hook-up
- \$35 RV Electrical hook-up (limited areas)

Total Enclosed:

\$	
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For the purposes of book keeping, please fill out one application per person and enclose separate checks for each participant. Make checks payable to HOTB-Back to the Woods, mail to:

HOTB- Back to the Woods
Post Office Box 684391
Austin, Texas 78768-4391

There is a \$25 fee for returned checks. All fees must be paid in advance before entry is permitted. This outdoor event will be held rain or shine. Except in the unlikely instance of event cancellation, all fees are non-refundable- but are transferable to another attendee with written permission.

Admission to this event is contingent upon acceptance of this application by HOTB who reserves the right to accept or reject any application solely at its discretion. Violation of any of the provisions in this agreement shall constitute grounds for immediate expulsion from the TCC grounds.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email (for confirmation)

Club Affiliation

Expected Arrival Time

I will be staying in (circle one):

Tent Bunkhouse Camper (Size _____)

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this application.

Signature/Date



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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5	6	7	8	9	10 TCC Lone Star Nudist Group	11 TCC Lone Star Nudist Group 12p LGRL Texas Pride Festival Waterloo Park 15 th St. & Trinity
12 TCC Lone Star Nudist Group 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 512.480.9017	13	14	15	16	17 TCC Activity Weekend Firedancers – Dallas	18 TCC Activity Weekend Firedancers - Dallas
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26	27	28	29	30 7p: Bears Night Out El Arroyo 1624 W. 5 th St. Austin, TX, 78703 512.474.1222		

View the latest calendar information for this month and future months at the online calendar on the HOT Bears web site

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