



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the Desk of the President

I want to thank Leonard, Scott and Tom for the outstanding job they have performed over the past year as your executive board and I look forward to working with them and other past executive board members who can share insight and wisdom in making the HOT Bears the best that it can be.

With each new executive board there is a grace period of three months that the two executive boards work together, hopefully during this time the new executive board makes the transition without any disruption to the membership. The new executive board has been working closely with the outgoing board and I see no problems with us assuming our duties July 1st.

Within the new executive board I have served as a past president and vice president, John Cowart has served as a vice president as well as Jack Landers, and Mickey Ferguson brings to the Club his computer skills and calming wisdom. I am grateful these men have stepped forward and I count them as some of my best friends. The four of us have a deep respect for the Club and are aware of the benefits we have received from being members in The Heart of Texas Bears. We have also worked closely with other Bear Clubs and within the organization that there will

not be many problems that will arise that we will not be able to handle effectively. The four of us have also reached a gentlemen's agreement that we will put our egos aside and do what is best of our Club and its members. And through experience we have learned that The Heart of Texas Bears has become a very important part of who we are as individuals and has helped us understand the importance of bringing together people of like minds.

Our collective goal is to bring men together in social situations and to make it fun. We ask that you join the HOT Bears Yahoo group and remember us when you change addresses, phone numbers and e-mails.

On a personal note, I want to thank Donald at the Chain Drive for giving us so much support over the years and The Central Texas Boys of Leather

for serving up some great chow. I want to thank our sponsors and to each of you that open your homes for game nights, movie nights and parties. I want to thank Peter Reid for keeping us on top of all the happenings at Buzzard's Peak and for all of his hard work in making our first Run "Back to the Woods" a sure thing. And a big thanks to Kip Wannamaker for being such a great Cheerleader during the Pride parade "SHOW US YOUR BELLY"! and last but not least I want to thank Steve Rison for the many hours where we have solved most of the worlds problems and for the wisdom and gifts he has given me that only a true friend can. Oh, and to Bud McMullen for the "Ladies who Lunch" therapy sessions... I could go on and on.

*Hugs,
Ed Burlison*



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Upcoming Events

July 1 – 4

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

Saturday, July 2

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, July 9

LVL PWA fundraiser "Wet Fever" at the Chain Drive starts at 10pm. There will be a show, raffle, Jell-O shots, and Mona's Silent Auction.

Sunday, July 10

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.

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 his 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

Sunday, July 24

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at 1pm at the offices of AIDS Services of Austin. This meeting will be the first with our new Club Officers. Join them, hear about upcoming club events, and share your ideas!

Thursday, July 28

Bears Night Out dinner is down south this month. It's pizza time! We're going to *Austin Pizza Garden* for dinner, starting at 7pm (*Bear Time!*). It's down near Oak Hill. The address is 6266 W Highway 290, Austin, 78735. Hope to see you there!

July 29 – 31

Guadalupe Tubing!

Come join us for a tubing trip down the Guadalupe river on Saturday July 30 at 11am. But wait! Gary & Denny have invited the HOT Bears to camp at their homestead on Friday and Saturday nights. See the

article below for more information and a schedule.

October 7 – 9

Back to the Woods... A HOT Bears run at Buzzards' Peak. 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: bttw@HeartOfTexasBears.org

July Birthday Bears

Bill Bohrer..... 7/7
Rob Blanchette..... 7/9
Daniel Sydnes..... 7/10
Roy Adkins..... 7/17
Michael Henderson.... 7/21
David Low..... 7/22
Eduardo Reveles..... 7/23

Guadalupe River Tubing

Come for the tubing trip, come for the weekend, or just stay one night (Friday or Saturday). It's up to you! Note: If you are planning on attending any of this weekend, you must RSVP to Gary at CaynonLakeBears@aol.com. Please indicate if you are camping on Friday and/or Saturday and if you plan to go with us tubing. Gary will make reservations with the tubing folks on the Guadalupe River.

Here's our itinerary:

Friday, July 29

Come pitch your tent at Gary and Denny's starting at 2pm on Friday July 29. We'll have a group potluck dinner at 7:30pm. BYOB Stay the night or just come for the potluck.

Saturday July 30

We'll do a group breakfast on Saturday morning. Bring breakfast foods to cook up and share with everyone.

Gather by 11am at Gary & Denny's home for tubing on the Guadalupe. There is a \$10 charge for renting the tubes. Bring sunscreen and drink. Sorry, no glass or polystyrene (coffee cups) on the river. We'll leave for the river at 11am.

We should return by about 4pm and we'll have a cookout and bear fellowship. The Heart of Texas Bears is providing the hamburgers and hot dogs and Gary will provide the sides. The Heart of Texas Bears will also provide a cocktail party on Saturday night.

Sunday July 31

We'll do a group breakfast on Sunday morning. Bring breakfast foods to cook up and share with everyone. With the fuel of a good breakfast, it'll be easy to break camp and pack up.

Remember: You must RSVP to Gary at CaynonLakeBears@aol.com if you plan to attend this event.



“Best Walking Group” – Austin Pride Parade

Austin’s 4th annual Pride Parade was held on Saturday, June 4th this year. For the fourth year the HOT Bears marched and we had a great time. This year we were having such a great time that we won the **Best Walking Group** award!

We gathered at the TxDOT parking lot around 6pm to put together our “light poles”. We had hundreds of “glow sticks” that we attached to poles and wore around our necks. That, and our Hawaiian shirts, made us a very colorful group.

The parade started at 8pm.

We were the next to last group in the parade, so it would be dark by the time we started marching. We were lead off by our club banner. Next was CJ & Charlie driving their Prowler (think “Bears on the Prowl”) with a couple of big stuffed bears riding on the back. After

the Prowler were 30 or more HOT Bears marching with poles, flags, and smiles.

A big thanks to all the Bears who made this a fun success! See lots of pictures of the parade on the Bears website, www.HeartOfTexasBears.org.



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4TH ANNUAL AUSTIN PRIDE PARADE



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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| \$ | |
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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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July

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>* Sunday July 24 - Quarterly H.O.T. Bear Membership Meeting: 1PM at AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) – 7215 Cameron Road, Austin, TX, 78752.</p> | | | | | <p>1 Unrun – Pigs In Heat – Lonestar Leathermen</p> | <p>2 Unrun – Pigs In Heat – Lonestar Leathermen 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, 78757 512.454.1474</p> |
| <p>3 Unrun – Pigs In Heat – Lonestar Leathermen</p> | <p>4 Independence Day Unrun – Pigs In Heat – Lonestar Leathermen</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9 LVL PWA Fundraiser 10p at The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 512.480.9017</p> |
| <p>10 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 512.480.9017</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 TCC AGN</p> | <p>16 TCC AGN 2p: Steve's Mid Summer Splash Grayrock South</p> |
| <p>17 TCC AGN</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 Bear Jam 2005</p> | <p>22 Bear Jam 2005 TCC Activity Weekend</p> | <p>23 Bear Jam 2005 TCC Activity Weekend 1p: TCC Summer Meeting TCC Landsite</p> |
| <p>24 Bear Jam 2005 TCC Activity Weekend 1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting at ASA *</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 7p: Bears Night Out Austin Pizza Garden 6266 W. Highway 290 Austin, TX, 78735 512.891.9980</p> | <p>29 Guadalupe Tubing 2p onward – Arrive and setup your campsite 7:30p – Potluck Dinner</p> | <p>30 Guadalupe Tubing 9a - Breakfast 11a – Tubing on the Guadalupe River 4p – Cookout and cocktail party</p> |
| <p>31 Guadalupe Tubing 9a - Breakfast</p> | <p>Guadalupe Tubing: You must RSVP to Gary Rogers CanyonLakeBears@aol.com if you plan to attend View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site</p> | | | | | |

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