



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



Welcome Back to the Woods!

This 4th annual campout has proved to be one of our most popular events. Not only for the members of the Heart of Texas Bears but also for spreading camaraderie to other clubs and friends across the state- and in some cases, across the nation. We have a lot of fun, games, and few surprises planned for you with the highlight being a big feast on Saturday night followed by a spectacular show. A schedule of events is listed within this edition of the Bear Briefs. The six month planning process and work done by many members makes this all happen.

Our leader this year, Kevin Knecht, has done an outstanding job coordinating all of the details. He's the guy to see if you have any questions or issues. As he has done in past years, John Cowart and a large supporting cast have got a great show for you on Saturday (John's store, Tapelenders in Austin, has been a strong sponsor of our club for many years.). We have Kelly Stephens, Vince Vasquez and others heading up the games. Shawn Fox and Jon Sofley have done all the shopping for food and drink- a big job. We have Jim Newsome coordinating the Saturday dinner with other HOT Bear members covering the rest of the meals (Eric Miller and yours truly will be doing Saturday lunch). Mid Town Spa has donated the garbage bins and will likely have a huge group camping area set-up near the compound. I heard that others are working on their campsites to win 1st place. (Remember last year... someone did a Christmas Theme?)

There will be many special cocktail parties put on by various clubs and individuals- but Simon Wheatley and Chris Fuller will have their ongoing, regular cocktail party in the red light lounge campsite as always. We appreciate the contributions of folks giving the cocktail parties- they are very much part of the

Welcome from the VP



Hello, and welcome "Back To The Woods"! We are so glad to have you here with us and hope that you thoroughly enjoy your weekend.

First off, let me introduce myself. My name is Kelly Stephens, and I am Vice President of the Heart Of Texas Bears. For those I have met here over the years, it is so good to see you again, and I look forward to catching up with you. For those I have not met yet, I look forward to meeting and getting to sit and visit with you.

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weekend. We also appreciate all of the members of this club and the rest of the participants. You can help by keeping your campsite clean and picking up any trash you see- even if it is not yours. Cigarettes butts should go in the cans provided and cans also have their specific bins for recycling. If we are running a little late for meals or a scheduled activity, please be patient.

Remember: All of the work for this event is done by volunteers. If you like what is going on, please be generous with your thanks. If you have any issues, please see Kevin or me and we will do our best to accommodate or solve the problem.

Lastly: Be kind to your fellow campers. Invite a stranger to share a cocktail with you- or squeeze out an extra space at the picnic table. Join a circle around the fire. Start a group up for a game of dominoes or cards in the pole barn. Invite new folks in and share stories at your campsite. To me, this campground holds many memories, spirits, and positive energy. It's a sacred space in many ways. Bears are known for being an open and friendly bunch- lets show each other the camaraderie we are famous for. You might also look out for me. If I see you NOT having a good time, I will do my best to change that.

See you all at the opening bonfire tonight!

— Peter Reid - president@heartoftexasbears.org

You will also see me (and my partner Vincent) out and about helping with the games, helping to serve meals, and making sure that we make this as enjoyable a weekend as we can. If you need any help finding things, or want to know a little more about the club or TCC, just ask... and I'll do my best to get you pointed in the right direction.

Remember, this weekend is all about relaxing and communing with nature in the company of like minded men. Have as much fun as you want... and have a **great** time!

Woof's and Grrrr's

— Kelly Stephens - VP@heartoftexasbears.org

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 30

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. This time, it will be at the home of Jon Sofley, your treasurer. See the HOT Bear Happenings email for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

Saturday, October 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, October 4

Peter & Kelly will be hosting a cocktail party from **9p-10p** for CTBOL's annual run at the **Chain Drive**. Stop by and find out "Who's Your Daddy?"

"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

Friday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 15

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (Note: caffeine optional). This month we are heading to *Genuine Joe Coffeehouse*. They offer some great coffee

September goes to the DOGS...

During the September Beer Bust, the HOT Bears helped the victims of Hurricane Ike by cooking hot dogs on the grill and donating the proceeds of the Beer Bust tips bucket to hurricane relief efforts. **Thanks** to your generosity, we raised, and donated **\$250.00** to this cause.

Many thanks to **all** of **you** for helping us with this worthy endeavor. And speaking of dogs... We held our second Hot Dawg Daze of Summer celebration at Leonard Schleuter's home in mid September. To those of you who attended the event, "pigged out" on hot dogs and potluck goodies, we want to **thank**

choices and some fabulous local eats! See you there at 7pm. [2001 W. Anderson Lane Austin, TX 78757 (512) 220-1576]

Saturday, October 18

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

Sunday, October 19th

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at **2pm**. The meeting will be held at the Austin Library, Carver Branch, room #2. The library is located at 1161 Angelina, Austin 78702; which is a few blocks east of IH-35 on 11th Street. Their phone number is (512) 974-1010. See the HOT Bears website for a map. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, and share your ideas.

Sunday, October 19

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]

Friday — Sunday, October 24 — 26

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite. The **TCC Fall Quarterly Meeting** will be held on Saturday at 1pm in the Pole Barn.



Saturday, October 25

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.

Sunday, October 26

Bud McMullen is hosting this year's **Pumpkin Carving Contest** starting at **2pm**. He'll provide the newspapers, floor space, countertops, etc. The HOT Bears will supply drinks and 12 pumpkins to be carved. Bring an exacto knife (Dollar Tree has them) and a snack. The **winner** will receive two tickets to any **Zach Scott** theatre production during their current season. Other prizes will be awarded as well! **So bring your creativity!** If you want to bring your own pumpkin to carve, feel free to bring it along! The more the merrier...or should we say **scarier!!!**

It would help Bud if you let him know if you plan on coming. Check your HOT Bear Happenings for the address of Bud's house as well as his email and phone number.

Thursday, October 30

Bears Night Out. Dinner this month is in North Austin at *Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet*. They have something that everyone will enjoy. See you at 7pm (Bear Time). [12636 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78759 Y(512) 258-0395]

Saturday, November 1

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

you as well for your generous support by donating much needed pet supplies to local animal shelters. With Ike's devastation affecting not only people, but pets as well, many evacuated pets in Austin shelters, were taken care of too. Again, many **thanks!!!!** for your support of the HOT Bears and local charities.

Woof's and Grrrr's
Kelly Stephens —
VP@heartoftexasbears.org



Sunday, October 19th ! Quarterly Business Meeting

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Schedule of Events (Subject to Change)

Continuous

- Cocktail parties scheduled with locations and times announced throughout the weekend.
- Judging best of: Individual Campsite, Group Campsite, Most Helpful Camper, Bear In Heat, and other special awards to be announced.
- Help yourself to beverages and snacks from the front of the walk-in cooler.

Friday, October 10

Noon Registration Opens
Registration Cocktail Party @ Ed and Marcus Trailer
5:00pm (Bell) Serve Yourself Sandwiches @ walk-in cooler
6:30 Friday Registration Ends
6:30 HOT Bears Members Only Meeting @ Pole barn
7:00 All Attendees Meet and Greet Cocktails @ Pole Barn
8:00 Opening Bonfire @ Fire Pit

Saturday, October 11

7:00am Early Continental breakfast @ Kitchen
8:30 (Bell) Full Hot Breakfast @ Kitchen- Produced by Ed and John
Saturday Registration@ Pole Barn (or see Kevin)
9:30 Breakfast Service Ends
10:00 Morning Announcements
Registration ends
10:30 Games Begin @ Locations to be announced
12:30pm (Bell) Lunch @ Kitchen- Produced by Eric and Peter
1:30 Lunch Service Ends
Games continue @ Locations to be announced
All participants in the show should have their music to Todd Kinney and John Cowart
5:30 Games conclude
6:30 Early dinner for show participants
7:00 (Bell) HOT Dinner Feast Under the Stars by Candlelight- Produced by Jim Newsom
8:30 HOT Show "I Will Survive" @ Pole barn
HOT Bears Cocktail Party @ Pole Barn (during show)
12:00am Midnight Snack @ Kitchen

Sunday, October 12

7:00am Early Continental breakfast @ Kitchen
8:30 (Bell) Cajun Breakfast- produced by Randy and Steve
9:30 Breakfast Service ends
10:00 Closing Ceremonies @ Pole barn
11:00 HOT Bears clean-up of the grounds

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October 2008 HOT Bears Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 ☉ Rosh Hashanah Ramadan ends	30 7:15pm» HOT Bear Planning Meeting	01	02	03 Cross Timbers Prime Timers	04 Cross Timbers Prime Timers 10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast
05 Cross Timbers Prime Timers	06	07 ☾	08	09 Yom Kippur	10 Back To The Woods 4 6pm» Guerilla Queer Bar	11 Back To The Woods 4
12 Back To The Woods 4	13 Columbus Day	14 ☉	15 7pm» Bear Coffee	16	17 Discipline Corps Retreat	18 Discipline Corps Retreat 10am» 2nd Breakfast
19 Discipline Corps Retreat 2pm» Quarterly Meeting 4pm» Bear Beer Bust	20	21 ☾	22	23	24 TCC Activity Weekend	25 TCC Activity Weekend Bear Feet 1pm» TCC Fall Meeting
26 TCC Activity Weekend 2pm» Pumpkin Carving Contest	27	28 ☉	29	30 7pm» Bears Night Out	31 Bound By Desire	01 Bound By Desire 10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast

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