



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den – Back to the Woods Edition



On behalf of the 120+ members of the Heart Of Texas Bears,
Welcome to Back To The Woods 5!

We are so glad you are here with us for what promises to be another GREAT weekend of Fun, Laughter, and Friends here at the Texas Conference of Clubs land-site... "Buzzards' Peak". The HOT

Bears are one of many proud member clubs of TCC and welcome you to our own little piece of Central Texas.

Now that you have arrived, and found your bunkhouse/RV accommodations, and hopefully set up your tent without any major drama, a little more information about TCC and a trip around the land-site.

Chartered in 1975, the Texas Conference of Clubs long felt there should be a facility available for the men and women of our community to use as a campground, run-site, or retreat. In August of 1983, the Conference purchased a tract of land in Milam County, Texas to be used by the member clubs and others as a place for camping, holding runs or retreats, or just enjoying the great outdoors. This piece of land became known as Buzzards' Peak. The site is made up of tree-covered hills of cedar, hickory, gum, elm and oaks, with ravines, rocks, grassy areas and small wild animals. Since 1983 many improvements have been made to the land site. In addition to its increasing use by the member clubs, TCC now offers the use of the land site to interested community groups for their recreational functions.

One of the newest additions to the land-site is the medical shed at the end of the road entering the campsite. The Heart Of Texas Bears were instrumental in the construction of the building, and will be conducting an official dedication during the run with a cocktail party and ceremony.



Just up the hill and the across the road are the restroom facilities. Go down the hill and further into the campsite and you will find the showering facilities, full commercial style kitchen, the beverage cooler (where you will find all the cold beverages you care to drink) and the pole barn, where the Saturday show and masquerade ball will be held. To the left of the pole barn and up the hill you will be able to hike up to the summit of "Buzzards' Peak" and take in the scenery. Just down from the pole barn is the fire-pit, tent area and the head road up into the "compound" where many a late-night activity takes place. Curious???... just ask around.

If you have any questions or need directions over the course of the weekend, just ask any of the volunteers/members wearing a HOT Bear shirt. They will be happy to help you in any way they can.

So settle in, go grab a cold one from the cooler, and discover why we love coming out here every year.

WOOF n GRRRRS
Kelly Stephens
President, HOT Bears

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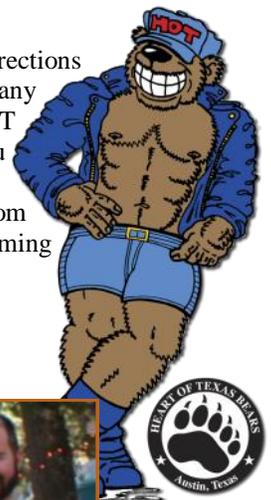
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Friday—Sunday, October 2—4

“Below The Top 2009” — Cum One, Cum All... The annual **Central Texas boys of Leather** run. Join the boys in celebration of their seventh anniversary. Run includes Saturday brunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast. Cocktails receptions, games, run pin and demos. For details visit the web site: ctbol.org/run.html

Friday—Sunday, October 2—4

Touch of Leather camp out at the TCC landsite.

Saturday, October 3

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Ryan’s**. Let’s try something different! Join us at Ryan’s for their great breakfast buffet! [1813 Parmer Lane West, Austin, TX 78727 (512) 835-8366]

Saturday, October 3

15th annual **Hairy Man Festival!** Admission is two non-perishable food items, for local food banks, or \$2 a person. Family friendly, (*not gay*), fun centered event raises money for many local charities! Full day of food, arts & crafts, children’s activities and live music all day. Cat Hollow Park in Round Rock off of RM 620. www.HairyManFestival.org

Tuesday, October 6

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 6:30pm. This time, it will be at the home of Jon Sofley in North Austin. See the HOT Bear Happenings email for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

Friday, October 9

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

Friday—Sunday, October. 9—11

The HOT Bears’ 5th annual run at the Texas Conference of Clubs landsite. It’s

“Back to the Woods 5.” Over 100 HOT Bears and friends will be having a great time camping this weekend. HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw

Saturday, October 17

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, October 17

Bears Bowling. We had so much fun last time...so we’re doing it again! Come join your fellow “Kingpins” as we hit the boards at **Dart Bowl**. Join us at **7pm** sharp for lots of Bear Brotherhood as we take aim at those little white pins! [5700 Grover Ave. Austin 78756, (512) 452-2518]

Sunday, October 18th

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at **2pm**. The meeting will be held at the Austin Library, Carver Branch, room #4. 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 18

Join the HOT Bears for our second beer bust each **3rd Sunday of the month**. Join us from **4pm — 8pm** for \$1 pints on the back patio and BBQ cooked up by the **Rusty Spurs Staff** at **Rusty Spurs**, just west of I-35 on 7th street. See you there at 4pm. [405 East 7th, 78701, (512) 482-9002]

Tuesday, October 20

Live in Texas but don’t know how to “scoot-a-boot”? Then head on down to the Rusty Spurs and grab some **free** lessons

every Tuesday night. Rusty Spurs is just west of I-35 on 7th Street. See you there at 8:15p. [405 E. 7th St., 78701, 482-9002]

Thursday, October 22

Bears Night Out. Dinner this month is in North Austin at **Bucca di Beppo**. Come join us! They have something that everyone will enjoy. See you at **7pm** (Bear Time). [3612 Tudor Blvd. Austin, TX 78759 - (512) 342-8462]

Friday—Sunday, October 23-25

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite and **PWA Campout**. Camp out in the woods and help work on some improvements for the Landsite. The **Fall Meeting** of the TCC will be held Saturday at 1pm in the pole barn.

Saturday, October 24

OctoBEARfest Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** from **4pm — 8pm**. Join us at our home bar this Saturday evening for \$1 German-style draft beer in celebration of Octoberfest. Traditional German fare will also be available (brats, pretzles, etc...) [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

Friday, October 30

Light’s Out at midnight! Come join your fellow Bears as we scare up a good time at our ol’ stompin’ grounds. Join us for lots of Bear Brotherhood at **The Chain Drive!** [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

Friday—Sunday, October 30—Nov 1

Bound by Desire camp out at the TCC landsite.

Saturday, November 7

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am.



Tips for a Great B2W5 Experience

We know you will enjoy your time at the campground over the weekend, but want to offer up these tips to make your camping experience a safe and enjoyable one.

1. When walking around the campsite, be mindful of tripping hazards (tree roots, rocks, tent stakes, etc...)
2. We recommend wearing closed toe shoes when hiking the trails, as the hills can be a little too steep and slippery for sandals or flip-flops.
3. Wear plenty of sunscreen during the day. Remember this is Central Texas and although the evenings and morning can be cool, the sun can really heat up in the afternoon.
4. Although mosquitoes are not a huge problem at the land-site, there are other biting insects that can really be annoying, so wear bug spray as needed. Bug spray will be available at the Medical Shed if needed.
5. In case of scrapes, cuts, etc... head to the medical shed where minor medical treatment will be available. In case of

more serious emergencies, a hospital only minutes away.

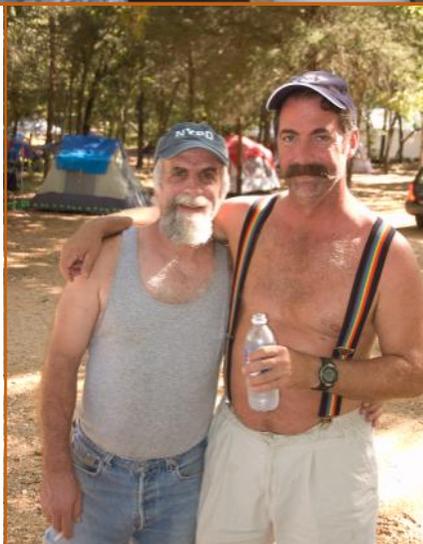
6. We want your camping experience to be an enjoyable one, and want you to have as much fun as possible. But please be courteous of other campers around you and the land itself.
7. If you see a piece of litter lying on the ground, please place it in one of the appropriate waste receptacles located throughout the camp grounds. We want to be good stewards of what we have and your help will make this an enjoyable event for all.
8. Please help us help TCC by recycling your aluminum cans. You can deposit your cans in the container up near the beverage cooler where our very own Beverly Crusher will crush them or place them on the ground next to any waste receptacle located throughout the campground. The money collected goes back into the operation of the campsite. All other trash should be placed in the waste receptacles.

Have a great time!

New Bear-Tenders Certified

The HOT Bears held a TABC certification class & Bear-Tender appreciation party at the home of Jack Landers and Mike Hall earlier this month. We certified and re-certified several new Bear-Tenders who will help serving cold draft beer at our two monthly beer busts at the Chain Drive and Rusty Spurs. After the

event we celebrated the end of the class and all our certified servers with a BBQ dinner and swim in the pool. Many thanks to Jack and Mike for hosting the event and allowing us the use of their pool!



Heart Of Texas Bears present
Back to the Woods 5
B2W5

The HOT Bears is excited to invite you to join us for our 5th annual weekend-long camp and meet at the TCC Landfill on weekends! Plus, 3 days and 2 nights camping under the stars with beer in the woods, all entertainment, food, drink, and a ton of fun are included in our low price. Don't have a tent or trailer? No problem. Stay in the backwoods. A small number of indoor accommodations are available for a modest charge. The earlier you register, the cheaper it is. We had a blast last year - just wait until...

Registration is online
HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw

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October 2009

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04 TCC Touch of Leather Camp Out BELOW THE TOP 2009	05	06 6:30pm» HOT Bear Planning Meeting	07	08	09 Back To The Woods 5 6pm» Guerilla Queer Bar	10 Back To The Woods 5
11 Back To The Woods 5	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 TCC Discipline Corps Retreat	17 TCC Discipline Corps Retreat 10am» 2nd Breakfast 7pm» Bears Bowling!!!!
18 TCC Discipline Corps Retreat 2pm» Quarterly Meeting 4pm» Spurs-n-Fur	19	20 8:15pm» Dance Lessons at the Spur	21	22 7pm» Bears Night Out	23 TCC Activity Weekend	24 TCC Activity Weekend TCC Fall Meeting 6pm» OctoBEARfest Beer Bust
25 TCC Activity Weekend	26	27	28	29	30 TCC Bound by Desire Camp Out 8pm» Light's Out!!!!	31 TCC Bound by Desire Camp Out Halloween

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