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The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

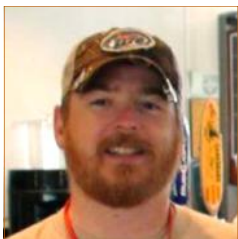
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## From the President's Den



### How "Gay" is your city?

Well... according to the Feb. 2010 edition of Advocate magazine...Austin comes in at #9. Out of the 15 "secondary cities" listed, our fair "burg" rates right up there with Seattle, San Diego, Atlanta and New Orleans. Using "finely tuned (if totally arbitrary) calculus" The author, Mike Albo, ranks the cities based on 7 different criteria such as Same Sex Couple Households per Capita, Gay Dating and Hookup Profiles per Single Man Population and Gay Bars per Capita. So what makes Austin so gay? Mike states, "Iowa City, Austin, and Asheville have more gays per capita than the biggies." And while Austin ranks high in some of the categories, we don't fare so well in others....such as Statewide Marriage Equality and Gay Films in Netflix Favorites. But even with those deficiencies, the author summarizes Austin thusly:

"This counter-cultural lefty Shangri-la in the middle of Texas has been going through a growth spurt. But no matter how cosmopolitan their home gets, gay and lesbian residents will always take their barbeque, two-stepping, and live music culture seriously. Many visitors say that this city's sophisticated, lively

lesbian social scene rivals those of New York and Los Angeles. And the clothing-optional swimming area (Hippie Hollow) attracts thousands of au naturel gays for the semiannual Splash Weekends."

Now I'm sure there are those out there who may disagree with the methodology of ranking the cities and even some who may feel that obvious cities were not included in the mix...and who knows....they might be correct. But even those staunchest of skeptics cannot dispute the fact that Austin is a GREAT place to live...straight, bi, or gay.

WOOFs n GRRRRS

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## UNRUN 6 & HOT Bear Contest — April 9,10,11

Join your fellow HOT Bears all around Austin including *Chain Drive*, *'Bout Time*, and *Rusty Spurs* as we party all weekend and raise money for local charities. We have added NEW events including an Underwear Auction, Happy Hour BBQ, and Beer Bust to our regular mix of fun! See the HOT Bear

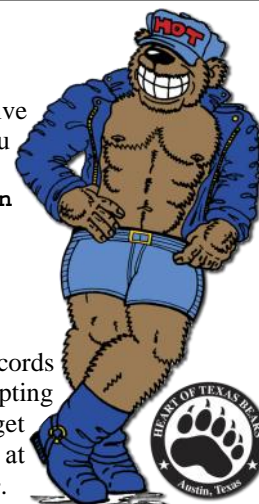
website for more details and a tentative schedule... bring a friend and see you there!

[www.HeartOfTexasBears.org/unrun](http://www.HeartOfTexasBears.org/unrun)

## Membership Roster and Information Verification

An email was recently sent out from the secretary requesting verification of your contact information and your indication of whether or not you wished your information included in the Membership Roster that will be going out starting in April. Please take a few minutes to respond back to us so we can make sure we

have your correct information for our records and inclusion into the Roster per your opting in. If you have any questions or did not get the email... please contact the secretary at [secretary@heartoftexasbears.org](mailto:secretary@heartoftexasbears.org).



### Tuesday, March 2

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 6:30pm. It will be held downtown at the **Rusty Spurs**. Your input will help make the Club better!

### Thursday, March 4

**FURsday — Thursday.** Calling all Bears, cubs, and admirers in Central Texas. The **Rusty Spurs** is kicking off a BEAR Night **every** Thursday with drink specials, food, and fun. Help spread the word to all those who might be interested. [TheRustySpurs.com](http://TheRustySpurs.com)

### Friday, March 5

**Leather and Denim Night.** Join the Heart of Texas Bears at the **Rusty Spurs** for Leather and Denim Night. Leather and denim are encouraged but feel free to wear your kilt if it suits you. \$1 Drafts, \$2.50 well and domestic bottles. **9:30pm** till close. [405 East 7th, 78701, 482-9002]

### Saturday, March 6

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

### Saturday, March 6

**Beartenders Wanted!** Have you ever thought about serving beer at a beer bust? Or do you need to renew your current certificate? Wondered what it takes to serve? Well, wonder no more! Since the HOT Bears are now staffing two events where we are serving beer each month, we've got bears serving beer a total of 8 hours a month. And while the current HOT Bears that hold TABC cards have been wonderful and volunteered repeatedly for these beer busts, we don't want them to have all the fun, do we?! You know that Beartenders have more fun! Now you can too!

To ensure we continue to staff these money making events, we are holding a BearTender Certification Party to certify additional HOT Bear members with TABC Server certificates. Come join your fellow bears and obtain your TABC certification together. The cost is only about \$20 for a two year certificate. The class takes a minimum of 4 hours and must be completed within 6 hours, with breaks. You will be able to print your temporary certificate that day, and will receive your permanent certificate in the mail. Once you have your certificate, as required by law, you will be allowed to serve beer at our monthly Beer Bust and Furs-n-Spurs events.

When we're done being certified, we will be cooking out on the grille and celebrating with all the new and current servers! Please RSVP to [VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org](mailto:VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org) so we can plan a seat for your certification. See your HOT Bear Happenings emails for address information.

### Sunday, March 7

**Spurs-n-Fur.** Join the HOT Bears as we throw a beer bust at the Rusty Spurs. Join us from 4pm - 8pm for \$1 draft pints on the back patio and BBQ cooked up by the Rusty Spurs staff. [therustyspurs.com](http://therustyspurs.com)

### Friday, March 12

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See [SmokingBanana.com](http://SmokingBanana.com) for details.

### Monday, March 15

**Bears Night Out.** Join us as we celebrate a night out with friends! Lots of Bear brotherhood is sure to be had along with some tasty treats everyone is sure to enjoy. [**Pok-e-Jos** - 4109 South Capital of Texas Hwy Austin, 78704 512-440-0447]

### Thursday—Sunday, March 18-21

TBRU—Texas Bear Round Up in Dallas. [tbru.org](http://tbru.org)

### Friday—Sunday, March 19-21

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

### Saturday, March 20

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

### Saturday, March 20

**Bears Bowling.** Join the HOT Bears at 7pm for an evening of fun and friendship! [dartbowl.com](http://dartbowl.com) [5700 Grover Austin 78756, (512) 452-2518]

### Tuesday, March 23

**Bears-n-Beef Nite.** Join your fellow Bear Brothers as we head on down to Charlies. Eat some good food, have some drinks, chat with friends & support a good cause. 6-10pm. [CharliesAustin.com](http://CharliesAustin.com) [1301 Lavaca, Austin 78701, 474-6481]

### Saturday, March 27

**Bear Beer Bust.** Come join us as we throw a beer bust at the Chain Drive from 6-10pm. Come enjoy cold \$1 draft pints served up by WOOFY, FURRY, BearTenders, and music by DJ Mutt! Be sure to join in on the Boat Races conducted throughout the evening! [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

### Sunday, March 28

**Dog Walk and Owner Social.** The weather is getting warmer and it's time to get those pooches out into the great outdoors... and their owners too! Weather permitting, we will be gathering together and enjoying the day. 1-3pm. Contact [VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org](mailto:VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org) for exact meeting location.

## FREE Weekend at the TCC Campground

Ever heard of Texas Conference of Clubs? Buzzards Peak? The TCC Landsite? Back to the Woods? LoneStar? Now is your chance to see it for yourself. TCC Member Clubs invite all to a FREE weekend at Texas Conference of Clubs!

For campers & organizations who have never been to the TCC Campground: Come on out to the landsite on Saturday May 1 and to Sunday May 2, 2010 and be our guest. We will provide free lunch, dinner and refreshments on Saturday, and a delicious homemade breakfast on Sunday morning! There will be daytime activities and a show on Saturday night, along with the regular camaraderie that TCC is known for. If you have already

been to TCC, then bring a friend and you can both get in free.

TCC is located in Cameron, Texas- about 1 hour, 30 min from downtown Austin. We have maps and directions for you. Bring your tent and sleeping bag, and personal items. All food and drink are provided for Saturday and Sunday. Wanna come on Friday? No problem. Just pay the day rate of \$10 for Friday (cash only).

Want To Know More? Contact Peter Reid, HOT Bears TCC Representative: [FlyFsh\\_peter@yahoo.com](mailto:FlyFsh_peter@yahoo.com) or visit [www.TexasConferenceOfClubs.com](http://www.TexasConferenceOfClubs.com).





## SCHEDULE

### Friday, April 9

7pm Meet and Greet @ Chain Drive  
504 Willow St. ☎ (512) 480-9017

### New Event!

11pm Underwear Auction  
504 Willow St. ☎ (512) 480-9017

### Saturday, April 10

10am Bear Breakfasts:  
BakeHouse  
5404 Manchaca Rd. ☎ (512) 443-5167

2pm Frisbear Golf @ Zilker Park Disc Golf  
MoPac, South of Barton Springs Rd. in Zilker Park

2pm Capital Tour

5pm 'Bout Time Happy Hour Cocktails  
& Bear-B-Que  
9601 N. IH-35. ☎ (512) 832-5339

9pm HOT Bear Contest @ Rusty Spurs  
403 East 7th St. ☎ (512) 961-1746

### Sunday, April 11

4pm Beer Bust @ Rusty Spurs  
403 East 7th St. ☎ (512) 961-1746

ALL proceeds to benefit  
Local Charities.

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**For details contact a TCC member or visit  
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# THE HEART OF TEXAS BEARS

## Heart of Texas Bears Calendar

Today



March 2010



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Week

Month

Agenda



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30pm HOT Bear Plan		7pm Rusty Spurs FURS	9:30pm Leather and De	Officer Nominations L 10am Bears Day Out b 1pm TABC Certification
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
TBRU 15 TCC Activity Weeker		6pm Bears-n-Beef Nite		7pm Rusty Spurs FURS		6pm Bear-Beer-Bust
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Events shown in time zone: Central Time

