

# Cowboy Campfire Cookout and Sing-Along

**What is it:** A gathering of fun people around a campfire, where there will be cowboy/western music played and sung, free food (Hot Dogs and fixings), free dessert (S'mores), maybe some storytelling and who knows what else!

**When is it:** 6 pm, Saturday, November 18, 2024

**Where is it:** Park Area Outside Tara Hall

**Who is Invited:** You Are!

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What's better on a cool fall evening than food cooked over a real-live campfire? How about food cooked over a real-live campfire while enjoying and singing along with some good old-fashioned cowboy songs!

For about twenty years, beginning in 1867, Texas ranchers drove their longhorns up the Chisholm Trail, across Oklahoma, and to the rail-heads in Kansas. These cattle drives are legendary and have been the subject of many movies and TV shows. (Anyone remember Rowdy Yates?)

At the end of a long day on the trail, the cowboys would gather around the fire at the chuckwagon to get fed and watered, just like the cattle. If they were lucky, one of their number would pull a guitar out of the chuckwagon and they would sing a few songs about cows, cowboys, horses and the pretty girls waiting for them at the end of the trail.

Well, we don't have a chuckwagon, but we can experience the delight of a good campfire, good food and good music.

We have two guitar pickers (Phil A. and Larry S.) who have volunteered to lead the music; but, anyone who would like to bring an instrument and play is welcome to join in. Also, while everyone can sing along, anyone who would like to sing a solo cowboy song is welcome also.

If you decide to play a guitar, fiddle, ukulele, banjo, harmonica or any other instrument, please let Larry S. know. He will provide you with a copy of the chord sheets for the songs he and Phil have prepared. You are also welcome to bring your own songs and play anything you like.

If a Cowboy Campfire Cookout and Sing-Along sounds like fun to you, it will be! We would like to get an approximate count of how many hot dogs to buy; so, if you plan to attend, please contact either Larry S., Nancy R. or Jean M.



## See You There!

