



July 4th weekend schedule

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| Saturday, July 2nd | | |
| 9:30 –11 AM | Brunch | |
| 10 AM | Petanque | |
| 1 PM | Water Volleyball | |
| 4 PM | Washers | |
| 6 PM | Burgers at the Pool | \$5.00 |
| 8:00 PM—Midnight | Matt Cline Band | |
| Sunday, July 3rd | | |
| 9:30—11 AM | Brunch | |
| 10 AM | Petanque | |
| 1 PM | Golf Cart Parade | |
| 2 PM | Water Volleyball | |
| 4 PM | Horseshoes/Washers | |
| 6 PM | Hot Dogs at Margie’s Café | 2/\$5.00 |
| 7:30 PM | Sand Volleyball | |
| Monday, July 4th | | |
| 9:30 –11 AM | Brunch | |
| 10 AM | Cash Petanque | \$10.00 |

July 4th Observance (from Wikipedia)

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning & once as evening fell on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island.

In 1778, from his headquarters at Ross Hall, near New Brunswick, New Jersey, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers & an artillery salute.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled “The Psalm of Joy”. This is recognized as the first recorded celebration & is still celebrated there today.

In 1791, the first recorded use of the name “Independence Day” occurred.

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Reminder to come to the monthly potluck, 2nd Wednesday of every month and stay to listen to the music by Phil & Phriends in Tara Hall.



**Wear a suit or wear a shawl,
But the Bride & Groom
will wear nothing at all!**

**Come to the Pavilion,
August 6, 2016 at 4 PM
while Tyler L. & Heather C.
exchange wedding vows.**

All are welcome!

Update on Eely Road
Bastrop County is waiting for Luminant to move the fence over 25 feet. County will start work as soon as the fence is moved.

Don't Forget!!

Appetizers at 6 PM every Friday night at the outdoor pool. Bring your favorite appetizer to share!

First Annual Summer Sock Hop

By Larry S.

June 19 marked the first annual Summer Sock Hop at Star Ranch. Coinciding with her birthday, DJ Heather C. worked up a fabulous playlist and kept the crowd entertained from the DJ microphone. The world's greatest songs from the 50's and early 60's had everyone dancing in the pool, dancing by the pool, dancing in their chairs and dancing wherever they could find a spot. Because most of the crowd knew the words to those good old songs, there was a fair amount of singing going along with all that dancing.

This was an experiment in theme dances sponsored by the Council. Judging by how much fun was had, our members can expect more. We are thinking about a Motown night, a country night, a karaoke night and who knows what else. If there's something you think might be fun, mention it to your favorite Council member.

In the meantime...keep on dancing!



Margaritaville

Smooth but Deadly, Magnificent, Not so Muddy, Cherry Bomb, South of the Border, Muddy Ranch, Strawberry Sweetness; what do all of the titles have in common? They are the best margaritas east of Elgin, Texas.

During the Star Ranch Memorial Day margarita contest, our panel of judges had the opportunity to sample some of the finest margaritas in McDade, Texas.

It's not easy being a judge for such a serious event, but our judges held their own and managed not to fall out of their seats as they happily tasted margarita after margarita.

Although all of the entries would make Jimmy Buffet proud, South of The Border created by Roy Franks took top shelf rating, followed by Manny's Smooth But Deadly, and Lara's Strawberry Sweetness.

Thank you all for participating and making this event so much fun. Until next year, keep looking for that lost shaker of salt.



New Chefs



Have you had a chance to meet our new "chefs"

They took over the kitchen &

made anything you want (almost anything) for

breakfast on Mother's Day serving the meal in Margie's Café with a smile! Mike W., David M., Larry S. were well dressed with hair nets & aprons.

They did such a good job that they are invited to come back & "volunteer" again for kitchen duties.



Star Ranch has lost a valued, hard- working resident in Mike Adams. A Sahnoan since 2002, Mike has worn many hats: President of the COG Board of Directors, member of the Sahnoan Council, volunteer in the office, attendee of all potlucks bringing his famous salads, petanque host, champion card player (every Thursday), a friend with a heart as big as all outdoors, and so much more . . . Because of a progressive neurological disorder brought on by a fall several years ago or exposure to Agent Orange or a combination of both, Mike has moved to Temple for treatment of the condition at Veterans Hospital. Diagnosis and

treatment require that he be close to the hospital.

Mike remains a Sahnoan member and he is staying on the Council. He plans to visit Star Ranch as often as possible and we look forward to seeing his Cheshire cat grin soon and often. We wish the best for our friend and will keep him in our thoughts.

July 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|-----|--|-----|---|--|
| | | | | | 1 6 PM Appetizers at Outdoor Pool | 2 9:30 - 11 Brunch see 4th of July Weekend Schedule on Page 1 |
| 3 9 9:30 - 11 Brunch See 4th of July Weekend Schedule on Page 1 | 4 9:30 -11 Brunch 10 AM Cash Petanque | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 6 PM Appetizers at Outdoor Pool | 9 9:30 - 11 Brunch Watermelon Festival Music by the Pool |
| 10 9:30 - 11 Brunch | 11 | 12 | 13 6 PM Potluck with Music by Phil & Phriends | 14 | 15 6 PM Appetizers at Outdoor Pool | 16 9-10 Brunch 10 AM Board Mtg Council Mtg following Board Mtg 6 PM Luau \$10.00 Games at pool following Luau Flip Flop Toss Frozen T-shirt Tacky Tourist |
| 17 9:30 - 11 Brunch | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 6 PM Appetizers at Outdoor Pool | 23 9:30 - 11 Brunch 1 PM Golf Cart Race 6 PM Open Grill |
| 24 9:30 - 11 Brunch | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 6 PM Appetizers at Outdoor Pool | 30 9:30-11 Brunch 1 PM Poker Run 8 PM Karaoke by the Pool |
| 31 9:30 - 11 Brunch | | | | | | |

August 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----|----------------------------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 6 PM Appetizers at Pool | 6 9:30–11 Brunch 4:30 PM Tyler L. & Heather C. wedding ceremony at outdoor pool |
| 7 9:30–11 Brunch | 8 | 9 | 10 6 PM Potluck Phil & Phriends Music following | 11 | 12 6 PM Appetizers at Pool | 13 9:30–11 Brunch Road Kill Judging 5:30 PM Potluck 6:00 PM |
| 14 9:30–11 Brunch | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 6 PM Appetizers at Pool | 20 9–10 Brunch 10 AM Board Mtg Council Mtg to follow Board Mtg. Ice Cream Contest Start Churning 2 PM Judging 3 PM |
| 21 9:30–11 Brunch | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 6 PM Appetizers at Pool | 27 9:30–11 Brunch |
| 28 9:30–11 Brunch | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

Don't Mess With Texas!

For many years, our Texas Department of Transportation used the motto "Don't Mess With Texas!" as the basis for a campaign to remind drivers not to litter, not to throw trash out of their cars, and to use trash receptacles to dispose of garbage. Celebrities, including Willie Nelson, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Asleep at the Wheel, performed in public service videos, emphasizing that we all want to keep our highways clean and free of litter. It was a tremendously successful campaign and "Don't Mess With Texas!" became known worldwide.

At Star Ranch, we don't have celebrities to make videos, we don't have a catchy motto and we don't have a marketing campaign... but we do have folks who sometimes forget to dispose of their trash in the appropriate receptacle. If you notice someone discarding candy wrappers, household garbage, or any other type of trash on our roads or within our beautiful wooded areas, please bring it to the attention of our management, any of our board members or any of our council members.

We are blessed with a natural environment that creates a sense of tranquility and serenity in the hearts of our members and guests. Let's work to preserve that environment and not tarnish it with litter.



Texas Ghost Town

Terlingua, Texas is the proud home of the historic Chisos Mining Company, the original Chili Cookoff (both of 'em), Carroll Shelby's Championship Terlingua Racing Team, and the world famous Terlingua Trading Company.



Terlingua has a population of several dozen, counting the living residents of the ghost town, plus a few neighbors.

Local dining spots abound & area shopping is always an adventure, whether you are looking for souvenirs or fine art.

With all of the roadside attractions, it seems like Las Vegas in the desert—a REAL desert, thus the popular "Viva Terlingua" bumper stickers & reported sightings of Elvis singing in the cemetery.

You'll find everything from a pirate ship to a sand-locked submarine & the Statue of Liberty, not to mention a few weird things that defy explanation.

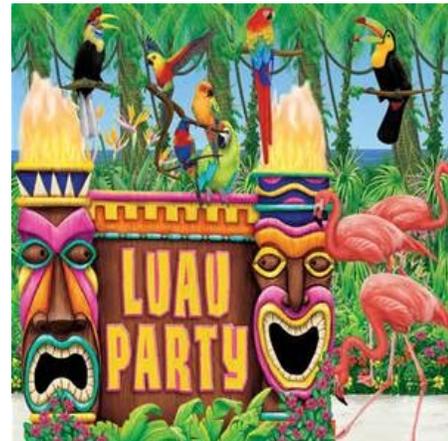
Terlingua has no Walmart, Starbucks, McDonalds, Four Seasons Hotel, Dairy Queen or Radio Shack. Bur sure sounds like a nice "Ghost Town" to visit.



2016 LUAU

July 16 6 PM \$10.00 Tara Hall

- Shrimp Salad Greens Salad
- Ham Pulled Pork
- Grilled Chicken Breasts with Pineapple Glaze
- Tilapia Fried Spam with Sweet & Sour Sauce
- Green Bean Casserole Rice Pilaf
- Grilled Pineapple Mushrooms Supreme
- Hawaiian Rolls "Surprise" Desserts



July & August Birthdays

Susie V. 7/1
 Bob R. 7/20
 Deidra F. 7/23
 Abby P. 7/26
 Milly M. 7/28

Bruce D. 8/1
 Gary H. 8/2
 Shelby K. 8/5
 Joe R. 8/6
 Jerry C. 8/6
 Jennifer M. 8/7
 Susan L. 8/11
 Lou Ann R. 8/13
 Ardeth S. 8/24
 Mike M. 8/24
 Genie C. 8/31
 Myrl S. 8/31

Hill Country Nudists

Nude Boat Party

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Theme: Pirate!

Contact HCN for registration & information
inquiry@hillcountrynudists.com

Early registration deadline is August 12, 2016

\$45.00 per person early registration

\$55.00 per person after August 12, 2016

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C.O.G. Operations

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|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| General Manager | Rod Mc. | Office Supervisor | Pixie Mc. |
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| Housekeeping | Dina P. | Café Manager | Craig Mc. |
| Rental Cabin Coordinator | Deidra F. | | |

Volunteers

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|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Linda M. | Dick & Peg L. | Wanda H. |
| Roy & Deidra F. | DA G. & Debbie J. | Abby P. |
| Mike W. & Jennifer M. | Jerry & Jeani C. | Mike & Jean M. |



Get Well

Soon !!!

Antonio C. David Phe. Yvonne Phe.



Did you hear the one about: horse walks into a bar, the bartender says "Why the long face!?"