

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun



Don't miss out! Support the Ranch at the Garage/Yard Sale taking place on July 4th and 5th! Lots of treasures abound. Like they say, "one person's is other person's treasure".

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It's Watermelon Festival time in McDade!

For those of you who are new to Star Ranch and for those of you who are not so new, the McDade Watermelon Festival is set for Saturday, July 11. It is a fun, small-town fair that includes a dance (Friday night), a parade, lots of food, dozens of vendor booths from all over the country, live music, watermelon seed spitting contests, washer tournaments, bean bag toss tournaments, ice-cold watermelon and ice-cold beverages.

As part of Star Ranch's commitment to our community, we have participated in the Watermelon Festival for decades. We not only donate money to sponsor the event, we also volunteer to manage the beer booth. This involves meeting and greeting our neighbors, selling beer, enjoying the live music, selling beer, visiting the vendor booths, selling beer, playing games, selling beer and having a great time. Did I mention we also sell beer (and other adult beverages)? **This year the beer booth has been moved indoors to the concession building.**

What better way to represent Star Ranch to our community and let our neighbors know who we are! The folks in McDade have welcomed/accepted/tolerated our little community for almost 70 years. This is an opportunity to let them know we support them, too!

We generally start getting everything set up about 9:30 or so in the morning. We shut down around 6:00 in the evening. The busiest times are from a little before lunch to late afternoon.

If you'd like to join us and have some fun, just come on out to the Festival, find me at the beer booth and I'll put you to work. There is no schedule, no sign-up sheet, no assignment, no time requirement. You are free to come by whenever you like, stay as long as you like, and leave whenever you get ready. The idea is to work a little, play a little and have a general good time.

I hope to see you there!

Larry S.



STAR RANCH

— NUDIST CLUB —



★ INTERNATIONAL ★ SKINNY DIP Day

★ SATURDAY, JULY 11 ★



BRING-A-FRIEND SPECIAL
JULY 11 ONLY!
75% OFF
GATE FEES*

Bring a Friend
TO EXPERIENCE
STAR RANCH!



Bring a friend to enjoy
the freedom, friendship,
and fun of Star Ranch!

- ★ BODY POSITIVITY
- ★ RELAXATION & FUN
- ★ RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY

★ **OFFER DETAILS:** 75% off gate fees for the friend accompanying you on Skinny Dip Day (July 11).
Must be a **NEW VISITOR** to Star Ranch.

**RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED**

★ *Space is limited!.* ★

≡ **RESERVE YOUR VISIT TODAY!** ≡



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- ★ **BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED**
- ★ **ALL VISITORS MUST COMPLY WITH
STAR RANCH POLICIES**

*Celebrate freedom.
Enjoy nature.
Make new friends.*



NATURIST LIFESTYLE ★ RESPECT ★ FREEDOM ★ COMMUNITY

Office Update

Site holders:

Monthly bills go out and are due on the first of each month. The Ranch allows for payment without penalty through the 20th of the month. ***Beginning on the 21st of every month, a 5% late fee will be applied to site holder invoices who have not paid by the 20th.*** This is automatically applied by Camplife.

Many members have asked us to automatically collect payment for their monthly invoice. This can be done on the 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th of the month. From an efficiency standpoint, collecting on the 1st of the month is the most streamlined for the office since Camplife will automatically charge the payment method on file if the auto payment option is selected in Camplife. Payment on the other days, up to and including the 20th of the month is a manual process. Office staff go in and collect on the day you have asked us to collect. Either way, office staff are happy to process your monthly auto payment on one of the dates we have outlined that is most convenient to you.

Rob D.
Business Manager

Letter to the Editor

Hello Star Ranch Family!

Tara Vlam here. I requested a spot in this newsletter of ours to send out a heartfelt thank you to all of you! I tried & apparently failed, per whispers, a bit in expressing how truly thankful I am for all the help I have received from you all whether it was financial, time, or just moral support.

I appreciate it & am truly grateful!

Thank you!



Tara

JULY BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, July 17, 2026

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Little Beijing, Elgin



July, August & September Birthdays

July	
7/1	Sean J
7/1	Mark S
7/1	Susie V
7/4	Scott T
7/4	David S
7/5	Sandy C
7/7	Richard T
7/7	Jim P
7/7	Shala S
7/9	Kenneth S
7/10	Melody T
7/11	Marvin K
7/12	Dale D
7/15	Linda G
7/15	Jana F
7/15	Tommy S
7/17	Angie R
7/17	Jim A
7/20	Andrea B
7/21	Richard B
7/23	Deidra McG
7/23	David McG
7/25	Pamela B
7/25	Dionita B
7/25	John M
7/26	Paul V
7/28	Thomas P
7/29	Megan S
7/31	Sierran S

August	
8/1	Cat W
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/2	CM J
8/4	Vicky I
8/4	Stephen C
8/5	David M
8/5	Jonathan T
8/5	Barbara K
8/6	Joe R
8/7	Howard D
8/7	Christina T
8/7	Jennifer M
8/9	Sherry L
8/10	Mary Anne G
8/11	Bill B
8/13	Robert N
8/13	Beverly C
8/14	Tim G
8/21	Don G
8/24	David Lee L
8/24	Ardeth S
8/24	Mike M
8/25	Mo G
8/31	Genie C

September	
9/1	Michael E
9/1	Shepard S
9/1	Jordan S
9/2	Melissa Q
9/5	Stan S
9/5	Paul O
9/6	Crystal W
9/10	Kim D
9/10	Mark B
9/12	Slayter S
9/15	Craig B
9/16	Thomas L
9/17	Ron E
9/18	Charlene P
9/18	Jamie M
9/19	Joe W
9/20	Ranae M
9/21	Brandi T
9/25	Mike W
9/26	Araceli A
9/28	Pat W
9/30	Kent S
9/30	Bob R

Join us in celebrating monthly birthdays with cake at the pool area on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)



Friday, July 3

Hosts - Dennis & Pete
Independence Day Weekend
8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast - Tacos
9am - Petanque PUG **
9am - Pickleball PUG **
12pm - Water Volleyball PUG **
4pm - Cornhole PUG **
4pm - Washers PUG **
7pm - Meet & Greet
7pm - Sand Volleyball PUG **
9pm - Movie @ Pool – “Independence Day”
PG13
****Pick-up Game – No Towels Awarded**

Saturday, July 4

Hosts - Dennis & Pete
Independence Day
8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast
9am – 3pm GARAGE / YARD SALE
9am - Petanque Tournament
9am - Pickleball Tournament
10am - Indoor Games Tournament
12 – 6pm Food Truck
12pm - Water Volleyball Tournament
1pm - WINR Meeting
2pm - Ice Cream Contest**churn where you wish
3pm - Golf cart parade followed by cart judging
3pm - Cornhole Tournament
3pm - Washers Tournament
7pm - Sand Volleyball Tournament
8pm – 12am DJ/Glow Dance w/ DJ Travis

Sunday, July 5

Hosts - Dennis & Pete
Independence Day Weekend
8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast
9am – 3pm GARAGE / YARD SALE
10am - Pickleball PUG

Friday, July 10

7pm - Meet & Greet

Saturday, July 11

Hosts - Randy & Shala
McDade Watermelon Festival
8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast
2pm - Snacks @ the Pool
3pm - Molkky PUG
5pm - Skinny Dip Photo @ Pool
6pm - The 42nd Running at Sahnoan Downs
8pm – 12am KARAOKE! with KJs CM & Jody

Sunday, July 12

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast
10am - Sahnoan Council Meeting

Friday, July 17

6pm - Monthly Members Birthday Dinner Little Beijing, Elgin
7pm - Meet & Greet

Saturday, July 18

Hosts - Clif & Andie
8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast
10am - COG Board of Directors
1pm - Super Soaker Game
2pm - Celebrate this Month's Birthdays w/ Cake at the Pool
2pm - Snacks @ the Pool
3pm - Frozen T-shirt Contest
5pm - Deck Crawl
8pm – 12am DJ Dance w/ DJ Jennifer Y

Sunday, July 19

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, July 24

7pm - Meet & Greet



Saturday July 25

Host - Michelle O

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am - Pickleball PUG

10am - Rock Painting

12pm - Water Volleyball PUG

2pm - Snacks @ the Pool

3pm - Molky PUG

8pm – 12am Karaoke with KJ Mark B

Sunday, July 26

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, July 31

7pm - Meet & Greet

9pm - Movie @ Pool

**Saturday, August 1**

Host - Nancy

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am - Pickleball PUG

12pm - Water Volleyball PUG

1 – 2pm WINR Meeting

2pm - Snacks @ the Pool

3pm - Super Soaker Game

4pm - Cornhole PUG

6pm - Potluck

6pm - Brazilian Carnival

8pm – 12am Brazilian Dance

Sunday, August 2

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, August 7

7pm - Meet & Greet

Saturday, August 8

Hosts - Clif & Andie

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am - Petanque PUG

9am - Pickleball PUG

10am - Sahnoan Council Meeting

12pm - Water Volleyball PUG

2pm - Snacks @ the Pool

3pm - Cornhole PUG

3pm - Washers PUG

6pm - The 43rd Running at Sahnoan Downs

8pm – 12am KARAOKE! with KJs CM & Jody

Sunday, August 9

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, August 14

7pm - Meet & Greet

Saturday, August 15

Hosts - Mike & Jennifer

Parrot Head Weekend

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

10am - COG Board of Directors

12pm - Water Volleyball PUG

1pm - Parrot Head Hat Contest

2pm - Celebrate this Month's Birthdays w/ Cake at the Pool

2pm - Parrot Head Frozen Drink Contest -

Make at Pool

2pm - Snacks @ the Pool

3pm - Parrot on Your Shoulder Contest

4pm - Parrot Head Shirt Contest

6pm - LUAU Potluck - Jimmy Buffett Style

8pm - DJ Dance w/ DJ Mike Love

Sunday, August 16

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, August 21

6pm - Monthly Members Birthday Dinner

7pm - Meet & Greet

Saturday, August 22

Hosts - Randy & Shala

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am - Pickleball PUG

10am - Rock Painting

2pm - Snacks @ the Pool

8pm – 12am Karaoke with KJ Mark B

Sunday, August 23

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, August 28

7pm - Meet & Greet

Saturday, August 29

Host - Michelle O

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

2pm - Snacks @ the Pool

Sunday, August 30

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Mark's Musings

Jackpot

Some of you may choose to debate me a bit on the topic of this week's article. That being the jackpot we all won by being allowed to live in this country. 250 years ago, the Declaration of Independence was signed and published a few days later. We now celebrate July 4 as our country's birthday.

Some of us may considerate it a day off from work, others may feel like it is a chance to compete like crazy at Star Ranch for one of those coveted Sahnnoan towels. Whatever it means to you, you are allowed to feel that way.

For me, that concept of self determination summarizes the American experiment. This Constitutional Republic and Representative Democracy is the best thing going. We are allowed to do whatever we choose. Most Americans view financial success as the dream. Well, not all of us can be Elon Musk.

In my view, success is Star Ranch. To be part of a group that simply longs to make people feel like they belong is priceless. I visited with a couple who routinely travels from North Dallas to Star because they prefer us over the competition.

Stan and Denise are relatively new members who bring baked goods to share everyday they are there. Nothing like a cake ball or a piece of chocolate to put a smile on your face.

I would be remise if I didn't thank Star Ranch for allowing Sandi and I to renew our vows last year on July 4th. If you were there, thank you for allowing us to take up a few of your minutes on the holiday.

Ok, back to our great country: imagine life without freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to vote, due process, Jury Trial and the right to bare arms. I consider the Tenth amendment to be overlooked but very powerful. All rights not specifically assigned to the federal government are reserved to the states and or people. Imagine how those European Monarchies reacted to that concept.

We are not perfect. Sadly, a war was fought over slavery. Women and minorities were discriminated against for years and years and may well still experience such things. We did elect an African American president and have seen two women run for president. Star Ranch, being ahead of the curve, is currently governed by the third woman president in the last few years. For the newbies: Wanda, Crystal and now Jean. I have not fact checked the history with Tommy and/or Gail so there may have been others.

Our Country continues to evolve and grow. I have heard folks say America is in decline. We would be foolish to think that anything can last forever but I disagree about any decline. We are only getting started.

Happy 250th America. I love you!

Mark S

Classifieds

For Sale



2013 Forest River Shasta 5th Wheel Travel Trailer 27RL

Located at Site G5

If interested, contact Bob R at 512-423-8394.

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**Star Ranch After Hours Emergency
Phone Number
512-269-1433**

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, July 18, 2026 @ 10am @ Tara Hall**

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on these podcast platforms



C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Jean M
Vice President	Mark S
Directors:	Jamie M
	Mark B
	Bart W
Treasurer	Mary L

Sahnoan Council

Pete T
Lori & Dennis M
Dan H
Nancy R
Michelle O
Shala & Randy S
Andie & Clif P

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Tim V
Front Office	Sandi S
	Rob D
	Lisa T
Maintenance	Mike M
	Bruce R
Housekeeping	Moe V

Thoughts
Mike W Ray M Craig Mc
Larry C Brad F
Super Dave
Prayers

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because you are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting
is scheduled for
Sunday, July 12, 2026
at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

Note from the Editor

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at jkm8765@gmail.com. Jennifer M.

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