

Town Holiday Gathering

Sunday, Dec. 19th at 4:00 PM

Suzi Murphy's

3317 Creekbend Dr

Garland 75044

Directions

Take 75 north to Campbell Rd.

Turn East on Campbell to Jupiter

Head north (left) on Jupiter

Turn right at the next light just past Big Springs Baptist Church, Heather Hill Dr

Take your first left and follow around the circle to 3317. It's a grey 2-story!

If you want to participate in the gift exchange bring something wrapped and under \$20. Your favorite outdoor gadgets and gizmos are always popular!

Please also bring a side dish to share. Sharon will bring the ham. (not me, the one you eat...lol)

See you there with bells on!



TOWN Meetings - No meetings in November or December. Hope to see you on a hike or at the party in December. Meetings in 2022 will be on the second Monday of the month. The time and location may vary so tune in to the newsletter and on line calendar. We'll post the info as soon as it becomes available!

What? Tour – Brunch – Hike

When? Saturday, November 6, arrive at 10:15 AM

Who? Organizer is Robbie Chandler,

rbbchandler@yahoo.com

(RSVP please) 972-971-6711

Where? Bonton Farms, 6915 Bexar St, Dallas,

75215 <https://bontonfarms.org/>

Tour – Brunch – Hike

Danny, the Bon Ton Manager, is going to give us a personal tour and talk about how Bonton Farms was started and how it has grown over the years. After that we will do brunch in the Bonton café, the food is wonderful and mostly from fresh produce grown on the farm.

This will be followed by a Hike along the Trinity River trail that can be accessed right from Bonton. Don't want to walk, no problem, leave after lunch. Believe me you will not regret coming. I am blown away every time I go.

Please let Robbie know if you plan on being there.

A count is important, so we can all be taken care of.

First Hike of 2022 Join us for a hike on the Chisholm Trail.

When? Sunday, Jan 2nd, 1:00 p.m.

Where? Chisholm Trail. Meet at Starbucks in Creekwalk Village, 801 W 15th St #500, Plano, TX 75075

Who? Contact Shirley Meurer

sameurer@yahoo.com

Chisholm Trail is a hike and bike trail that follows a scenic creek through central PlanWhato. It starts at Harrington Park and travels north and west to Legacy Drive. We'll do the section from 15th street to Parker Rd. Out and back will be 3.8 miles. You can do more or less, there are plenty of choices. A map can be found on this website <https://www.plano.gov/1451/Chisholm-Trail>

HUNTSVILLE STATE PARK CAMPING TRIP- FALL 2021 by Rosie Alaniz

Finally, after months of being unable to gather due to COVID-19, a large group of 18 TOWN members got together to enjoy a few days in the sun, open air, good food and friendly conversations. The first group arrived a day early and was welcomed by a non-stop refreshing 24 hours of rain, (the words “welcomed and refreshing” might or might not have been used to describe that day). The following days ranged from “humid and hot” to “sunny and cool”. We had the opportunity to catch up with old friends, and to get acquainted with new members. Activities ranged from kayaking, hiking, biking, and of course, delicious breakfasts and dinners prepared and shared by all members. Warm desserts were prepared using Dutch ovens and enjoyed around a cozy fire at night. Overall, a classic fun and enjoyable TOWN camping trip! Here are some of our memories...



Lake Raven - Huntsville SP
photo by Rosie



Rosie and Karen - Huntsville SP
photo by Rosie



Beautiful Sunsets - Huntsville SP
photo by MJ

Great kayaking -
Barb, Mary and
Shirley
Photo by Barb M.





Shirley and wildlife
Photo by Barb C. who was much closer to the gator!



Great place to relax
Photo by Barb M.



Great Hiking - Robbie, Ann, Sissy, Lois, MJ, Melanie, Karen and Rosie
Photo by MJ



Rosie, Robbie, MJ, Karen and Melanie
Photo by MJ



Awesome campsites
Photo by Shirley



Photo by Shirley

Who is Barbara Minyard?

By Rosie Alaniz



Barb is a beloved and well known member of the TOWN Dallas chapter. Barb, or Barbie (as I call her), joined TOWN 20 years ago and has been one of the most active members. Her contributions to the group have been incalculable. Barb has been camping since she was a child and has served as guide and leader in her children and grandchildren's outdoor experiences. In turn, these experiences have enhanced our own group's camping trips. Her knowledge of Texas and Oklahoma state parks has allowed our group to visit for the first time some parks that have become among our favorite places to camp, such as Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

Barb is an incredibly inventive and creative person. She is always sharing her projects with the group and most of us have or can name something in our camping gear that she has suggested to use or made herself. Barb is a gifted cook and on our latest camping trip to Huntsville State Park, she prepared and shared the following recipe she discovered almost 40 years ago in a family outing near Austin. Enjoy!

Lake McQueeney Casserole

- 1 lb of ground meat.
COOK and freeze at home.
- 1 can each of tomato soup, Rotel tomatoes, & beans
(black, pinto, or ranch).
- 🍅 & 🍎 to be chopped up before serving.
- Shredded lettuce
- 8 oz. Cheese shredded.
- 1 bag of regular corn chips.

Serves 3-4 people
More people, just double or triple ingredients !

Take meat out of cooler to thaw. Put meat in pot to warm, add contents of all cans, plus one soup can of water & simmer for 20 minutes. Chop up veggies and get out the cheese.

Add whatever else sounds good to you guacamole, sour cream, salsa....

Assemble on your plate with corn chips first or last, whatever YOU like. Enjoy !!

