

TOWN Meetings in 2022
Meetings will be held on the
second Monday of the month.

No Meeting in August.
See you at the lake.

Meeting schedule for 2022

September 12th - indoor location TBD

October 10th - outdoor location TBD

November 14th - no meeting

December 12th - no meeting

Annual dues are \$20 for 2022

Day of Fun on Cedar Creek Lake Saturday, August 13th

Come join Mary & Mar at their little piece of paradise on Cedar Creek Lake. Bring your suits, noodles, floats, sun cream, and lawn chair to spend a relaxing day at the lake. We have some floats and chairs for you to use also. There will be several kayaks available for those wanting to paddle. Mary & Mar will provide hamburgers, and bottled water. Please bring a side dish to share. Remember to car pool, as there is limited parking. We look forward to seeing you for some fun in the sun. Mary 214-316-8960, Mar 214-287-4481 2182 Hickory St. Mabank, TX 75156 Best to put in intersection of Hickory St and Elm St on your GPS. There are several Hickory Sts around the lake.

Dallas + Fort Worth TOWN Groups Joint Activity

What? Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) on Grapevine Lake **PLUS** Lunch and Swim at Barb C's House

When? Saturday, September 10, SUP: 11 AM – 12:30 PM; Lunch and Swim: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Who? Organizer is Barb Cutter, call or text 817-832-0549 Email: bjscutter@gmail.com

Where? SUP: Meadowmere Park, Grapevine Lake <https://gograpevine.com/listing/meadowmerepark/>
Lunch and Swim: 2915 Scarborough Ln. W., Colleyville – About 20 minutes from the lake.

How Much? Admission to Meadowmere Park is \$5 per car. SUP Rental is \$25/hour from DFW Surf.

Details:

SUP Please join our group for an hour of Stand Up Paddleboarding. Bring a board if you have one or rent from DFW Surf. Haven't tried this before? Barb can give you a lesson of basic skills. Wear a swim suit or quick-dry shorts/top that you don't mind getting wet -- we will be swimming! We will gather in the parking lot near the SUP rentals at 11:00 to get

organized and sign waivers. Boards are reserved from 11:30 – 12:30. After our lake experience please join the group for BBQ lunch and a swim at Barb's house. Just 20 minutes south of the lake.

Lunch and Swim If you can't make the SUP event just *join us at Barb's for Lunch and Swim*. The pool is a perfect temperature and there is lots of seating in the shade. Burgers, buns, and lemonade will be provided. Bring burger add-ons, or a side to share. BYO other drink choices, plus a towel and "pool noodle", if desired.

RSVP:

It is critical for you to RSVP to Barb to reserve your SUP by Friday September 2 at 5 PM. Any extra boards will be forfeited at that time. Any no shows to the event will be required to pay \$25 for their unused board.

It would also be nice to know how many are coming to the lunch so enough burgers can be purchased in advance. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Fall Camping

Camping at Daingerfield State Park, October 6th - 9th

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/daingerfield>

We have 3 sites with electricity reserved for Daingerfield where there is plenty to do. On land, you can hike, go birding, or geocaching. In the 80-acre lake, you can swim, boat or paddle, and fish.

Trip leader: Shirley Meurer, sameurer@yahoo.com

Camping at Cooper Lake State Park, October 27th-29th

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/cooper-lake>

We have two screened shelters reserved at the Doctors Creek Unit at Cooper Lake SP. Doctors Creek (on the north side of the lake) offers tons of amenities. You can fish, picnic, swim, boat, paddle, water-ski, [hike](#), bike, bird watch, study nature, [stargaze](#), ride horses, [geocache](#) and camp. There's more hiking at the South Sulphur Unit a short drive to the south side of the lake.

Trip Leader: Nancy Lee, nlee002@tx.rr.com

Big Bend Camping Trip

November 13th - 16th (Sunday thru Wednesday)

Big Bend National Park <https://www.nps.gov/bibe/index.htm>

We had a LOT of scrambling to get reservations in November but we finally ended up with confirmed reservations for Sunday through Wednesday November 13-16. A big thank you to Shirley and Nancy for all your help at the last minute.

We have 4 campsites and each site allows 4 tents so 16 is our max number. If you have changed your mind about going please let me know. I have one person on the waitlist so far. On 3 of the campsites you can park 2 cars but one of the sites only allow one. So please carpool. I plan on taking our tiny trailer but there is a limit for trailer size in Chisos Basin campground. The road into the campground is really steep and full of sharp turns. So check the website for max trailer size. Otherwise you can see about getting reservations at the Rio Grande campsite which is designed for trailers.

Since this trip is a day shorter than originally planned, some of you may consider extending your time by stopping at Balmorhea State Park. It's about 3 hours from Big Bend and may be a good stopover either way. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/balmorhea>

As we get closer to the trip and we have numbers finalized, we will work on meals and activities. Let me know if you have any questions.

Trip Leader Sharon Fahlberg,
sfahlberg@aol.com

Istanbul

After a glorious week kayaking, biking and eating great food in the islands of Poros and Hydra in Greece, TOWN members Karen Turbeville, Karen King, Rosie Alaniz, (and Bear) had the opportunity to visit the city of Istanbul.



Istanbul is the largest city in Turkey and is among the 15 largest urban areas in the world. Because of its size, Istanbul extends into both Europe and Asia. The city is the world's only metropolis to be on more than one continent.

The city of Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, is important to geography, religion, and world culture because it has a long history that spans the rise and fall of the world's most famous empires, such as the Roman Empire, (330-395); the Byzantine Empire (395-1204 and 1261-1453); the Latin Empire, (1204-1261), and the Ottoman Empire (1453-1922). Throughout the centuries, Istanbul has been the center of various religions like the Greek Orthodox Church, the Catholic Church and Islam. Following World War I, the Turkish War of Independence took place, and Istanbul became a part of the Republic of Turkey in 1923.

Istanbul's many historical areas have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. In addition, because of its status as a world rising power, its history, and its importance to culture in both Europe and the world, Istanbul was designated the European Capital of Culture by the European Union.



Bosphorus Cruise



Istanbul Museum of Archeology



Hagia Sophia



Bear in front of Alexander the Great Sarcophagus