

# Bluebonnet Banner

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## Upcoming Events

Nov 25-29 TSA Fall  
Campventure, Red Oak RV  
Park, Hempstead TX

2010  
Mar 23-28 National Retiree  
Rally, Fair Grounds, Ladsen  
SC

May 27-23 Texas Retiree  
Rally, Antique Capital RV  
Park, Gladewater TX

May 28-31 Texas Director  
Fun Campout & Spring  
Campventure, Gladewater  
TX

Jun 2010 Regional Rally

Jul 2010 National  
Campvention

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Founded as National Campers & Hikers Association

## TSA Fall Campventure

### FALL CAMPVENTURE

The Retirees of Texas, Chapter 89, is hosting the Fall Campventure. It will be held at Red Oak RV Ranch just outside of Hempstead, Texas. The dates are November 25-29, 2009.

Here is a brief list of things that will be going on –

Wednesday, November 25

Start arriving. Check in at the registration desk to get information on what is going on

Coffee Cup Hospitality – bring one of the extra mugs you have at home and exchange it for a different mug. Then, bring it up to the counter and we will fill it up with your choice of coffee, hot tea or hot chocolate. Visit with friends and sit a spell!

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings! The ham/turkey will be provided – and we will bring the fixings! Make sure you bring enough for 6-8 people

Afternoon Football – yes, for those who want to watch the games, the afternoon is yours!

Friday, November 27

Teen Queen & King Pageant. If you are interested in running for the TSA Teen Queen or King – or Pre-Teen – contact Charla Yost for information

Saturday, November 28

Annual Business Meeting and installation of officers

Saturday "Souper" Supper. Bring a big bowl of your favorite soup (or Chili) and the recipe to share. We also need crackers, bread/rolls and salads.

Special Entertainment by Troy Arndt of Bellville Texas

Sunday, November 29

Church service for all then time to get ready to head home.

*Hope to see you there!*

*Dawn*

**NOVEMBER 25 – 29**  
**RED OAK RV RANCH**  
**52715 HWY 290, HEMPSTEAD TX**  
**979-826-6339**

Below are some of things that will take place. Make plans now to come on down and enjoy the fun and festivities.



***The “Red Oak Hang-Out” –***

A place to just hang-out! Visit with friends – old and new, play games for fun, enjoy a cup of coffee or soft drink and some cookies.

***Opening Hospitality –***

Trade a cup and we will fill it up!  
 Bring a coffee mug that you already have, we on a table and at the Wednesday Hospitality, mug and we will fill it up – with coffee, tea or hot



will place them all  
 you will choose a  
 chocolate!

***Thanksgiving Dinner –***

A Traditional Dinner with all the fixings! The turkey/ham will be provided for us. We will need to bring all the fixings (bring enough for 6-8 people)!

***Saturday “Souper” Supper***

What is better in cold weather  
 share – along with the recipe



–

than a bowl of hot soup? Bring your favorite soup to  
 – for a “Souper” Supper.

***Special Entertainment by***

***Troy Arndt of Bellville Texas.***

Troy is known as the Trail Boss on radio station KTEX 106. Troy has been entertaining for 30 years and has been at KTEX for 3 years. His songs are from the 60's and 70's or earlier. He sings mostly Robbins, Bob Wills, and other popular country songs. His performance will start at 7:15pm on November 28, Saturday night.

***Tea Cup Auction –***

It has been called many things – a silent auction, a brown bag auction, you name it and it has probably been called that. Purchase a ticket, place it in the tea cup in front of each item that you are interested in. Before the Campventure is over, we will draw a ticket. May the best man or woman win!

***Goodie Walk –***

Always a favorite! Purchase a ticket, take a walk to the music and when the music stops – your number may be drawn. This year we will feature homemade goodies & food!



***Wii Bowling Tournament –***

New this year! This will be open to teams of 4 or individuals. Registration is \$5.00/team or \$1.25/individual. High score wins – prizes for individuals and teams! Form your team now – come up with that unique name – challenge your friends! Times will be set up for both practice and the tournament.

***Pet Parade –***

Bring your pet to the Pet Parade! If they walk, fly or slither they can join us. Show what your pet is made of! Costumes encouraged!

***Card Bingo –***

A favorite – BINGO! Purchase a card or two or 5 and see if you can



win!

***Craft –***

Do you crochet? Scrapbook? Quilt? Any and all craftmakers are encouraged to bring their craft and simple instructions on how to do it. Share your passion with others!

***DAT Program – (Double “Cross”)***

Officers from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and the Montgomery County Fire Marshalls office will present a program on RV Safety

***Vest Requested – Name Tag Required –***

Be on the look-out for the TSA Sherriff! He or people who are not wearing their name tag if you are caught!



she and the deputies will be on hunting for and other infractions. Be prepared to pay a fine

***Installation of New Officers & Annual Business Meeting******Selection of the New Teen Queen and King*** (Contact Charla Yost for information)***SPC – walk that mile (or senior mile)***

Visit with friends – old and new

Check out some of the nearby area (see below for more information)

And even more! Get your reservation in as soon as possible – so the planners can get a headcount of who will be there!

Things we are asking each person to bring –



2 dozen cookies (homemade would be great!) – these will be used in the Red Oak Hang-out

Goodie Walk Items – looking for homemade goodies, candies, soft drinks, popcorn tins, etc.

Coffee Cup Exchange - bring one of those extra coffee mugs you have at the house. No need to purchase one! Go home with a different mug after the hospitality!

Tea Cup Auction – Bring a new (or gently used) item for the Tea Cup Auction. Looking for those unique items!

Craft Items – along with simple instructions

*Also – if you bring a first time guest to the Campventure – they will not need to pay an activity fee.*

## Things to do in Hempstead or nearby

### Civil War Weekend

**Nov 22-23** - in spite of the name Civil War Weekend at historic Liendo Plantation is a wonderful learning experience and an opportunity to see living history. [Check out the videos](#) to see what's in store for you. Civil War Weekend is a fun-filled family event that stresses history as you literally step back into time. Come see civil war battle reenactments, live folk music, traditional blacksmith, and much more. To get all the details, [visit their web site](#).

### Frazier's Ornamental Concrete

Frazier's is one of Texas' best known resources for home and garden décor and commercial site furnishings. For over half a century, Frazier's is the place to connect with the traditional, the unique, and the hard to find elements that home owners and trade professionals seek to obtain.

Situated in Hempstead (right at the entrance to the Bluebonnet Trail at the intersection of Hwy. 290 and Hwy. 6), Frazier's unique blend of unsurpassed selection, on-hand (and by special order), establishes itself as a delightful destination for homeowners, trade professionals, and scores of curious tour bus participants annually. Visitors truly appreciate and enjoy the natural setting (no asphalt) in which our products are displayed and experience a very pleasant and relaxing shopping setting.

COME AND EXPERIENCE how just walking into Frazier's can lift your spirit and, perhaps, change your life for the better.

## Located in Hempstead and the surrounding area

### Hempstead - ½ to 5 miles from Red Oak Ranch

Golf Course – open to the public  
Vanity Fair Outlet Mall – has Lee, Wrangler & Rider clothing at ½ the cost of the store. Also a Bon Fair store is located in the mall  
Brookshire Grocery Store  
Dollar General  
Walmarts  
Farmer's Market  
Junior's Smokehouse, Hinze BBQ  
McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Snowflake Donuts, Jack in the Box, Sonic  
  
Super 8 Motel  
America Best Value Inn

### Chappell Hill, Texas – 5-10 miles

Chappell Hill Sausage Company

Chappell Hill Sausage is a family owned company established in 1968. We're located just west of Houston, Texas in a little town known for Bluebonnets and Country Sausage. Chappell Hill Sausage produces a smoked link sausage in many varieties of flavors. We also produce bacon, summer sausage, and a special spiral honey glazed ham for holidays and family gatherings. Our product is delivered daily to grocery stores.

4255 Sausage Lane, Chappell Hill, Texas 77426 | 979-836-5830

### Brenham Texas – 15 miles

Bluebell Ice Creamery - 1-800-327-8135

**Mon.-Fri.:** 10, 11, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30

#### No weekend tours.

Visitors are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Groups of 15 or more must always have a reservation.

Parking is limited.

Admission Costs (Includes a serving of Blue Bell Ice Cream)

General Admission \$3.00

Senior Citizens (55+) and Children (6 to 14) \$2.00

Tours last 45 minutes including a serving of ice cream.

Please check with hostess upon arrival.

No cameras permitted on tour.

Tours limited to 800 visitors per day.

### Cypress Texas – approx 30 miles

Premium Outlet Mall

29300 Hempstead Road, Cypress, TX 77433, (281) 304-5820

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# FCRV/TSA FALL CAMPVENTURE

NOVEMBER 25-29, 2009

RED OAK RANCH RV PARK  
52715 HWY. 290 HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS  
PHONE 979-826-6339

Deadline to pre-register: November 9, 2009  
Registration Fee: \$10.00  
after Nov. 9 - \$15.00 will be required  
Adult Activity Fee: \$5.00 per adult (pay with pre-registration)  
CAMPING FEE: \$18.00 per day

For more information contact: Catherine Singleton  
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Name\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse\_\_\_\_\_

Others\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name\_\_\_\_\_Number\_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs\_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: Adults\_\_\_\_\_Teens\_\_\_\_\_Youth\_\_\_\_\_

**\*PARKING WILL BE HOBO-IF YOU WANT TO CAMP TOGETHER PLAN TO ARRIVE TOGETHER\***



Make checks payable to Barbara Green

Registration fee \$\_\_\_\_\_

Activity fee \$\_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

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