



# 1st Annual East Texas Caver's Cookout

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Burton, Texas - May 22, 2010

This is an outdoor private event by invitation only. All attendees must make prior contact with the host, David Locklear, prior to arrival.

## Purpose of Event

There are at least 100 individuals residing in east Texas that have a deep desire and love for the natural environment associated with caves. There are probably hundreds of people living in east Texas that are also interested in caves for their natural beauty, yet they are unaware that opportunities exist to meet with people that have a similar interest. For various reasons, many of these people do not attend social gatherings associated with caves because the events are held in the Texas Hill Country, or in west Texas, or out of state.

In the recorded 50 years of Texas cave exploration, there has never been a regional event held in east Texas to unite naturalist who share a common interest in caves.

My goal is to change that.

I have searched all over east Texas, and I believe the best place for an annual gathering is Washington County. Why? Because it is a central location for cavers and speleologist and others interested in caves. It also is within two hours of 10 different college campuses that have students interested in caves.

The other reason, is some consider springtime in Washington County one of the scenic places of east Texas. The rural county roads and the bluebonnets make for excellent bicycling.

The cookout will be held at a private campground. The owners of this camp have graciously accepted my request to host this event.

## Event details

The main event will be grilling some cheeseburgers and served at 5 p.m on Saturday evening. The meal will be followed by a presentation about caves. The tentative show is a DVD that will be either projected on a screen or shown on a small TV.

Attendees will also be encouraged to bring cave related items, such as books to sell in a yard sale, and proceeds from that will be donated to a cave preserve.

All attendees are encouraged to bring a hammock as there are lots of oak trees. And everyone will want to bicycle, so bring that too. You are also invited to stay Saturday night and camp, or come for the whole weekend if you wish.

\*\*\*Directions to the camp will be provided in a private e-mail when you contact the host. \*\*\*

Cheers,

David Locklear, host of ETCC, dlocklear01 at gmail.com