

The Pines Post

Newsletter of the Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks

September ~ October, 2010

Upcoming Events

Sept 16th, “Annual Hot Dog Supper” at Buescher State Park Picnic Pavilion. Everyone is welcome! 6:00PM ~ ???

Sept 25th, Fire Fall Fest, Smithville’s Riverbend Park. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM. Admission is free to the public.

October 21st, Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks regular meeting (held once a quarter now), 7:00 PM at Buescher State Park’s Picnic Pavilion.



National Historic Landmark

A quick note about our Parks

We hope everyone has had a good summer. As you can see with our schedule at the left, things are going to be happening pretty quick at the Lost Pines State Parks.

We will have our events at Buescher State Park until after the first of the year because of restoration of the buildings at Bastrop State Park. They should be done after the first of the year in time for our annual “Souper Supper”.

You will see final updates inside on our very successful swimming program this year. Thanks to everyone involved.

See you at the hot dog supper!

John E Cobb

President
Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks

This from the San Jacinto Battleground/Battleship TEXAS Newsletter



L-R. Craig VanBaarle, Doug Huggins, Mark Braddock

“There’s a New Sherriff in Town”

Photo by Beth Tragus

TPWD would like to welcome aboard Lt. Doug Huggins as the new Region 4 Law Enforcement Coordinator. Doug is welcomed by Park Police Officer’s Craig Van-Baarle and Mark Braddock during a recent visit to San Jacinto. He replaces the position vacated by Ken Ragan, who recently retired from TPWD.

As most of you know, Doug Huggins was our Site Manager for Bastrop State Park and was promoted to Region 4’s Law Enforcement Coordinator a few months back.



Left: Our new Bastrop State Park Site Manager Roger Dolle has now taken the reigns and is busy with Park business. Once again, we welcome Roger to our Park family.

Don’t forget we have canoe and kayak rentals at Buescher State Park. Come out to the Park and enjoy a paddle on the water.



Big News from TPWD

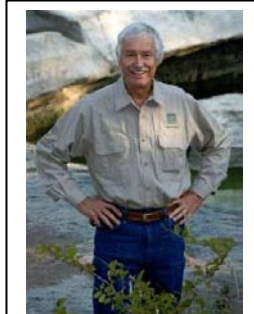


Brent Leisure, our own Region 5 Director has been named the new Director of Parks for Texas Parks and Wildlife. He replaces Walt Dabney who has retired from State Parks on August 31st. Coming up through the Parks system, Brent brings us a new perspective on Parks.



Brent Leisure, Walt Dabney, Bill Dolman and Barry Hutcheson at Texans for State Parks Retirement Ceremony in Austin.

Right: Retiring Texas State Parks Director Walt Dabney. Walt retires after serving 11 years as our Parks Director. Before that, he was Chief Ranger for the National Parks Service. The Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks thanks Walt for his leadership over the last 11 years and wish him a great retirement!



2010 Swimming Program



Sally McQueen, Friends of the Lost Pines Swimming Program Supervisor is shown with one of her classes in August at the Bastrop State Park Swimming Pool.

Our swimming program this year has been a resounding success with 515 students. This is the largest set of classes we have had yet.

We have raised funds to continue the program plus we will be able to purchase needed items for the Parks. We look forward to this next year and hope to have most, if not all of our instructors return.



Left: Xavier DeLeon, one of our Life Guards at our Swimming Program this year. We had 2 Life Guards, 11 Instructors, plus 1 Coordinator Instructor this year. Our payroll this year was \$19,175.00

Our total cost for the program was \$21,700 this year and we cleared \$7,250.

Even with insurance, etc. coming up, we should be able to make purchases of much needed equipment for the Parks.



Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks *Annual Hot Dog Supper* Buescher State Park Pavilion Thurs, September 16th 6:00 PM ~ ???

Hot Dogs, Smoked Sausage, Chips, Beans, Cold Drinks and all the “fixin’s” provided by the Friends of the Lost Pines. Bring your friends and family to meet our Park Staff and our members.

There is no charge for this meal, but donations will be accepted. Make your plans to attend!



Extreme Team Event Held at Bastrop State Park

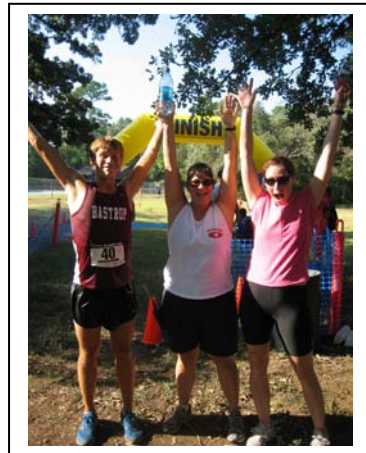
The Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks helped sponsor our Park's entry in this year's event. The Bastrop "Extreme Lifeguard Team" came in first place in the relay at the triathlon. Thanks to everyone who cheered us on and volunteered to make the race happen.

Swim- 9:59- 1/4 mile- Jennifer Bristol
Ride- 1:00:59- 16 mile- Kathryn Smith
Run- 23:01- 3.6 miles- Brady Reeder

The race was very well run and seemed like the other athletes really enjoyed the course. Most importantly there were tons of compliments about how beautiful the park is and what a treasure the pool is.

Jennifer Bristol

Resource Specialist & Pool Manager
Bastrop State Park



Our Bastrop State Park 2010 Extreme Team



Come Join the Friends of the Lost Pines at this year's Fall Fire Fest in Smithville

Saturday, September 25th

Riverbend Park

9:00 AM until 5:00 PM

Admission is Free to the Public

From the Archives

Bastrop State Park has always made the signs and at one time, all the furniture for all our State Parks. This order from 1941 is for furnishings for Buescher State Park

FURNITURE for	
BUESCHER - STATE - PARK	
12 - DINING - TABLES	
40 - " CHAIRS	
10 - STOOLS - for - CONCESSION - COUNTER	
2 - LOUNGE SEATERS	
2 - " CHAIRS	
1 - WORK TABLE - for - KITCHEN	
Purchase out 2 - PLAIN MIRRORS - for - REST ROOMS	

This was done during the time of the CCC and afterwards as well by the WPA working for State Parks