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The monthly newsletter of the Alamo City Rivermen

Padding the fine line between geek and Bubba.

Junction - Llano River – July 3 through 6 Lets here it for the Red, White, and Blue

Next Meeting

July 9, 2008, Hungry Horse Rest.,
12333 West Avenue, near the
intersection with Rhapsody. **7:00
to 9:00.**

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The Alamo City Rivermen have reserved the Patio at Morgan Shady Park in Junction on the Llano River for the 4th of July Weekend, July 3rd through July 6th.

The price of “The Patio” is 60 dollars a day, plus a day use fee (\$5 a day a person). We have rented the patio for 3 days

THE PLAN:

July 3 – Thursday

I plan to arrive Thursday evening to sett up camp at the patio. I expect to arrive sometime between 8 to 10 o'clock PM. I will eat dinner along the road someplace.

July 4 – Friday

For the day I will do some running in the morning and then have breakfast, I could use some assistance on putting up the big blue tarp (20 feet x 30 feet) for additional shade on the patio. Breakfast and lunch are on your own, but as a rule the breakfast tends to turn into community meals.

I am planing on canoeing from the South Llano State Park to Morgan's Shady Park, a distance of about 6 miles. We should leave the patio around 11:00 am, with an expected launch from the South Llano State Park around noon. You'll have to pay for a Park Day pass to park your car at the put in. The float is a very leisurely 5 to 6 hour trip, but expect some competitive Lawn Chair Surfing along the way.

In the evening, I plan to grill on the patio. Each person is responsible for his own food.

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Upcoming Events

July 3-6, 2008	Independence Day Trip on the S. Llano. Morgan Shady Park in Junction.	Gib Hafernick, Gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
July 9, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
July 19-20, 2008	Wild Man of the Navidad Trip (paddle the Navidad and car camp at primitive site)	Ken Bennight, klbennight at yahoo dot com
July 28-August 9, 2008	Big Salmon and Yukon Rivers in the Yukon (trip full)	George Lackey, 15maggie15 at suddenlink dot net, 325-944-0175.
August 13, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00
August 31-September 1, 2008	Labor Day Trip on the S. Llano. Morgan Shady Park in Junction.	Gib Hafernick, Gibguy76 at yahoo dot com
September 10, 2008	Monthly Meet & Greet	Hungry Horse Rest., 12333 West Avenue, near Rhapsody. 7:00 to 9:00



(Junction, continued)

Lavern Harden the Camp Owner has informed me that the City of Junction will once again host the fireworks approximately ¼ mile downstream from our Patio & Campground that evening.

July 5 – Saturday

I will most likely do a pretty serious canoe training run from the Second Crossing to Yates Crossing, an estimated distance of 25 to 30 miles. Generally there is a group doing a more leisurely paddle on the river; I just don't know where. Breakfast and lunch repeat themselves. In the evening I plan a repeat of Friday's meal.

July 6 – Sunday

Breakfast and lunch repeat themselves. I will do some running in the morning, have breakfast, and gradually pack up for returning to San Antonio in the afternoon, taking my time.

ON COOKING IN THE EVENING:

We'll have a bar-b-que pit for community cooking and grilling. Bring whatever meat you wish to cook. Please also chip in some some charcoal to contribute to the fire.

Friday & Saturday Night - Here are a few other dishes I plan on cooking.

Dutch Oven Potatoes – Sliced potatoes and onions baked in a dutch oven. For anyone interested in getting in on this deal bring a potato or onion (whatever you think you will eat) and it will be thrown into the Dutch oven.

Sauteed Vegetable Medley – I will slice up some vegetables and cook those on my two burner stove. Anyone interested in getting in on this should bring any one of the following to be sliced and thrown into the Dutch oven:

Zuchini, Yellow squash, Red Pepper, Onion, Green Pepper, Anaheim, Green Onion or Mushrooms onion (what ever you think you will eat).

SOME INFORMATION PLUS SOME OTHER STUFF

The phone number for Morgan Shady Park campground is 325-446-2580, day or 325-446-2071, night. The patio is situated on river left about 1 mile upstream of the bridge leading into Junction, but downstream of where you enter the park. After passing through the entrance and coming to a point where you must turn right or left, turn left.

The website for the campground with directions is:

<http://www.MorganShadyPark.Com>

The patio is slightly back from the Llano River with a nice grassy spot for camping in between it and the river. The patio is approximately 30 feet by 30 feet and has plenty of shade, several picnic tables and a bar-b-que pit. There is also the high ground above and behind the Patio, which some people prefer for a better breeze and a little more privacy. Facing toward the high ground, the area runs from left of the fence almost to the restrooms/showers. Shade is available as well on the high ground.

There are showers and restroom and we have a nice grassy area for tent camping, plus there are several other sites in our immediate vicinity. There are various options for canoeing. The segments vary from 14 miles to 3 miles. Last year we had several different groups going on different sections of rivers. You can even just hang out at the campsite and do nothing at all.

The cost of this trip is based on the following carefully constructed algorithm: (Total cost of “The Patio” for days rented)/total number of people plus \$5 a day per person.

Note 1: For camping and hanging out around the Patio Adults count as 1 person and children under 16 count as ½ person for computation. The \$5 dollars a day is for both Adults and children.

ZOLTAN’S BIRTHDAY PARTY

We will celebrate Zoltan Mraz’s birthday on the patio on July 4th. As I understand it, he will be 50 years of age. While a couple of weeks late, it is never too late to have a Party for Zoltan. Talk with my wife Saskia about details for the party.

COMMUNITY BEVERAGE PROGRAM:

I particularly fond of a Lemonade/ Gin drink. The recipe is as follows:

4 parts Paul Newman Virgin Lemonade (if not available there are others) to 1 part Gin

To get in on this deal, bring your in-kind contribution and we will add to the pitcher accordingly.

ARRIVING AND COLLECTING MONEY AT CAMPGROUND:

When arriving at the campground, check in with the office and let them know you are with the Alamo City Rivermen. Lavern Harden is the owner, and she is expecting us. I will compile a list of who is attending and then start to collect the money on Sunday Morning. We will collect all money at the campsite on and then turn it over to Lavern. Please have some small dollar bills in ones, fives, and tens. Lavern actually likes our group as we are pretty well behaved, plus we pay her for our group, so be nice and polite when visiting with her.

The Address for the Camp is as follow:

600 South 6th Street / Junction, Texas 76849

Directions:

1. From San Antonio take I-10 west to Junction, approximately 110 mile.
2. Exit IH-10 at the 456 marker.
3. Turn on to Hwy 377 / 83 to come to Junction. This becomes Main Street in Junction.
4. Follow Main Street to the Kimble County Courthouse.
5. Turn right on Sixth Street. (There is no marker to tell you that this is Sixth Street until you go one block. And as Laverne points out, "Well, you wanted to come to a small town!")
5. Stay on Sixth Street until you enter the park on the banks of the South Llano River.

Hope to see you there

Gib Hafernack, 210-492-7517, or Gibguy76@Yahoo.com

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July 26 - Volunteers Needed Blanco Out & Back Triathlon

Roger Soler Sports is looking for two volunteers to assist in their kayaks for the Blanco Out Back Triathlon, July 26, 2008 at Blanco State Park, 7am. Roger Soler Sports can offer to pay gas at \$25 per person or give a \$50 donation to the Alamo City Rivermen.

Date: July 26, Saturday
Start: 7am
Swim portion will be done by 8:30am or before.
Blanco State Park, Blanco Texas

contact:
Patti Mckeever
Roger Soler's Sports
patti at rogersoler dot com

July 27 - August 2, 2008

Great River Rumble 2008

The Route: Menomonie, Wisconsin (Red Cedar River)
to LaCrosse, Wisconsin
(via the Chippewa & Mississippi Rivers)



Pre-trip Shuttle

Baggage Truck



Camping Stops with shower access



Power boat escort on the river

Base Cost:

\$125.00 *

*Shuttle, food
& personal
expenses extra

www.riverrumble.org

Details: GRR P.O. Box 3408 Dubuque, IA 52004 (708) 747-1969

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Organized by Midwest River Expeditions (a non-profit group)

Alamo City Rivermen Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Business Telephone: _____

The Alamo City Rivermen try to keep their activities safe, but risk is inherent in water sports. We cannot and do not guarantee safety. The Alamo City Rivermen disclaim liability for accidental injury or death in any sponsored event. As a condition of membership and participation in club sponsored events, I release, acquit, and forever discharge the Alamo City Rivermen and its officers, agents, and members from all liability arising out of or relating to a sponsored event, even if negligence of the club or its officers, agents, or members is a cause, and even if I die or am injured. This release includes not only actual paddle trips but also all other club events and driving or riding to and from club events.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Membership dues are the same for an individual or a family. As a member of the Alamo City Rivermen, you are automatically entitled to our monthly newsletter and subscription to our email list. Details on these benefits are available in our newsletter.

I prefer to receive the newsletter: (Please circle the one you choose)

Dues if newsletter sent by email \$15.00 Dues if newsletter sent USPS \$20.00

(Note: Newsletter copying and mailing has been our biggest expense; using email frees up money for other activities, including our website.)

Mail this completed form, together with a check, to:

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San Antonio, Texas 78217