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MISSION STATEMENT

The Texas Geocaching Association (TXGA) is a volunteer organization. We strive to be the foremost advocate for Geocaching in Texas and to promote the family-oriented activity of geocaching through a central website, social media, workshops, events and information displays, while encouraging responsible stewardship of public lands. TXGA is committed to celebrating the diversity of our membership in all regions of Texas and beyond. From finders to hidiers, veteran to novice geocachers, our differences allow us to serve and support each other while building a dynamic geocaching environment in Texas and the greater community.

**JOIN
NOW**

[Click here to join](#)

Story Board

TXGA EDUCATION DIRECTOR - THE OUTLAW WAYNE LIND

Back in the early days of Geocaching, you could receive a “Bonus Smiley”, in addition to the actual find, for performing a specific activity. For example, I had a couple of caches that were 50-caliber ammo cans filled with film cans that had shopping bags in them. You could get a “Bonus Smiley” for every grocery bag you filled with trash.

There was a cache placed in our area called “The Picard Nuptials” ([GCJG9B](#)). The cache was a 5-gallon bucket that contained a wedding guestbook for a logbook, a wedding veil, a bouquet of flowers and several packages of birdseed that may have been tossed at the happy couple at their actual wedding. You got a smiley for signing the guestbook, but you could get a “Bonus Smiley” for putting on the veil, holding the bouquet, and posting a picture of yourself on the cache page. Candy (Moosiegirl), Trey (TreyB) and I decided to have Candy make us custom T-shirts that said “Will do Almost Anything for a Smiley”, with the “Almost” crossed out.

We found the cache, signed the guestbook, and took our “Bonus Smiley” pictures. Then, Candy got the hairbrained idea that Trey should jump into my arms while holding the bouquet and wearing veil like we were crossing an imaginary threshold.

We posted the pictures, and for the next year, the “Wedding Photo” routinely made the circuit on the Geocaching.com photo collection.



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Central

Marcellus Cadd (atreides)

East

Kevin Boatman (K13)

North

Michael McKinney (McKsix)

South

Cheri Tummelson (CrazyChickC)

Southeast

Elisa Reynozo (georeyna)

West

Tony Mollhagen (shellbadger)





Who are you going to nominate?

Nominations are accepted Nov. 1 – Dec. 31. Nominee must consent to being a candidate for the nomination to be valid.

Board election results will be announced at Texas Challenge/Block Party event in Floresville, TX.



**TXGA
NEEDS
YOU TO
NOMINATE!**

Board Meetings are held once a month via Zoom.

TXGA BOARD POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

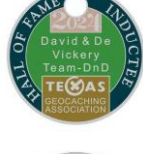
PRESIDENT
EAST TEXAS REP
*NORTH TEXAS REP
SOUTH TEXAS REP
**WEST TEXAS REP

*Incumbent is a candidate
**1-year term due to resignation

For more detailed information on the election process and board member responsibilities, click [here](#).

Section 3 (b): Term of Office

The term of a person elected to the Board will start at the board meeting at the TXGA Texas Challenge event and will end at the board meeting of the TXGA Texas Challenge event two years later. In the event there is not a TXGA Texas Challenge event, the March Board Meeting will be substituted.



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Ten Years of

HALL of FAME

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In recognition of the work that various people have done to serve geocaching in Texas, the Texas Geocaching Association continues to seek valued Texas Geocachers for the TXGA Geocaching Hall of Fame (HOF). Selections are based on service to geocaching in Texas.

Each TXGA Member can nominate one geocacher by sending an email with the following information to bevikingtex@gmail.com:

- Nominee Name
- Nominee GeoNick
- Nominator Name
- Nominator GeoNick
- List of the specific accomplishments of the nominee that you want the Board to consider (Why do you believe this person should be included in the TXGA Hall of Fame?)

Nominations start November 1st.

Submissions must be received by December 15th.

Election results will be shared at Challenge.

For more information on the process, click [here](#).

Deadline to
Nominate
Dec. 15

TXGA's TEXAS 23rd CHALLENGE & 25th BLOCK PARTY

MARCH 15, 2025

GCAMM1H



CALLING ALL GEOCACHING TEAMS!

- **Do you love geocaching?**
- **Are you competitive?**
- **Do you love a good challenge?**
- **Do you love caching with friends?**

**Sign up to compete on a Texas Region Team or
an Out-of-State Team for a chance at the
COVETED GOLDEN AMMO CAN !**

**For more information, click [here!](#)
Registration will open in December (this month).**

About Texas Challenge

The TXGA Texas Challenge weekend is centered around an exciting contest that pits geocachers from across the state, across the country or across the globe, in a friendly competition to see which team can find the most caches and accumulate the most points during a 3-hour period. The winning team takes home the coveted Golden Ammo Can.

T X G A's TEXAS 23rd CHALLENGE & 25th BLOCK PARTY

MARCH 15, 2025

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SWAG PACKAGES NOW AVAILABLE

Tier 1

Peanut Butler

\$30

Floresville Geocoin
Peanut Pathtag
Windmill Pathtag

Tier 2

Peanut Brittle

\$65-70

Floresville Geocoin
Peanut Pathtag
Windmill Pathtag
Railroad Pathtag
Block Party Pathtag
Floresville T-shirt
Pocket Wallet &
Lanyard
Peanut Charm

Tier 3

Double Peanut

\$115-\$120

Floresville Geocoin
Peanut Pathtag
Windmill Pathtag
Railroad Pathtag
Block Party Pathtag
Floresville T-shirt
Pocket Wallet &
Lanyard
Peanut Charm
Water Tower Coin
Mr. Peanut Coin
Evil Cache
Preform Cache
Block Party Pin
Koozie
Goober Raffle Ticket

Tier 4

Totally Nuts

\$165-170

Floresville Geocoin
Peanut Pathtag
Windmill Pathtag
Railroad Pathtag
Block Party Pathtag
Floresville T-shirt
Pocket Wallet &
Lanyard
Peanut Charm
Water Tower Coin
Mr. Peanut Coin
2 Evil Caches
Preform Cache
Block Party Pin
Koozie
Goober Raffle Ticket
Block Party T-Shirt
Block Party Coin
Big Raffle Ticket

**Click here
for more details**

Cacher of the Month East Texas



The TXGA December 2024 Cacher of the Month is from the Rusk area in the East Region. Yeaster is his geo-nic, and he's relatively new to our hobby, having logged his first cache find in the Fall of 2022. He is a full-time college student at Tyler Junior College. In his relatively short time involved in Geocaching, he has found around 160 geocaches scattered across eight states, attended a few events - even driving across the state to attend Lonestar Roundup at Fort Davis - and has one hide so far. The name 'Yeaster' comes from an inside joke in his family. His step-brother was trying to pronounce Easter, and multiple times it came out as 'Yeaster'. Yeaster learned of Geocaching while in Boy Scouts. Their Troop hid a temporary cache under the footbridge in Rusk, and now he is hooked. His first find was "PSC #31 - Union Hill"

In his own words....."My favorite geocaching experience has got to be the first cache I have achieved first to find on. The cache is called Courtin' Around Bradley County, in Tennessee. It is a mystery cache, and I had two numbers in the wrong place on my coordinates at first." "My biggest long term geocache goal at the moment is to travel to each continent and find a geocache on each one." Congratulations to Yeaster!

CACHE OF THE MONTH

NORTH TEXAS

GC Code:	<u>GC6C4XC</u>
Name:	Twist, Don't Pull
Cache Type:	Traditional
Region:	North
County:	Dallas
Cache Owner:	MrRocketMan
Published:	February 26, 2016
Favorite Points:	14

Twist, Don't Pull is a great cache for newbies and veterans alike. Located within Samuell Farm Park just east of Dallas, this cache takes you on a nice little stroll to a grove of cedar trees. Once there you will be surprised at the container. I don't want to spoil it, but MrRocketMan has done a great job with the creativity on this one. Why this cache doesn't have more favorite points beats me. While you find this one, explore beautiful Samuell Farm Park and find the more than 20 other caches that are hidden there.



Holiday Fun and Games in Texas

Solving for these
coordinates will place
you in a Texas location
appropriate for the
puzzle theme!

Solve for (in decimal format):

32.(Vixen)(Vixen)(Donder)(Fred)(Blitzen)(Prancer)
-96.(Blitzen)(Rudolph)(Rudolph)(Prancer)(Dancer)(Cupid)

Midnight Magic

geocaching with myrthman | Sean Rackley



Solving for these coordinates for some fantastic Christmas shopping!

Solve for (in decimal format):

30.(ladies)(geese)(swans)(birds)(doves)(zebras)
-95.(maids)(swans)(ladies)(zebras)(rings)(partridge)



2024 Year in Review

TXGA plans for a great 2024

JAN



Texas Challenge plans underway



TXGA Pres on Geocaching Podcast

2024 TXGA Elections Close

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FEB



TXGA Places County Non-Trads



NTX finalizes Challenge @ Wichita Falls

TXGA Places County Non-Trads



MAR



22nd Texas Challenge in Wichita Falls



TXGA Election Winners Announced





APR

Apr Cacher of the Month



SparkylV

TXGA at Texas Totality Event - Dallas



MAY

TXGA at Geowoodstock XX



May Cacher & Cache of the Month



NanoBanana



GC56457
Casa de Azucar

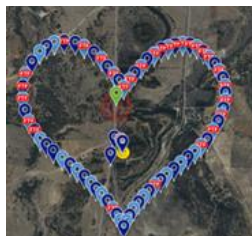
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TXGA Publishes First Newsletter



TXGA Places County RWIGs

Deep in the Heart of Texas Geoart Wherigos



June Cacher & Cache of the Month

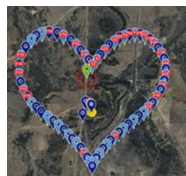


Scooby_Loves_Pooh



GC9D3ZE
7 Special Rocks

Deep in the Heart of Texas Geoart Mysteries



JUL



TXGA at Cachefest

TXGA Places More County RWIGs



Aug Cacher & Caches of the Month



Espy



GCAJH3

Houston GeoArt Series

AUG

Jul Cachers & Cache of the Month



Av8mxgr



GC9ECNV

Don't Let the Birdies (or Bugs) Fool You - TB Hotel



Texas 2-Step



SEP

TXGA Places Few More County RWIGs

Sept Cachers & Caches of the Month



TexBklyn1015
BklynTex1015



GCAKOTI Travel Bug Bench
GCAJB9Z Power Ranger Hotel
GCAJHJP We Got You Covered

TXGA Places More County Non-Trads



TXGA at the State Fair of Texas



TXGA Places Needed County Caches



CITO Across Texas



OCT



TXGA at Baytown Nature Center



Oct Cachers & Cache of the Month



Yira0707
SFC Soto F



GC7MQY
Smoking Veracity



Lone Star Roundup – Ft. Davis Mts



NOV

2025 Hall of Fame Nominations Start

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2024 TXGA Elections in Process

Nov Cachers & Cache of the Month



Nov64
Pritzen



GC1F8K8
Jacki's Toy Box

DEC



2025 Hall of Fame Nominations End

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2024 TXGA Board Nominations End

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Upcoming Geo-events by Region*

Mark your
calendar!

SOUTH

12/01/24	<u>GCB0E99</u>	Cache & Clean
12/05/24	<u>GCB0K6N</u>	Cache and Clean Leon Creek Greenway
12/06/24	<u>GCB0MA3</u>	What's Nearby? 12/06/24 Meet & Greet
12/06/24	<u>GCB0K70</u>	Cache and Clean Onion Creek Greenway
12/09/24	<u>GCB0K79</u>	Cache and Clean Huebner Creek Greenway
12/10/24	<u>GCB0K7G</u>	Cache and Clean Leon Vista Greenway
12/21/24	<u>GCAZ9Z5</u>	11th or 12th Season in Texas-AKA Winter Solstice
12/21/24	<u>GCB0E5C</u>	Solstice Sunset
12/31/24	<u>GCAZ5G2</u>	Goodbye 2024
01/01/25	<u>GCAYWGH</u>	Say Hello to 2025
03/15/25	<u>GCAMM1H</u>	23 RD Texas Challenge & 25 th B-day Block Party



NORTH

12/02/24	<u>GCAYKPQ</u>	D.A.W.G.S. December Meet
12/02/24	<u>GCAZQXD</u>	Plano Parks and Trails Tour 036
12/04/24	<u>GCAZT7B</u>	Plano Parks and Trails Tour 037
12/05/24	<u>GCAZ5CQ</u>	PAGS eats burgers. The Sky is the limit!
12/06/24	<u>GCB05RH</u>	Plano Parks and Trails Tour 038
12/08/24	<u>GCB0HFB</u>	ToGA's Sweet Sixteen Birthday Party
12/08/24	<u>GCAZ6QA</u>	Turn! Turn! Turn!
12/08/24	<u>GCB0N99</u>	Wichita River CITO
12/09/24	<u>GCB0B4G</u>	Plano Parks and Trails Tour 039
12/09/24	<u>GCB0QBA</u>	D.A.W.G.S. Putting the "OU" in OUCH
12/09/24	<u>GCAZCMX</u>	Salem's Cipher: GeoBook Club
12/11/24	<u>GCB0JQ6</u>	Plano Parks and Trails Tour 040
12/12/24	<u>GCB0MB6</u>	MooYAH for PAG!
12/13/24	<u>GCB0M8J</u>	Plano Parks and Trails Tour 041
12/13/24	<u>GCB0GR5</u>	National Cocoa Day (But with pizza!)
12/17/24	<u>GCB0MBH</u>	Now, ain't that just Peachy?
12/18/24	<u>GCB0CH2</u>	Merry Christmas Pickle
12/19/24	<u>GCB0MBF</u>	Let's motor to the burgers with PAG
12/31/24	<u>GCAZHVW</u>	The Last CITO of 2024
01/01/25	<u>GCB0FWX</u>	Garland's First CITO of 2025
01/04/25	<u>GCB0ECH</u>	The New Year With A Bonfire At Our Ranch
01/06/25	<u>GCAYKPM</u>	D.A.W.G.S. Ring in the New Year
01/19/25	<u>GCB0B5V</u>	River Ranch / Chisolm Area Debris Removal
01/25/25	<u>GCB0PTR</u>	"I have a dream..."



WEST

12/13/24	<u>GCB0MWT</u>	Christmas at the Springs # 18
01/17/25	<u>GCAZR5V</u>	Let's Give back to the Community



Upcoming Geo-events by Region*

Mark your
calendar!

SOUTHEAST

12/02/24	<u>GCB0E8G</u>	WCFF #168 – Something's Brewing for the Holidays
12/02/24	<u>GCB085N</u>	FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY DECEMBER 2024
12/04/24	<u>GCB0BF3</u>	CLUB UFO: National Wear Brown Shoes Day
12/05/24	<u>GCB02XC</u>	CITO on a Thursday Morning
12/05/24	<u>GCB0GPN</u>	ABC: Lunchtime Event-Italian
12/07/24	<u>GCB0B06</u>	Baytown Geotour Flash Mob!
12/08/24	<u>GCB05A6</u>	Annual BFF's Holiday Celebration/Park & Gab #200!!
12/11/24	<u>GCB0EHP</u>	Club UFO: Keep Calm & Xmas On
12/11/24	<u>GCAZV1Z</u>	KAWSGE 34 & White Elephant
12/13/24	<u>GCB0NYA</u>	🎄 Caching, Cocoa and Caroling - A Holiday Flashmob
12/13/24	<u>GCB0KTW</u>	Join us for pizza; I mean burritos (X)
12/14/24	<u>GCB0KGE</u>	mmmmm donuts – CII
12/14/24	<u>GCB0KFY</u>	Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park - CII
12/14/24	<u>GCAZPDY</u>	2nd Annual SETX Gang Christmas Celebration
12/15/24	<u>GCB0KGG</u>	Sweet Thing has a Sweet Tooth - XCIV
12/18/24	<u>GCAZR62</u>	Wear Your Ugly Christmas Sweater.....or T-shirt!
12/19/24	<u>GCB0KV4</u>	Woodlands Area Thursday Pizza Meetup - WATPM 2.3
01/11/25	<u>GCAVZ47</u>	🎨 2025 Community Celebration Event: Hiker Geo-Art
01/15/25	<u>GCAZR72</u>	Hats off to National Hat Day!



CENTRAL

12/07/24	<u>GCB00X0</u>	GeoTx Geocachers Breakfast December 2024
12/07/24	<u>GCB05MZ</u>	Geocaching 101
12/21/24	<u>GCAYB3V</u>	Winter Solstice 2024
12/31/24	<u>GCAZWXX</u>	And So, It Ends...
01/01/25	<u>GCA TNJY</u>	And So, It Begins...
01/12/25	<u>GCA TM2K</u>	National Rubber Ducky Day
01/31/25	<u>GCB0B68</u>	Brownwood Caching Connections
02/01/25	<u>GCA TMWE</u>	Texas Geocampers at Lake Brownwood State Park
04/12/25	<u>GCA W143</u>	The Golden Silver Community Celebration Pot Luck
05/03/25	<u>GCA TKGM</u>	The Golden Silver Community Celebration Event



HIGHLIGHTS OUTSIDE OF TEXAS:

02/02/25	<u>GCA KZ9Y</u>	Yuma Block Party
02/15/25	<u>GCA KV1F</u>	Bamarama
05/10/25	<u>GCA HHQQ</u>	Mingo Madness
05/24/25	<u>GCA NXX1</u>	GeoWoodstock XXI
07/12/25	<u>GCA VHMK</u>	CacheFest Hawaii
08/16/25	<u>GCA PFHC</u>	2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Geo-Rendezvous

