

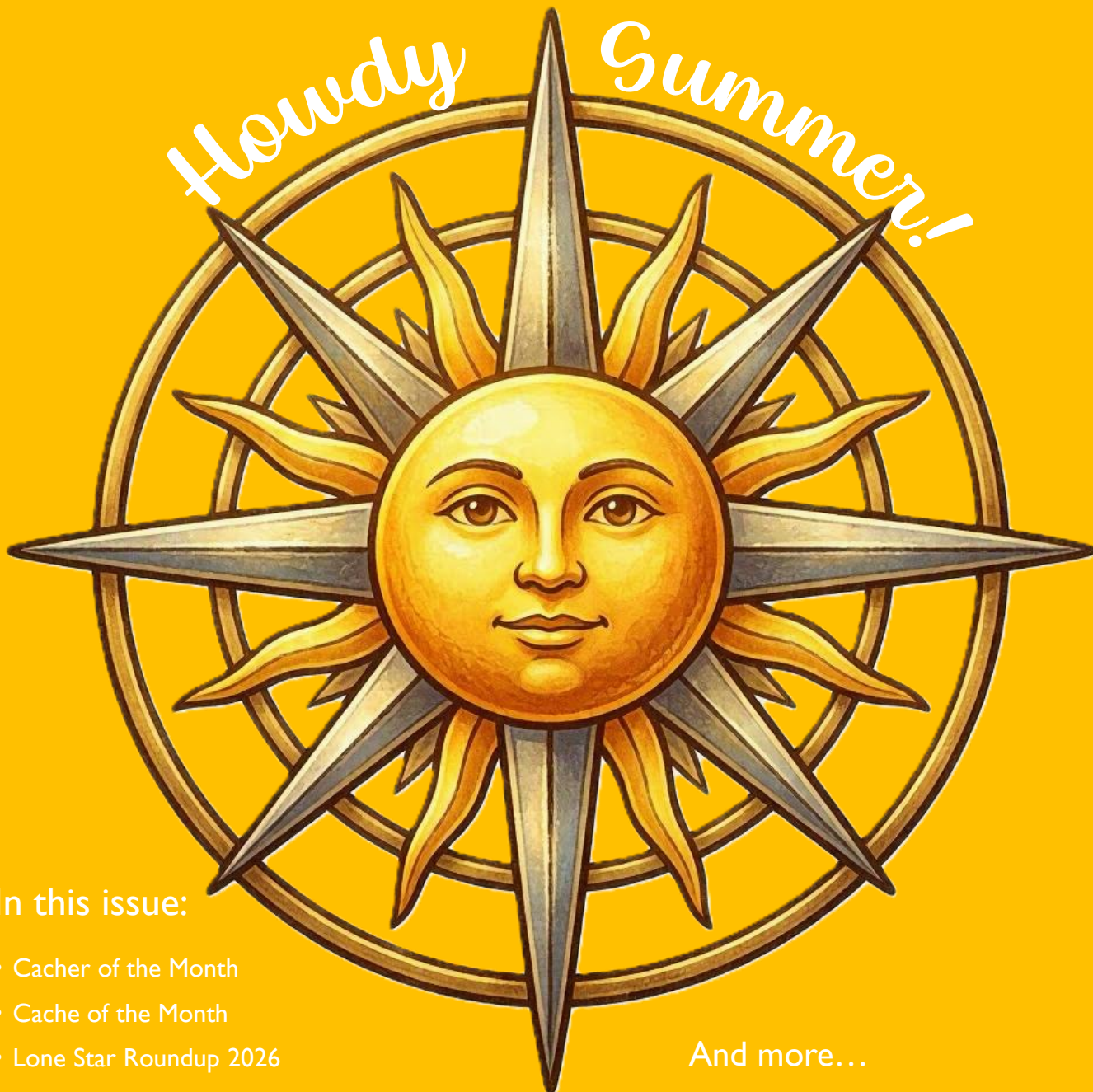


## NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

Geocaching News Around Texas

*Howdy Summer!*



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## StoryBoard

Have you heard about the Ape Cache in Brazil? Check out this story about an adventure in a South American Rainforest!



## Geocacher of the Month

Get to know this fairly new but accomplished geocacher from our Central Texas Region!



## Geocache of the Month

Learn about this virtual cache in East Texas with some beautiful memorials.



## Texas Challenge 2027

We can't wait to see everyone at next year's Texas Challenge in San Angelo. Check this page for more info.



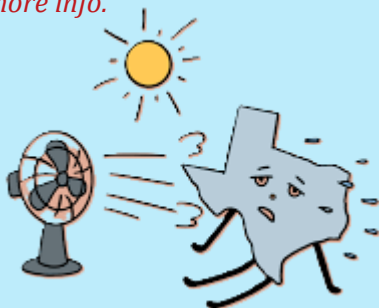
## TXGA Website Updates

Learn about the latest updates to the TXGA website and upcoming features to be included.



## Lone Star Roundup

Roundup has published! Go to this page to get the GC code so you can "Will Attend"!



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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 hidere, 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.*

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**[Click here to join](#)**

*Become a Member!*

# Story Board

*Brought to you by Geocaching Charter Member,  
Dr. Jill*

Back in August of 2025, I stumbled across a Facebook post about a group heading to Brazil to find the legendary APE cache. As a Geocaching Charter Member since 2002, I'd heard the stories—but I never imagined I'd actually get the chance to find it myself. This wasn't just a trip across the world... it was deep in the rainforest, with a guide literally macheting through jungle trails.

Within hours, I found a roommate, booked the trip, and suddenly I was headed to Brazil—followed by a cruise with complete strangers. Totally out of my comfort zone, but sometimes the best adventures start that way.



After landing in São Paulo, our group (mostly geocachers from Oklahoma and Texas) hit the road, grabbed empanadas, found a few caches, and made our way to Intervalles State Park. Remote, magical, and tucked deep in the rainforest. Night caching under the jungle canopy—and even a tapir encounter—made it unforgettable.



The next morning, in a light rain, we hit the trails with our guide and Brazilian geocachers. And then it happened—my 1,000th find at the APE Cache. Every bit as legendary as promised, alongside an incredible GeoTour. One of those days you wish you could relive forever.



We wrapped it up by boarding a geocaching cruise to Uruguay and Argentina—ApeShip 2026. I cached with people who had anywhere from 8,000 to 50,000+ finds, who somehow let me tag along and became lifelong friends.



I've been teased for geocaching and even felt self-conscious about it—but this trip reminded me there's nothing to be ashamed of. It's adventure, exploration, exercise, and joy. Life's too short not to do what makes you happy.

Thank you to my Going ApeShip family. Hope to see you again on the trail. 🧭❤️



*Do you have an adventurous story to share? Send it to [newsletter@texasgeocaching.com](mailto:newsletter@texasgeocaching.com).*

# Cacher of the Month

## Central Texas

Hi, I'm Mistie (ExploreGrl)! I live in Bastrop with my husband and we have 4 kiddos. I love traveling to see all kinds of odd and quirky sites and I love scavenger hunts. So Geocaching is perfect for me! I always explain it to others saying it's like a scavenger hunt on steroids!

I wish I had a fun and cool story about how I got my GeoName. When I was signing up, I did not realize it would become my new name in the caching world. I thought it was just a username to sign in. Now many people know me as ExploreGrl and not Mistie.

I am still kind of a newbie at geocaching. The first cache I found was in 3/2024 and it was located in the section of the cemetery where my grandfather is buried. I ended up spending a few hours finding all the caches in the cemetery. I was hooked! That afternoon I found a challenge that required me to find a cache a day for a year. I started it a week later and made it to 367 days. The first event I attended was the Texas 2-Step Kickoff. I met many great people and knew I had to do the challenge. In February I officially became #388 finisher in the Texas County Challenge, and #53 in the Texas 2-Step. My next goal is to cache in all 50 states and to find the oldest in each state. I have cached in 12 states and Canada.

My favorite kinds of caches are ones that are part of a fun challenge. I always say, "If there is a gimmick, I'm there!"

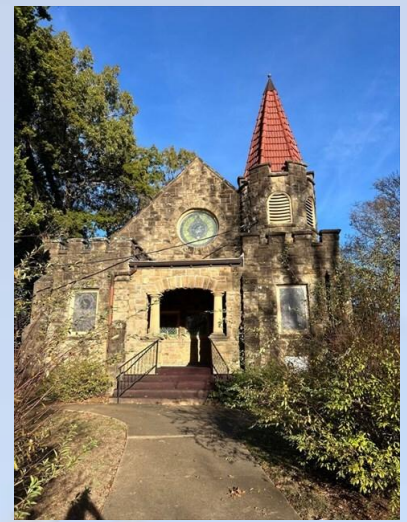
I do most of my caching solo, but I have loved meeting so many wonderful people and look forward to caching with them more often!



# CACHE OF THE MONTH

## EAST TEXAS

The next time you are in East Texas, make plans to visit the town of Scottsville and get your virtual smiley at this beautiful location. The cache will invite you to visit several markers and answer simple questions in order to claim your find.



There is lots of history on the property. William Thomas Scott founded the town of Scottsville and this cemetery. William Scott Youree, the only son of Elizabeth Scott Youree and Pete Youree, was mysteriously killed in Mexico in 1904. The family erected the Youree Chapel on the grounds in his honor. The Scott Family spared no expense in honoring their dead. They commissioned the "Weeping Angel" statue, one of several monuments on site by noted sculptor Frank Teich, for their son's memorial. Additionally, you will see beautiful monuments of veterans of the War of 1812 and the Civil War, also buried here. Posts on the map location even note that Lady Bird Johnson's mother is buried here! Come see this beautiful cemetery!

|                      |                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>GC CODE:</b>      | <b><u>GCAJFR9</u></b>                    |
| <b>NAME:</b>         | <b>MONUMENTS AT SCOTTSVILLE CEMETERY</b> |
| <b>CACHE TYPE:</b>   | <b>VIRTUAL</b>                           |
| <b>REGION:</b>       | <b>EAST</b>                              |
| <b>COUNTY:</b>       | <b>HARRISON</b>                          |
| <b>CACHE OWNER:</b>  | <b>K13</b>                               |
| <b>HIDDEN:</b>       | <b>01/13/2025</b>                        |
| <b>FAVORITE PTS:</b> | <b>15</b>                                |



# COME CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF TEXAS CHALLENGE!

*It's not too early  
to "Will Attend!"*

*More info  
to come!*

MCNEASE CONVENTION CENTER  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Challenge  
Competitions

Finishers'  
Reunion

Waterlily  
Exhibit

Concho Pearl  
Cache Quest

Ice Cream  
Social

St. Patrick's  
Shenanigans

Lab  
Adventures

Geocaching  
Vendors

Geocaching  
Seminars

GeoArt



Big things are happening behind the screen! We're giving the TXGA website a top-to-bottom refresh — cleaner navigation, a sharper Lone Star look, and easier ways to find events, connect with your region, and keep up with everything the Association is doing. We're doing this slowly and incrementally, rolling out improvements piece by piece so the site keeps working smoothly the whole way through. The goal is simple: spend less time hunting through the site and more time hunting caches. Here's where things stand.

### What's Up?

A few improvements are now live for you to explore:

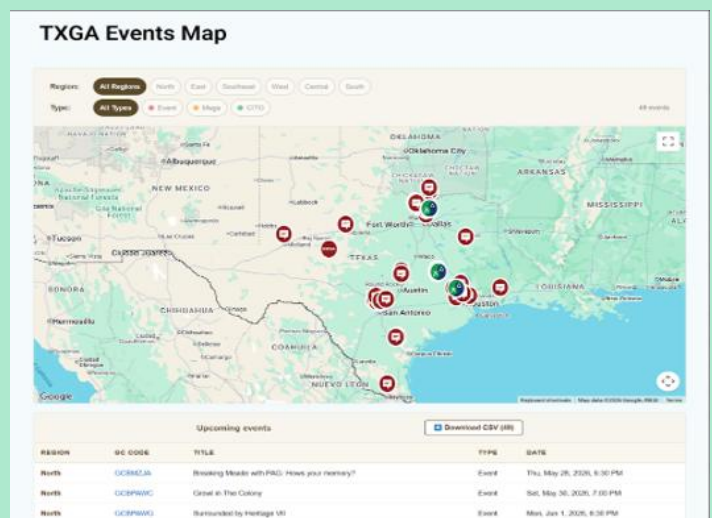
- ☆ Membership Verification tool — Check your membership status anytime on the [Membership](#) page.
- ☆ Refreshed membership graphics — The Membership page now sports cleaner, better-looking visuals.
- ☆ TXGA Events Map — Our interactive [Events Map](#) pulls Texas events automatically every night, color-coded by type and sorted and filterable by region and type, so what you see is always current.



### What's Coming?

Plenty more is on the way as we continue building out the site:

- ☆ New Contact Us page — A new contact experience with topic-specific routing, so your question gets to the right person the first time.
- ☆ Redesigned Hall of Fame page — A fresh look honoring the cachers who've made Texas geocaching history.
- ☆ Recognition hub — Cacher of the Month and Cache of the Month gathered alongside the Hall of Fame.
- ☆ "New to Geocaching?" pathway — An easy starting point for newcomers.
- ☆ Newsletter archive & Texas Challenge archive — Consolidated, easy-to-browse collections.



*Thanks to our IT/UX Director [travelingGeek](#) for the update!*

*Are you interested in hosting a  
CITO ACROSS TEXAS on  
September 19, 2026?*

*Send an Email to  
[CITOAcrossTexas@texasgeocaching.com](mailto:CITOAcrossTexas@texasgeocaching.com)  
with your contact information  
and proposed location.*



# 2026 LONESTAR ROUNDUP HAS PUBLISHED! GCBKXQC



Click here   
to "Will Attend"!



Click here   
for more info  
on Jacksonville

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 14, 2026  
9:00AM – 2:30PM**

**JACKSONVILLE, TX  
NICHOLS GREEN PARK**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP



# MEMBERSHIP GEOCOIN ALERT!



Approximately 200 TXGA Membership geocoins were delivered to the USPS for distribution at the end of May, and if you haven't received yours yet, it/they should be in your hands shortly. The shipments included coins to all members of record who were still due 2025 and/or 2026 geocoin(s). Single Memberships will receive 1 geocoin; Family memberships will receive 2 geocoins.

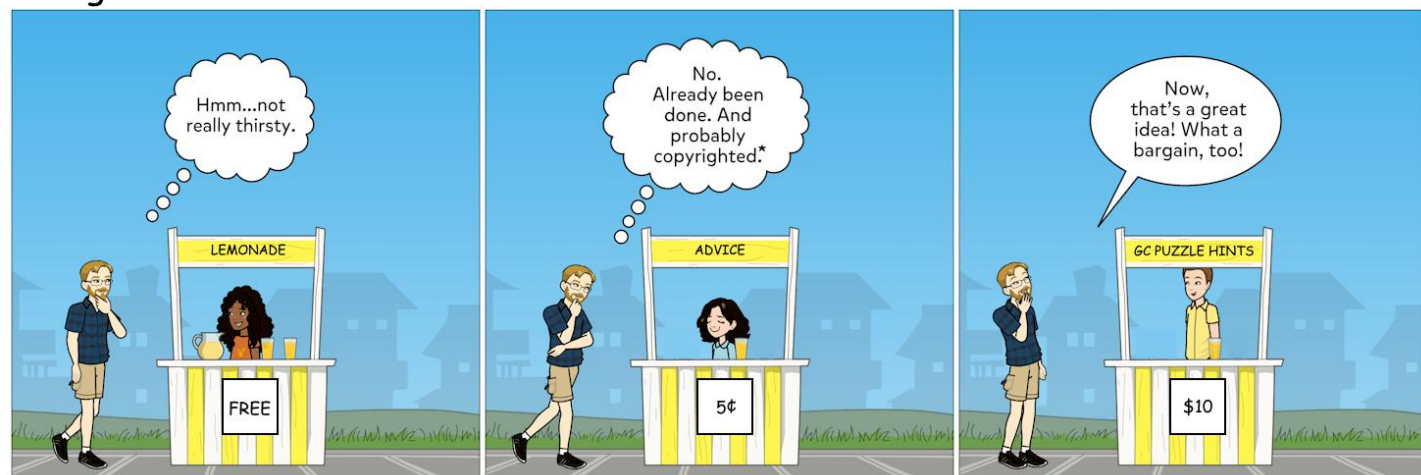
Most TXGA members use SQUARE to initiate/renew their membership. Geoname and mailing address were not required by Square, so we had to reach out to many of our members for mailing addresses. Thank you to those who responded – your geocoin(s) are now en route to you. I will continue to reach out to the remaining 23 members who are due geocoin(s) to obtain mailing addresses.

Annually, the new TXGA Geocoin is available in March during the TXGA Festival and Challenge week. Members who sign-up/renew prior to that time (January 1 to Challenge week) can pick-up their new geocoin at the Challenge event. Unclaimed geocoins will be mailed to members based on their mailing address on record. Members who sign-up/renew after Challenge through end of year will receive their geocoin(s) by mail shortly after completing the application. Reminder: TXGA Memberships run January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, regardless of the day the membership is purchased.

There is a new membership verification feature on the TXGA Membership web page that allows a geocacher to confirm their status as a member for the current year (Thanks, travelingGeek!). Click [here](#) and go to the bottom of the page to enter your information.

If you do not receive your geocoin(s) by the second week of June, please contact me on geocaching.com by message to Texas Greg. Are you one of the 23 member addresses I am trying to find?

*Greg Liffick (Texas Greg)*  
*Director of Membership*



\*with credit for the inspiration to Charles M. Schulz, creator of PEANUTS comics

More of myrthman's (Sean Rackley's) comics can be found at <https://myrthman.blogspot.com>.

How many of these favorited  
SUMMER-themed caches in Texas  
have you found?

| Region | Geocache name                                | Favorites | Size    | D/T       | Last found | Placed on |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| C      | Summertime Frogs Welcome You!                | 80        | Micro   | 1.0 / 1.0 | 5/26/2026  | 1/8/2011  |
| N      | Summertime #2                                | 32        | Micro   | 2.5 / 1.5 | 11/2/2025  | 7/5/2013  |
| SE     | Summer Cachin' #1 ... Bet You Can't Find Me! | 13        | Micro   | 1.5 / 1.5 | 3/5/2026   | 6/15/2011 |
| SE     | Tunnel Of Love - Summer Wood Sidewalk Series | 13        | Regular | 2.5 / 2.5 | 12/28/2025 | 4/1/2018  |
| SE     | Summer Cachin' #4 ... Really?                | 12        | Micro   | 1.5 / 1.5 | 5/15/2026  | 6/15/2011 |
| S      | Countdown to Summer - 105 Days               | 11        | Small   | 1.5 / 2.0 | 3/19/2023  | 3/2/2021  |
| SE     | Mini Roulette - Summerwood Sidewalk Series   | 11        | Micro   | 2.0 / 1.5 | 4/22/2024  | 4/3/2018  |
| C      | Summer Home                                  | 11        | Regular | 1.5 / 1.5 | 3/21/2026  | 5/3/2006  |
| SE     | Cross Roads - Summerwood SideWalk Series     | 10        | Micro   | 3.0 / 1.5 | 1/11/2026  | 3/25/2018 |
| N      | Texas Master Mystery: Escape The Summer Heat | 9         | Large   | 3.5 / 2.0 | 5/14/2026  | 1/27/2024 |
| C      | gnome summer home                            | 8         | Other   | 2.0 / 5.0 | 8/9/2020   | 7/14/2018 |
| N      | North in summer, south in winter.            | 8         | Small   | 1.5 / 1.5 | 1/4/2026   | 3/2/2021  |
| SE     | Summer Cachin' #8 ... Fun with Words         | 8         | Micro   | 1.5 / 1.5 | 3/12/2026  | 6/26/2011 |
| N      | ! Summer Olympics Silver Medal Challenge     | 7         | Small   | 4.0 / 2.5 | 6/4/2025   | 8/25/2012 |
| N      | Summer Showers                               | 7         | Small   | 1.5 / 1.0 | 5/2/2026   | 2/3/2012  |
| N      | Summer at the Creek                          | 6         | Micro   | 2.0 / 1.5 | 4/2/2026   | 3/17/2010 |
| S      | Countdown to Summer - 54 Days                | 5         | Micro   | 3.5 / 2.0 | 7/2/2023   | 4/25/2021 |
| S      | Countdown to Summer - 68 Days                | 5         | Other   | 2.0 / 4.5 | 10/9/2022  | 4/11/2021 |
| SE     | Summer's Cache-FTFC #24                      | 5         | Regular | 3.5 / 2.0 | 11/23/2024 | 6/18/2006 |

Don't forget to subscribe to our channel on  
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## Upcoming Geo-events by Region\*



| Region    | GC Code | Title                                              | Type  | Date                        |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Central   | GCBP9MB | GeoTex Geocachers Breakfast June 2026              | Event | Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 8:30 AM   |
| Central   | GCBFER0 | Summer Solstice 2026                               | Event | Sun, Jun 21, 2026, 6:00 PM  |
| East      | GCBKXQC | 2026 TXGA Lone Star Roundup                        | Event | Sat, Nov 14, 2026, 9:00 AM  |
| North     | GCBPAWG | Surrounded by Heritage VII                         | Event | Mon, Jun 1, 2026, 6:30 PM   |
| North     | GCBP5WD | First Friday Breakfast Club - June                 | Event | Fri, Jun 5, 2026, 10:00 AM  |
| North     | GCBQCBM | Mapleridge Cleanup                                 | CITO  | Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 9:00 AM   |
| North     | GCBQDXZ | DAWGS get deep                                     | Event | Mon, Jun 8, 2026, 6:30 PM   |
| North     | GCBP5VJ | Football and Geocaching Meet and Greet             | Event | Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 11:30 AM |
| North     | GCBN19Y | 2000-2009 music group trivia with PAG at the Oak!  | Event | Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 6:30 PM  |
| North     | GCBPY7C | Another Port of call for the DAWGS                 | Event | Mon, Jun 15, 2026, 6:30 PM  |
| North     | GCBN0ZB | PAG visits 903 Brewers:GAME nite-80's movie trivia | Event | Thu, Jun 18, 2026, 6:30 PM  |
| North     | GCBP753 | Arm(or) Yourself with PAG                          | Event | Sat, Jun 20, 2026, 11:30 AM |
| North     | GCBPZR6 | 2026.06.22 - D.A.W.G.S, Who's Your Wing Daddy?     | Event | Mon, Jun 22, 2026, 7:00 PM  |
| North     | GCBQDVM | A CITO in the park                                 | CITO  | Thu, Jun 25, 2026, 8:30 AM  |
| North     | GCBNFYX | Honoring 250 Years of America – Texoma Style       | Event | Sat, Jul 4, 2026, 6:00 PM   |
| North     | GCBPXB2 | 7*06 DAWGS Celebrate Malts and Stuff               | Event | Mon, Jul 6, 2026, 7:00 PM   |
| South     | GCBPZHH | Mid Week Meetup                                    | Event | Wed, Jun 3, 2026, 7:00 PM   |
| South     | GCBPNRD | Dinner with the Coolest Cachers in San Antonio!    | Event | Mon, Jun 8, 2026, 6:00 PM   |
| South     | GCBPNQT | It's Time for Caffeine and Geochatting!            | Event | Tue, Jun 9, 2026, 11:00 AM  |
| South     | GCBQAZW | Let's Chat and Chew                                | Event | Fri, Jun 12, 2026, 11:30 AM |
| South     | GCBQHV7 | GeoGeoGeoGeo.....                                  | Event | Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 5:00 PM  |
| South     | GCBQFA2 | Monday Milkshakes                                  | Event | Mon, Jun 15, 2026, 1:30 PM  |
| South     | GCBQFAV | Wackadoodle Wednesday                              | Event | Wed, Jun 17, 2026, 1:30 PM  |
| South     | GCBQ6QN | Anal Glaucoma Support Group                        | Event | Tue, Jun 23, 2026, 9:00 AM  |
| South     | GCBP41X | Off the wall!                                      | Event | Fri, Jul 3, 2026, 7:00 PM   |
| South     | GCBP406 | Texas Geocampers @ Lake Corpus Christi State Park  | Event | Sat, Jul 4, 2026, 6:30 PM   |
| Southeast | GCBPYCD | WCFF #186                                          | Event | Mon, Jun 1, 2026, 6:00 PM   |
| Southeast | GCBPNGH | FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY JUNE 2026               | Event | Mon, Jun 1, 2026, 6:00 PM   |
| Southeast | GCBPZFZ | Club UFO - Bad Axe Jet Chase                       | Event | Wed, Jun 3, 2026, 11:00 AM  |
| Southeast | GCBPQFT | mmmmm donuts - CXXIV                               | Event | Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 7:00 AM   |
| Southeast | GCBPQEA | Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park CXXIV       | CITO  | Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 8:00 AM   |
| Southeast | GCBPWDP | Breakfast with a Geocacher #14                     | Event | Sun, Jun 7, 2026, 8:00 AM   |
| Southeast | GCBPW8E | Brazos Valley Geocachers Lunch #2                  | Event | Tue, Jun 9, 2026, 11:45 AM  |
| Southeast | GCBPKF2 | SE Geofriends FTF 46                               | Event | Tue, Jun 9, 2026, 6:30 PM   |
| Southeast | GCBQ93E | Navystud in Aggieland                              | Event | Sat, Jun 13, 2026, 11:30 AM |
| Southeast | GCBKZY2 | World Tessellation Day                             | Event | Wed, Jun 17, 2026, 11:00 AM |
| Southeast | GCBQEQD | Park & Gab: 218th Edition                          | Event | Tue, Jun 30, 2026, 6:00 PM  |
| West      | GCBQCB9 | West Region Meet Up - Midland                      | Event | Sat, Jun 6, 2026, 12:30 PM  |
| West      | GCBQD9N | Solstice and Salsa - Abilene                       | Event | Sun, Jun 21, 2026, 5:00 PM  |
| West      | GCBM0V0 | 25th Annual Texas Challenge & Geocaching Festival  | Mega  | Sat, Mar 13, 2027, 8:00 AM  |