

Drifter's Bend Spring Rendezvous

May 13th – 16th, 2021

The Gunfighters Ranch

Invites you to the Old West Town site of Drifter's Bend for our annual Spring Rendezvous.
This is a Pre-1840s Event. Texicans and Austin's Ranging Company Men Welcome

Period Correct attire required for all participants.
The Goal is to step Back in Time to the Fur Trade Era
Gear, Trappings, Saddles & Tack, Weapons, and Camps should reflect the proper Genre'.

Limited RV spots available (Call and Confirm with Segundo)
Vendor area for Non-Period Traders is available. Must provide own tables and set up
Access to Period Encampment after Public hours requires period attire.

FEES

Camp Fee : \$10 includes Trade Blanket
Traders Fee (includes Camp Fee) : \$20
Vendor (Non-Period Trader) : \$25 + Prize Donation
Walk Ins : \$5 (May compete in Contests)

CONTEST FEES

Contest Fee : \$5 + Blanket Prize
Includes - Rifle * Archery * Pistol * Hawk * Knife * Fire Starting
Traditional Arms * Open Iron Sights * Patched Round Ball * All Loading From Pouch
Primitive Archery (bonus for all natural materials)
Ruling of Range Officer Is Final On All Competition Issues

Dutch Oven Cook Off – Fee : \$5 (Signature Entry and/or Desert Dish)
Period Cooking Equipment Only - Cast iron, dutch ovens, fry pan/skillet, etc..
Dish donated to Saturday night Pot Luck after Judging

- * Water Available * Outhouses on Site * No Loaded Guns in Camp *
- * Fire Pit Okay - Be prepared for Fire Box if Burn Ban becomes in effect *
- * Fire Bucket in All Camps * Pets Under Control At All Times *
- * Bring your own Fire Wood (May gather dead fall) *

Awards Presented for Various Events, Camps, and Characters
50/50 Drawing and Door Prizes

For Additional Information Contact

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Segundo /Ranch Owner David Mathews 817-818-7667
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Schedule of Events:

Early Set-Up available on Wednesday, May 5th * Ranch will be Open 10am - 6pm
Regular Set-up Thursday, May 6th * 10am – 6pm * Late arrival Set-up Friday May 7th 6am – 10am
Please unload and set up in a timely manner, then move vehicles to Parking Area.
All Vehicles Must Be clear of encampment area by 10am on Friday Morning.
No Vehicles in camp from 10am Friday Morning until 11:00 AM Sunday Morning
Entry only on foot, wagon, or mount during this time

Thursday May 13th

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM : Fun Day – Open to Public
Muzzleloading, Hawk & Knife Throwing, and Fire Starting Demonstrations.
Living History Camp and Character Presentations, Early Trade Day
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM : Ranges Open for Practice
6:00 PM : Meet & Greet and Participant Meeting Texas BBQ hosted by the Gunfighters Ranch-Hands

Friday May 14th

8:30 AM Opening Ceremony	10:00 AM Open to Public
10:30 AM Muzzleloading Matches Begin	1:00 PM Camp and Character Presentations
2:30 PM Hawk & Knife	4:00 PM Archery
5:00 PM Fire Starting	6:00 PM Closed to Public

Saturday May 15th

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Step Back in Time (Camp and Character Portrayal Judging)
10:00 AM Open to Public
10:30 AM Muzzleloading Matches Begin
1:00 PM Hawk & Knife
2:30 PM Archery
3:30 PM Fire Starting
5:00 PM Closed to Public * Special Event (Mountain Man Mosey) Details TBA
6:00 PM Potluck Dinner and Dutch Oven Cook Off (Best Signature Entry and Best Desert Awarded) Bring a main dish or side and join in on the feast, fellowship, and story telling

Sunday May 16th

8:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship
10:00 AM 50/50 Drawing, Award Presentations for Camps and Character Portrayals
Match Awards for all Contests Presented
11:00 AM Pack Up and Drift (Ranch will remain Open till 5:00 PM)

Location Info.

Gunfighters Ranch 2883 County Road 178, Gainesville, Texas 76240
GPS Coordinates 33.630550 – 97.029162

From I-35 in Gainesville, Take HWY 82 East approx. 7 miles. Turn South on FM 678
Go approx. 1 mile to CR 178 (At Rawls Ranch). Turn West on CR 178
Go approx. 1.2 miles. Ranch is on the North side of the Road

From I-75 in Sherman, Take HWY 82 West approx. 25 miles. Turn South on FM 678
Go approx. 1 mile to CR 178 (At Rawls Ranch). Turn West on CR 178
Go approx. 1.2 miles. Ranch is on the North side of the Road