

The Original Story of How the Festival Started



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From his vantage point high atop a moss-hung oak, Willie Man-Chew rested from his long search for a perfect home and surveyed the scene below. Here, in the early summer of 1981, the sight and sounds that greeted him were a delight to his senses. There were healthy, tanned humans playing ball, swimming in an Olympic-sized swimming pool, enjoying state-of-the-art playground equipment, laughing and having fun. Willie's discerning eye noted the lush greenery surrounding the homes and schools in the neighborhood. Springing, as he does from the finest bloodlines in southern Brazoria County, he realized that he had, at last, found the land of his dreams.

Willie quickly marshaled a group of humans as his official goodwill ambassadors and began preparations for the first of the annual festivals that honor him and his fellow mosquitoes the last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of July each year. These ambassadors, whom Willie affectionately and jokingly calls his "Swat Team" present three fun filled days of special events, games, food, carnival rides, and contests, craft booths, cookoffs and much, much more.



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Ya'll come down to Clute, Texas and join us just for the fun of it! Visit us www.mosquitofestival.com.

July 29, 30, 31, 2010
Thurs., Fri., & Sat.

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THE GREAT TEXAS MOSQUITO FESTIVAL

The Great Texas Mosquito Festival is approaching its 30th Annual Festival, scheduled for July 29, 30, & 31, 2010 in Clute, Texas (55 miles southeast of Houston). The festival was started to promote and encourage tourism in the City of Clute. Over the years, the festival has grown tremendously, attracting some 15,000 plus visitors over the three-day event.

The Great Texas Mosquito Festival has received a tremendous amount of publicity across the country in newspapers, magazines, books, on radio and television stations. In 2008, Author T. Jensen Lacey came to our festival to autograph her book "AMAZING TEXAS", which she wrote about The Great Texas Mosquito Festival: See What The Buzz Is About on page 228 and 229. We are also in the Texas Hometown Cookbook by Sheila Simmons & Kent Whittaker on page 238 for the festival and Harvest Fun Fest. Macmillan McGraw-Hill / School Solution Group has done a 2-page spread in the upcoming Texas Reading 2011 book that talks about the City of Clute and The Great Texas Mosquito Festival. The Food Network was surfing the Internet and came upon our website. They were so intrigued that they sent some film crews down to film a portion of our BBQ Fajita Cookoff for a 30 minute segment on All American Festivals (Fajita Festivals) that aired on January 17, 18, & 23, and again in April of 2005. This segment from our festival has continued to be aired each year before our festival. In 2005, we generated a national interest with the American Mosquito Control Association requesting the opportunity to do a satellite feed from our festival grounds on Saturday. This segment was seen on numerous talk shows throughout Texas and the United States with Willie as a back drop. In 2007, the LeBron James Bubblicious® Ultimate Bubble Blowing League™ Tour came to our festival giving festival patrons an opportunity to participate in this national tour. One of our local participants won the opportunity to go to New York to the finals and had a once in a life time chance to meet LeBron James. Besides local recognition, the festival has been seen in U.S. A. Today, Texas Co-Op Power magazine, Texas Hot Country Magazine, Gulfscapes Magazine, The Anchorage Daily News, People Magazine, Newsweek, Southern Living, Texas Highways, Bangkok newspaper, and many more. Live at Five has broadcasted from the festival grounds and CBS This Morning has picked it up by satellite. Real People, David Letterman, Johnny Carson Show, Nashville Now and Fishin' Texas have all talked about the crazy festival down in Clute, Texas. "Willie-Man-Chew" and his group were photographed with Debra Duncan after the show in the summer of 2002. Radio stations across the United States have done numerous live interviews with the organizers – the SWAT team members. The American Embassy in Japan and the U.S. Tourist office in London, England have made several inquiries about the festival over the years.

Hovering over the festival activities is "Willie-Man-Chew", the world's largest mosquito. Willie is a 26-foot Texas mosquito, complete with a cowboy hat, boots, blown up wings and a big stinger. Willie is a favorite of all festival visitors, and he makes a great photo souvenir. Willie also does festival promotions throughout the year at other events.

The Great Texas Mosquito Festival is a three day (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), fun filled, family event. There are numerous contests, such as the Mosquito Chase "Run" (5 KM), Doubles Horseshoe Pitching Tournaments, Doubles Washer Pitching Contest, BBQ and Fajita Cookoff, O' You Beautiful Doll Contest, Mr. & Mrs. Mosquito Legs Contest, a Mosquito Calling Contest, and many more outrageous events. We also have approximately 100 booth spaces with a variety of foods, along with arts and crafts and more. The carnival provides three days of fun for children and adults.

ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

(Subject to Change)

Thursday	July 29, 2010	THE SOURMASH BAND	8:00 P.M.
Friday	July 30, 2010	Midnight Choir	6:00 P.M.
		KYLE PARK	8:30 P.M.
		TRAILER CHOIR	10:30 P.M.
Saturday	July 31, 2010	RADIO DISNEY AM 1590	5:00 P.M.
		Intercoastal Pirates	7:00 P.M.
		CASEY DONAHEW BAND	9:30 P.M.
		STONEY LaRUE	11:30 P.M.

The Great Texas Mosquito Festival in Clute, Texas is a fun event. We invite everyone to come out on July 29, 30, & 31, 2010 and join us, just for the Fun of It. For more information, visit www.mosquitofestival.com; call 979-265-8392, 800-371-2971, or E-Mail at buzz@mosquitofestival.com.

The 30th Annual Great Texas Mosquito Festival

July 29, 30, & 31, 2010
 Clute Municipal Park, Clute, Texas



Festival Hours

Thursday, July 29, 2010	5:00 p.m. to Midnight
Friday, July 30, 2010	5:00 p.m. to Midnight
Saturday, July 31, 2010	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

FREE & REDUCED ADMISSIONS COMPLIMENTS OF



Thursday, July 29, 2010

Festival Admission Prices

Free Admission to Everyone
 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Only!
 Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!

Admission Prices 6:01 p.m. to Midnight

\$ 3.00 Senior citizens (age 65 & over)
\$ 5.00 Adults (age 13-64)
 \$ 3.00 Children (ages 6-12)
 FREE Children (age 5 & under)

Friday, July 30, 2010

Festival Admission Prices

Free Admission to Everyone
 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Only!
 Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

Admission Prices 6:01 p.m. to Midnight

\$ 3.00 Senior citizens (age 65 & over)
\$10.00 Adults (age 13-59)
 \$ 3.00 Children (ages 6-12)
 FREE Children (age 5 & under)

Saturday, July 31, 2010

Festival Admission Prices

Free Admission to Children (Ages 12 & Under)
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Only!
 Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!

Free Admission to Senior Citizens (65 & Over)
 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Only!

\$ 3.00 Senior citizens (age 65 & over)
\$ 1.00 Adults (age 13-64)
\$10.00 Adults (age 13-59)
 \$ 3.00 Children (ages 6-12)
 FREE Children (age 5 & under)

Nighttime 2:01 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
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All Day

Carnival Armband Night Prices

(Prices are subject to change)

Thursday, July 29, 2010	Carnival Armband Night	\$15.00 (5:00 p.m. to Midnight)
Friday, July 30, 2010	Carnival Armband Night	\$20.00 (5:00 p.m. to Midnight)
Saturday, July 31, 2010	Carnival Armband Day Ride with Tickets Only!	\$15.00 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) 4:01 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (No Armbands Available)
	Carnival Armband Night	\$20.00 (5:01 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.)

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Events / Deadlines / Costs

(Subject to Change)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
BBQ & Fajita Cook Off	7/26/10 by 7:00 p.m.	\$100.00 per Team
Grill Master Competition	7/26/10 by 7:00 p.m.	\$25.00 per Team (15 Max.)
Dodge Ball Sting	<u>CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF ENTRIES AT DEADLINE!</u>	
Doubles Horseshoe Pitching	7/28/10 by 5:00 p.m.	\$30.00 per Team
Doubles Washers Pitching	7/31/10 by 11:00 a.m. Until 60 Team Maximum is Reached	\$30.00 per Team
Mosquito Calling Contest	7/31/10 by 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Start	No Fee once on Festival Grounds
Mosquito Chase "5 K Run"	7/31/10 by 7:15 a.m.	\$20.00 before 7/7/10 \$25.00 after 7/7/10
Mosquito Legs Contest	7/31/10 by 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Start	No Fee once on Festival Grounds
O'You Beautiful Doll	7/21/10 by 7:00 p.m.	\$15.00 per Child
	7/31/10 at 5:00 p.m.	No Fee once on Festival Grounds
Skeeter Beaters Baby Crawling Contest	7/21/10 by 7:00 p.m.	\$15.00 per Child
Senior Citizen's Bingo (Must be 65 years & up) Groups must be signed up by 7/7/10	7/31/10 by 9:30 a.m.	No Fee once on Festival Grounds

BBQ & Fajita Cookoff



This is a tough competition for those teams that know how to use a BBQ pit. Pre-registration is required. Entry fee is \$100.00 per team (all teams must be entered in the Brisket Division). Entry fee includes five 2-day armbands for admission to the festival for Friday, July 30th and Saturday, July 31st. Divisions: Beef, Fajita, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Brisket, and Grill Master Competition. Awards will be given for 1st thru 3rd places except in the Brisket division awards will be 1st thru 5th places. One overall Winner will receive an award. The Chief Cook's meeting will be July 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. July 30th Grill Master Competition begins at 6:30 p.m., Judging begins July 31st for Fajita Judging at 10:00 a.m., Chicken at Noon, Ribs at 2:00 p.m., Beef at 4:00 p.m. and Awards at 5:30 p.m. To print entry form, visit our website at www.mosquitofestival.com.

4th Annual Dodge Ball Sting Tournament

CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF ENTRIES AT DEADLINE

Double Elimination Tournament

Division I: 10-15 years old & up
(5 Players per team: Male Female, or Mixed)

Division III: 16 years old & up
(5 Players per team: Male Female, or Mixed)

If you have some extra energy grab 4 of your friends and sign up now for the 4th Annual Dodge Ball Sting Tournament to be held on July 31, 2010 at the Clute Municipal Park, Clute, Texas at 9:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$40.00 per team (5 Players Only!). This event is limited to 32 Teams total. Entry fee includes five (5) armbands for admission to the festival on Saturday, July 31, 2010. You must be Pre-Registered by Wednesday, July 16, 2010 before 5:00 p.m. Awards will be given for 1st and 2nd Place Teams (Individual Metals will be awarded 5 per team for 1st and 2nd Place in each division.) To print entry form, visit our website at www.mosquitofestival.com.

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22nd Annual Doubles Horseshoe Pitching Tournaments

(No Team Limit -17 year old & up)

If you like to throw shoes, sign up now for the Great Texas Mosquito Festival's Doubles Horseshoe Pitching Tournaments to be held on July 31, 2010 at the Clute Municipal Park, Clute, Texas at 8:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$30.00 per team and the entry fee includes 2 armbands for admission to the festival Saturday, July 31st. You must be Pre-Registered by July 28, 2010 to participate. First 30 paid teams will receive free event t-shirts (Sizes are on a first come first serve basis.). **Awards:** 1st thru 3rd Team awards (2 per team plus miscellaneous prizes). To print entry form, visit our website at www.mosquitofestival.com.

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15th Annual Doubles Washers Pitching



Age Category
13 years and up
(13-17 year olds must have parent or guardian sign the release form)

Come join us for the Doubles Washers Pitching at the Great Texas Mosquito Festival on July 31, 2010 at the Clute Municipal Park, Clute, Texas at 11:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$30.00 per team and entry includes 2 armbands for admission to the festival Saturday, July 31st if paid by 7/21/10 before 5:00 p.m. First 30 paid teams will receive free event t-shirts. Age Category is 13 years and up (13-17 year olds must have parent or guardian sign the release form). Awards will be given for 1st thru 5th. Team Awards (2 per team). To print entry form, visit our website at www.mosquitofestival.com.



Haystack Dive

1 time on Friday, July 30, 2010
3-4 times on Saturday, July 31, 2010

Co-Sponsored by: First National Bank of Lake Jackson

Hey there kids, get ready to dive into a pile of hay to discover coins, prizes and the thrill of this fun filled event. Everyone has fun, including spectators of all ages! So come on out and enjoy the experience of this exciting event. There is no entry fee, once on the festival grounds.

Mosquito Calling Contest

Age Categories:

Male or Female (all ages)

Those pesky mosquitoes are buzzing around ready to be called into the park by that special sound, call, or voice. You will not want to miss out on this one of a kind event. So mark your calendar and don't forget to bring your cheering squad to share in the excitement of the moment. Remember, it is open season for those pros that can call the largest, fastest, and bloodsucking mosquito around. There is no entry fee, once on the festival grounds. You may sign up right before this event begins on July 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. under the Large Pavilion.

Mosquito Legs Contest

Age Categories:

Male or Female (all ages)

Got those good looking Mosquito legs...then put on your shorts and come on out for the funniest event ever, as the contestants strut their legs for the crowds and judges. You could be the center of attention, as you buzz away, the winner of the best-looking mosquito legs title "2010 Mr. or Ms. Mosquito Legs". There is no entry fee once on the festival grounds. So bring your friends, family, and yourself to sign up for this event, right before it begins on July 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. under the Large Pavilion.

Mosquito Chase 5KM "Run"

**Age Categories
Male/Female**

12 and under	40-49
13-19	50-59
20-29	60-69
30-39	70 & up



The Great Texas Mosquito Festival sponsors the Mosquito Chase "Run" to be held at the Clute Municipal Pool, Clute, Texas on Saturday, July 31, 2010. This event offers a 5 KM Certified Course. Be prepared for "Hot" and "Humid" weather. Early registration before 7/7/10 is \$20.00 per person and late registration after 7/7/10 is \$25.00 per person. The first 125 paid entrants will receive a free t-shirt. (Note: Shirts are on a first come first serve basis and sizes are limited so register early!) The registration fee includes one 2-day admission for Friday and Saturday, July 30-31, 2010 to our festival. Secure on line registration or printable entry forms on line at www.mosquitofestival.com.

BASF Kids 600 Meter Summer Series

**Age Categories
Male/Female
12 and under**

BASF sponsors the **BASF Kids 600 Meter Summer Series** to be held at the Clute Municipal Pool, Clute Texas on Saturday, July 31, 2010. This event is held in conjunction with the Mosquito Chase 5KM and will be scheduled for 7:15 a.m. directly before the Mosquito Chase starts. Registration and entry fee of \$1.00 per entry will be accepted the morning of this event **ONLY**. All entries will receive a BASF t-shirt. All participants will receive a participant ribbon. So come out and enjoy this event as your kids race to the finish line!



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O' You Beautiful Doll Contest



Age Categories: 2-3 years of ages

4-5 years of age

Co-Sponsors: First State Bank
Texas Gulf Bank

Calling all you, O' You Beautiful Dolls out there...it is your time to shine! Enter that special boy or girl in this mini pageant, where the MC talks with those adorable kids to bring out the most outrageous answers, adorable smiles, and some personalities you would never expect. This event will be held on July 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clute Municipal Park on the Concrete Stage. Pre-registration is required before July 21, 2010. Entry fee is \$15.00 per child. To print entry form, visit our website at www.mosquitofestival.com.

Skeeter Beaters Baby Crawling



Age Categories: 0- 8 Months 9-10 Months 11-12 Months

On your mark get set and CRAWL...their off to the finish line. So come help us cheer these babies on as they make their debut at the return event Skeeter Beaters Baby Crawling! This event will be held on Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at the Clute Municipal Park under the Large Pavilion. Pre-Registration is required before July 21, 2010. Entry Fee is \$15.00 per child. This event is limited to the first 10 entrants in each age category.

Willie Man-Chew's Treasure Chest

Buy an adult ticket to our festival and have a chance to open Willie Man-Chew's Treasure Chest. It is filled with prizes waiting for 25 lucky festival patrons to unlock the chest each evening to see what they have won. The Brazoswood Gate will be issuing keys each evening, between the hours of 6:01 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., to the first 250 paid adult tickets sold on **Thursday, July 29th**, the first 250 paid adult tickets sold on **Friday, July 30th**, and the first 500 paid adult tickets sold on **Saturday, July 31st**. Willie Man-Chew's Treasure Chest will be waiting, at the Great Texas Mosquito Festival's souvenir booth, for those lucky key holders to unlock his chest and reveal his or her prizes.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS FOR 2010



5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 31, 2010
Under the Large Pavilion

Co-Sponsored by: **ConocoPhillips**

Bring the family for plenty of fun and entertainment for the entire family! Radio Disney AM 1590 is a kid and parent friendly music destination that helps build meaningful relevant pop-culture and Disney connections. While you're visiting the Mosquito Festival check out Radio Disney AM 1590 in the Kid's Zone! Radio Disney's dance group, "RD Dance Group" will be there to demonstrate the latest dance moves and the Radio Disney AM 1590 Party Patrol will be on-hand giving away awesome free prizes! Join us for our dance contests, trivia, and for your chance to win Radio Disney prizes. And make sure you check out all the fun and excitement going on all over the festival!



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Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo

Thurs. & Fri., July 29-30, 2010
5:00 p.m. to Midnight

Sat., July 31, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Experience a once in a lifetime moment as your children have the thrill of coming face to face with the animals at our Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo during The Great Texas Mosquito Festival. You will not want to miss out on the opportunity to come inside our petting zoo for some fun with your kids! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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