



DEEP IN THE HEART OF BANDERA

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It's Holiday time in Bandera, Cowboy Capital of the World! You can bet it will be SPECIAL!! December 2nd is a magical time for Bandera as we light the Christmas Trees on the Court House lawn beginning at 4:30 pm. Live Nativity, Caroling, and Christmas Program that is a 36-year tradition sponsored by the Bandera Business Association. At dark, gather on Main Street for the Lighted Night Parade sponsored by the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce.

Shoppers Jubilee is a city wide Christmas open house for shoppers. Visit the downtown merchants amid strolling carolers, small quartets, visits to Santa, and lots of refreshments. Sign up at each merchant's store for a chance to win \$500 cash!

At sponsor stores, you can sign up twice! Drawing will be held at High Noon on Saturday on the Court House Lawn! Saturday evening, gather on the banks of the Medina River at City Park to enjoy amazing displays of Christmas lights & holiday vignettes. Sing along with the Kemp Family Singers singing Christmas Carols and enjoy the great stories told around the camp fire by Story Teller, Lee Haile. At dark, the New Generation Radio Program presents a Living Nativity. Then gather around the campfire & chuck wagon for hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. Bring your lawn chair. Too much fun!!! Check the web site at BanderaCowboyCapital.com for other Holiday events during December, Oh, and don't miss Singing in the Saddle on December 18th. Bring your horse of rent one! Only in Bandera can you Christmas Carol from the back of a horse!

January is a busy month too, but most important it is the month of our 81st Annual Junior Livestock Show. A really big

tradition in Bandera County. Great fun and tremendous educational experience for the kids. For more information, visit www.bandera.agrilife.org. Also in January on the 28th is the Annual Wild Game Dinner hosted by the Grace Lutheran Church. This is a must go to annual event!

February will bring some great surprises! February 16th thru the 18th is the month of the Annual 11th Street Mardi Gras! Enjoy live Cajun & Country music, Cajun food, gumbo cook off, costume contest, canine costume contest, and parade on Saturday!

Check it out at www.everfest.com/11th-street-cowboy-mardi-gras-bandera-tx. On Saturday and Sunday, the Arthur Nagel Clinic will be hosting the Mardi Gras Arts and Craft Show on the Court House Lawn! So much to do! For more detailed information about Bandera Events, visit www.bandera-cowboycapital.com. Yee Haw, Ya'll!

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