



# DEEP IN THE HEART OF BANDERA

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### SUMMER FUN SCHEDULED FOR WORLD FAMOUS COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD!

Summer fun is here and Bandera is the place to be! Being the Cowboy Capital of the World, you can bet Bandera will live up to that name. Come to town early on any Friday and catch the summer rodeo series at Twin Elm Guest Ranch. Great way to start the cowboy weekend.

You can visit Bandera any time and find Cowboys around town, but Saturdays are especially fun when you visit the Bandera Cattle Company in the back yard of the Bandera Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 126 State Hwy 16 South. There you will find the old west town Rattle Snake Ridge along with a group of gun slingers hankering for a fight. Grab a seat and hold on! Lots of laughs! Be sure to bring the kids cause the Bandera Cattle Company is always looking to deputize some younger wranglers. Shows at noon and 2pm and its FREE!

Mosey on downtown and shop our fine stores for some great finds. You can even travel by Chuck wagon around town. Get your picture taken with a strolling musician or find a cure for what ails you at Dr. Robert Bob's Medicine Show. You might even find a Chuck wagon, or a Longhorn you can sit on or some horses your little ones can pet. Some stores have groups of singers just playing and singing for the fun of it. Just a typical Saturday in Bandera. Oh, try our awesome restaurants out or visit Flying L Guest Ranch for a chuck wagon dinner on Saturday evenings.

Bandera always has cowboy fun. On Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> visit the Cowboy Capital

Opry at the Silver sage Community Center hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and Door Prizes. Entry fee is just \$5 or \$12 for the entire family! The third Thursday of each month our local singing cowboys host a Pickers Circle at the Beverage Barn Pavilion. Bring your guitar and join in or just sit back and sing along. Starts at 7pm, its free and all are welcome!

Save the date of June 24<sup>th</sup> am schedule to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bandera Riverfest! The Ultimate Riverside Picnic in Bandera City Park. Gotta come! Riverfest features an awesome antique car show, a River Rodeo (of course, its Bandera!), a Bandera Idol competition, arts and crafts show, great food and a Lone Star BBQ Society Cook-off event with a \$10,000 guaranteed pay out! The event also features fun river games, a giant slip n slide, watermelon eating and hot dog eating contests. Enter the Anything that Floats Regatta for some silly floating fun! Loads of music and they even have a Fourth Beach with enough sand to fill your sand castle building dreams! Check it out at [banderariverfest.com](http://banderariverfest.com).

The end of Summer is welcomed by Bandera's biggest event Labor Day Weekend. Its Celebrate Bandera featuring a Longhorn Cattle Drive and parade down Main Street on Saturday, Arts and Crafts on the Court House Lawn, a Circle of Life Intertribal Powwow at City Park and a Texas Ranch Rodeo on Saturday night at Mansfield Park. Check schedules at [www.CelebrateBandera.com](http://www.CelebrateBandera.com).

Of course Bandera has our local bingo nights at the Legion Hall and our Farmers Markets and Market Days too. Wear your boots.... this is the Cowboy Capital of the World! Yee Haw Ya'll !!!!