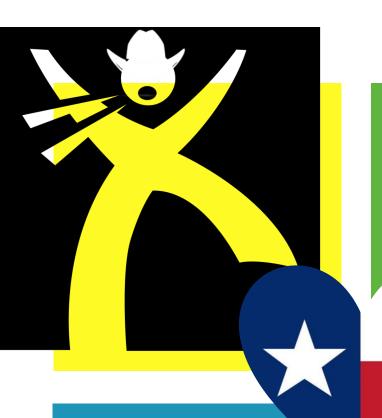


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- GPS Adventure Maze Exhibit
- Cacher of the Month
- Cache of the Month

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WHO'S READY FOR A BLOCK PARTY TEXAS STYLE?

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 FLORESVILLE, TEXAS



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AL Geoart!



Another way we are celebrating 25 years of Geocaching. Join us!



of the Month
This month's geocacher is from the North Texas
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Find out how you can earn this unique icon!



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Check out this Southeast geocache that's just out of this world!











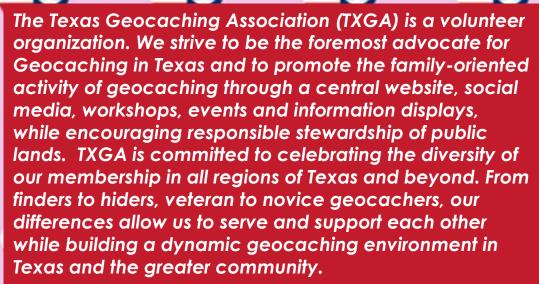








#### **MISSION STATEMENT**





My name is Elisa Reynozo and my geoname is georeyna and I am the SETX Representative for Texas Geocaching Association. I was introduced to geocaching by my neighbor, Rhonda Pope, aka The Popeteers on August 8, 2005. Rhonda was already a geocacher and wanted me to join her because we both had small children, and we could take them for a walk in the park and find caches. The first cache I found, in Meyer Park, was a camo'd pill container and it blended so well with the vines that it took me some time to spot. Finally, I spotted the cache! Yay! I found a few more caches that day which went from days to twenty years.

Fast forward to today and I recollect all the wonderful events, geocaches, and group trips I have taken just for the sake of geocaching. I have geocached all over the United States, except for Alaska and Idaho. I joined fellow geocachers, LuckyFeather, Ivanhoe42 and MsPatt to explore the upper east coast of the United States. Nov64, Pritzen and TxTravelers on a trip to Iceland, and I am enjoying current trips with Rich and Lola to clear out state counties; currently we are tackling Oklahoma. I have been extremely lucky to join Nov64 and Pritzen traveling all over the U.S. and who have assisted me in finishing my Texas County Challenges. I have seen great caches and met great geocachers - too many to list, but it has been wonderful.

I enjoy being the Southeast Texas Representative. I have had the privilege of meeting people from all over Texas and work with them during the Texas Challenge and Texas Roundup. I want to thank all the SETX geocachers who support Texas Geocaching Association. They are one group I can truly count on. They are the backbone of the Southeast Texas Geocaching community, and I could not be prouder of all their accomplishments in the SETX region. I have three fellow SETX geocachers who are part of the Texas Geocaching Board, and they all have worked hard to make Texas Geocaching what it is today. Without MsPatt, Ca\$hQueen and TxHistLady, we would not have the group that is representing Southeast Texas today. Thanks to all and I look forward to working with TXGA in the future.





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#### TXGA'S TEXAS Z3<sup>RD</sup> CHALLENGE & Z5<sup>TH</sup> B - DAY BLOCK PARTY

MARCH 15, 2025

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#### HAVE YOU LOGGED YOUR "WILL ATTENDS"?

3/11: Flashmob at the Alamo GCB13V4

3/11: Launch Party\* GCAWOKZ

3/12: Early Bird GCB13VP

**9**3/12: In Memoriam <u>GCB13VZ</u>

3/13: Texas Longhorn Museum GCB13W5

3/13: Circle the Wagons GCB13W9

3/14: Happy Pi Day, Texas Style\* GCATNBP

3/14: Meetups & Greetings
GCB13WF

3/14: GPS Adventures Maze GCB16WC

3/14: Signal to the Rescue\* GCATP13

(限) 3/15: Block Party/Challenge <u>GCAMM1H</u>

3/15: Finishers' Event\* GCAYMP3

3/16: Schmoozing w/Signal GCB13YP

3/16: CITO & Goober Olympics GCB13Z2

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#### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LAB ADVENTURE GEOART Floresville, Texas

How would you like to contribute to the first and only Adventure Lab Geoart in Texas?

Geocachers from all over our Great State, and beyond, have collaborated to create a one-of-a-kind Adventure Lab Geoart celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Geocaching!

If you have an available Adventure Lab credit sitting in your app, you can still join the effort by contributing your credit and becoming part of this historic work of art which also includes more than 40 mystery caches!

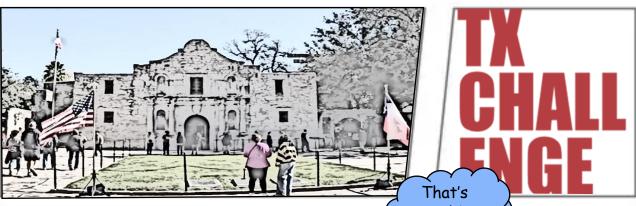


#### Here's how:

- 1) Confirm you have an Adventure Lab Credit (check your profile in your Lab Adventure app).
- 2) Email <u>thewildrose11663@gmail.com</u> as soon as possible before spaces fill up deadline to publish is Feb. 10.
- 3) You will receive a list of Texas-themed topics that are still available to choose from. Select a topic.
- 4) Get confirmation of your topic.
- 5) Get additional information needed to set up your Adventure Lab.
- 6) Set up your Adventure Lab, non-sequential, multiple choice and with the indicated geofence.
- 7) Make public and advise thewildrose11663@gmail.com.
- 8) This Adventure Lab will be owned and maintained by you.

You don't want to miss it!

Magplanner recommends Texas challenge & block party in Floresville, texas



## BLOCK PARTY







WATCH THE FULL VIDEO HEre.

Don't forget to have fun out there on the trails, y'all!

#### Cacher of the Month North Texas TravelingGeek





TXGA: Tell us a little about yourself.

TravelingGeek: I'm a software consultant with a love for travel — so far, I've logged over 1.4 million flight miles! When I'm not working or traveling, I'm geocaching, which has become a major part of my life. I also have a strong connection to Scouting — both of my kids, PuzzlePainter and ThePaperPilot, are third-generation Eagle Scouts. I've even integrated geocaching into my work as a Scout leader.

#### TXGA: How did you get started caching?

TravelingGeek: I first heard about geocaching from an article in *Scouting* magazine. My family and I started geocaching together, but it quickly became something I incorporated into my Scout leadership. One of my favorite events was for the Cub Scouts. I set up about six super easy caches, and we gave the parents backup hints to make sure each group had success. The big finale was a surprise — the last "cache" was marked at the center of the soccer field. Since we'd started near there, no one expected anything special. But when the kids returned, they found a cooler full of ice cream cups waiting for them! Seeing their excitement was unforgettable.

#### TXGA: How did you come up with your caching name?

**TravelingGeek:** Oh, that's a fun story! I initially started with GTL6645, which was just a random part of my email address. Not very creative, right? Once I got a better feel for the game, I switched to *TravelingGeek*. It reflects who I am — a tech enthusiast who travels a lot for work and fun. The name has stuck with me ever since.

#### TXGA: What do you most enjoy about geocaching?

TravelingGeek: I was already traveling frequently before I discovered geocaching, but most of my free time was spent in hotel rooms or visiting random "local attractions." Geocaching gave me a way to turn those trips into mini adventures. Whether it's a quick parkand-grab in a parking lot or finding the oldest cache in a state or country, there's always something exciting to do. One of my favorite additions to the game was the introduction of favorite points. They make it easy to find the most interesting caches nearby, especially when I'm on a tight schedule.

TXGA: What are some highlights of your geocaching career so far?.

TravelingGeek: There have been so many memorable moments! Here are a few that stand out:

•My 1,000th find: It was inside a C-130 airplane... at the bottom of a lake! (Cache: CHUM's Mammoth Divecache)

•A First-to-Find in China: I was lucky enough to grab an FTF at Tashan Culture Park (塔山公园文化广场).

•Multi-continent friendships: I've made some amazing geocaching friends, and I've had the privilege of caching with some of them on multiple continents.

•A velodrome adventure in France: One DNF led to a completely unexpected experience. While searching for a cache at the French National Velodrome, I saw a sign advertising beginner cycling lessons. Despite being 20 years out of shape and not understanding most of the instructions (which were in French), I



signed up for the next class. I had ridden tens of thousands of miles in my younger days, including charity rides like the Boston-to-NYC AIDS ride, but I'd never ridden a fixed-gear bike or on a sloped track. It was incredible, and I'm so glad I took the chance!

•Guam and Tokyo layovers: I've extended trips just to geocache. For example, I took a 24-hour layover in Guam while flying home from Hong Kong, and another in Tokyo on the way back from Macau, specifically to grab some geocaches. Those quick detours added so much fun to my travels.

#### TXGA: What else would you like to share?

TravelingGeek: Geocaching has been an incredible journey for me. It's more than just finding hidden containers — it's about exploring new places, meeting amazing people, and creating unforgettable memories. Whether I'm caching solo or with friends and family, every experience is unique. I can't wait to see where this adventure takes me next!

#### CACHE OF THE MONTH SOUTHEAST TEXAS

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Captain Rathergohiking and his Imperial Oaks Special Forces detect a UFO dropping at Zenith at an Azimuth of 60°. The troop of 30 split into two teams, taking opposite directions around Lake Holman. As both groups close in on the ship and its batallion on the grou<mark>nd, the unid</mark>entified beings scatter, leaving their Alien Scout to fend for itself. Captain Rathergohiking jumps into action, neutralizing the subject and swiftly decommissioning its electronic components, as the alien ship turns into a fl<mark>ash of light and g</mark>oes off into the horizon and back to Zenith.

The captured scout is now secured among a special hieroglyph that is only visible from an aerial view, as to warn the extraterrestrials that any attempt to retrieve their scout will be subject to the wrath and skills of the Imperial Oaks Special Forces.

You are all invited to join the Imperial Daks Special Forces to defend our planet

from these Alien invad<mark>ers!</mark>



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Homemade by Sean Rackley







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#### (Sung to the tune of "Love is in the Air".)

Texas Caching's in the air... every time I look around.

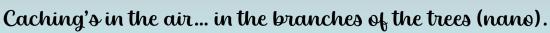
Caching's in the air... every sight and every sound (FTF alert).

And I don't know if I'm being foolish,

And I don't know if I'm being wild, But it's something that I always believe in:

I'll find it - no PAF needed dialed.





Caching's in the air... in the whisper of the sea (D5).

And I don't know if I'm just dreamin',

Or I'm going a bit insane.

But I looked in the same spot a long time.

And I looked there once more again...

Caching's in the air...

Caching's in the air...

Oh oh ooh, Oh oh ooh, Oh oh ooh.



Are you a Texas County Challenge Finisher? How about a Texas 2-Step Finisher?

We need to see you at Our Double Celebration!

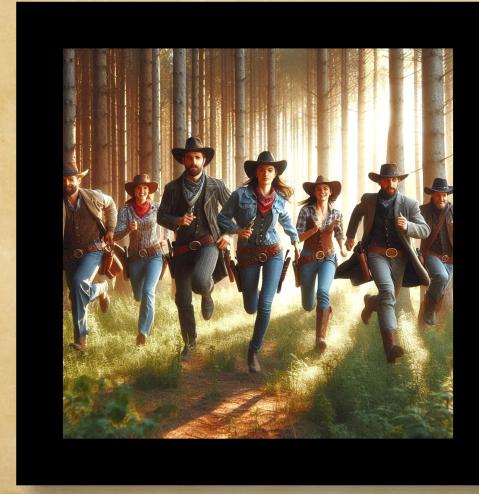
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- 1) Block Party Earn a rare icon by attending!
- 2) The Texas Challenge Competition <u>Compete</u> to represent your Region or the Out of State team to text your caching skills or cheer on your favorite team!
- 3) The Alamo and Mi Tierra 'nuf said!
- 4) History buffs will love learning about Floresville!
- 5) Challenge within a Challenge Be one of the first 200 to complete a series of activities to qualify for a free coin!
- 6) Floresville Mural Take that selfie here! Meet the artist on Wednesday!
- 7) Your chance to earn 12 DIFFERENT ICONS on March 15!
- 8) TXGA Hall of Fame Meet our three new 2025 Inductees!
- 9) Friends and Fellowship Come experience our Southern Hospitality!
- 10) GPS Adventure Maze Exhibit Another unique icon to earn while learning about all things Geocaching!
- 11) <a href="SWAG!!!">SWAG!!!</a> Help support our events by getting your T-Shirts, Coins, Pathtags, Cache Containers, Special Raffles, and more!





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#### **Upcoming Geo-events** by Region\*



#### SOUTH

02/01/25 GCB19MX 02/01/25 GCB1BVR 02/01/25 GCATNXW 02/05/25 GCB2B64 02/05/25 GCB1VK9 02/07/25 GCB2MAN 02/14/25 GCB2MAX 02/16/25 GCAW0BH 03/01/25 GCB0HTX 03/11/25 GCB13V4 03/11/25 GCAW0KZ 03/12/25 GCB13VP 03/12/25 GCB13VZ 03/13/25 GCB13W5 03/13/25 GCB13W9 03/14/25 GCATNBP 03/14/25 GCB13WF 03/14/25 GCB16WC 03/14/25 GCATP13 03/15/25 GCAMM1H 03/15/25 GCAYMP3 03/16/25 GCB13YP 03/16/25 GCB13Z2

Meet & Greet: a Welsh Cacher's winter in Texas Arroyo Park CITO 2025 Community Celebration Event: Road to Challenge\* **DEPUTIES COME TO SAN ANTONIO** Be Mine (Trash) Walk thru February Pt. 1 - 02/07/2025 Meet & Greet Walk thru February Pt. 2 - 02/14/2025 Meet & Greet A CCE in RGV\* 💥 🛦 🜖 🏶 9th Annual Texas Winter Games 🛦 🜖 🔆 🔄 Flashmob at the Alamo 23rd TXGA Challenge 25th B-Day BlockParty Launch\* Are You an Early Bird? No? Thats OK!! TXGA 1st Annual In Memoriam **Texas Longhorn Museum** Circle the Wagons After Cachin' Happy Pi Day, Texas Style\* **Meetups & Greetings in Floresville** GPS Adventures Maze - Texas Style! Signal to the Rescue\* 🐅 🞉 Texas 23rd Challenge 👑 25thB-Day BlockParty 👭 🎉 \*\* Texas County Challenges Finishers Reunion\*

#### SOUTHEAST

02/03/25 GCB2G4Q 02/03/25 GCB272B 02/05/25 GCB2D3B 02/08/25 GCB2983 02/08/25 GCB297X 02/08/25 GCB2FXJ 02/08/25 GCB2FWT 02/09/25 GCB2986 02/11/25 GCB2KDM 03/08/25 GCB1XZ1 04/22/25 GCB2JKM

02/01/25 GCB2G1W

Ahhhh Tims....

WCFF #170 - A Valentine's K.I.S.S.

**G'Morning Schmoozing With Signal** 

Cito & Goober Olympics & Awards

FIRST MONDAY IN MID COUNTY FEBRUARY 2025

Club UFO – Captain America Turns 81

mmmm donuts - CVI

Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park - CVI

Don't Forget the Donuts III

CITO at Four Notch Hunter Camp

Sweet Thing has a Sweet Tooth - XCVI

SE GeoFriends FTF #30

Navystud's 2025 Community Celebration\*

Hey Buddy, Let's Clean Up Another Park – Earth Day

#### WEST

02/01/25 **GCATMWE** 

Texas Geocampers at Lake Brownwood State Park

\*Community Celebration

\*\*Block Party

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Challenge Week bookmark list

#### **Upcoming Geo-events** by Region\*



#### NORTH

02/01/25 GCB1NMF 02/01/25 GCB2EN7 02/03/25 GCB2600 02/05/25 GCB23A6 02/06/25 GCB2BKZ 02/07/25 GCB26FN 02/08/25 GCB2G2E 02/09/25 GCB24ZC 02/12/25 GCB2A00 02/13/25 GCB2BMD 02/14/25 GCB2AGZ 02/16/25 GCB1NJ1 02/16/25 GCB24ZF 02/18/25 GCB2BN7 02/19/25 GCB2CZG 02/19/25 GCB2KJ1 02/20/25 GCB2BMP 02/27/25 GCB2BMX 03/03/25 GCB2604 03/29/25 GCB271M

Weatherford CITO @ The Boardwalk DAWGS enjoy something sweet 2025.02.03 - D.A.W.G.S. Feeling Fuzzy Plano Parks 054 Come IN and OUT with PAG for a burger Plano Parks 055 Martin house after caching meet n greet Road to Bankhead Plano Parks 056 The Sky is the limit with PAG .. in Frisco! Plano Parks 057 Did Your Sweetheart Forget The Sweets? McCray Park CITO III PAG does tacos Plano Parks 058 **WE PICK-LE YOU** Come join PAG at the Burger House **GOFF with PAG** 2025.03.03 - D.A.W.G.S. Gather at a New Pound

Semik and Oddiewan Visit Arlington Texas

#### CENTRAL

02/01/25 GCB2543 02/07/25 GCB2K99 02/10/25 GCB26W8 02/15/25 GCB1TCB 04/03/25 GCB266E 04/12/25 GCAW143 05/03/25 GCATKGM

GeoTx GeoCachers Breakfast February 2025 TXg33kG1rl Celebrating 1,000! A Lovely Evening for a Pint Wild & Wonderful 21: Austin, TX Aussie's Semik and Oddiewan Visit Austin Texas 2025 Community Celebration Event - Pot Luck Picnic\*

The Golden Silver Community Celebration Event\*

#### HIGHLIGHTS OUTSIDE OF TEXAS:

02/02/25 GCAKZ9Y 02/15/25 GCAKV1F 05/10/25 GCAHHQQ 05/24/25 GCANXX1

07/12/25 GCAVHMK CacheFest Hawaii

08/16/25 GCAPFHC

Yuma Block Party\*\*

Bamarama\*\*

Mingo Madness\*\* GeoWoodstock XXI

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Geo-Rendezvous\*\*

<sup>\*</sup>Community Celebration \*\*Block Party