

Looking for something to photograph? Here are some suggestions. Drop in on any of the 50 plus clubs in Sun City (tennis, pickle ball, pottery, painting, stained glass, mahjong etc.) and take some pictures of your friends in action, they won't mind. In addition, look through the Sun Rays magazine for events and outings, any of which will bring great photo opportunities.



Are you ready for some sunshine? Are you ready for some camping? Are you ready for a vacation? Are you ready for flying? Are you ready for swimming? Are you ready for hiking? What ever it is that makes you happy, get your camera and get going.

5/25/18

JUNE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

5-31 to
June 3.

Canton: FIRST MONDAY TRADE DAYS began in the 1850's and today is considered the largest flea market in the US. It has grown from the courthouse square to over 100 acres. While many of the 6000 vendors are outside many are in one of several buildings. Held on the first week end before the first Monday of the month. Admission is free. Bring your walking shoes and a hat. Location: approximately 60 miles east of Dallas on Interstate 20. <https://cantontxfirstmonday.com/>

5-24 to
June 24.

Kerrville: SOUTHWEST FINE ART GOURD SHOW This show allows artists to display, compete and sell their work in an exhibit of the highest quality gourd artwork in a formal gallery venue and to promote and encourage public appreciation of gourd art. The Kerr Arts & Cultural Center welcomes you to experience all KACC has to offer to artists and those who appreciate art of all kinds. Our center is located in the iconic Post Office Building in Historic Downtown Kerrville, just steps from City Hall, the Schreiner Mansion, and within easy walking distance of numerous galleries and artisans. Location: 228 Earl Garrett St. Hours: Tues thru Saturday 10-4pm Admission is free. <http://kackkerrville.com/>

June 2.

Wimberley: MARKET DAYS Wimberley hosts the oldest outdoor market in the Texas Hill Country and the second-largest in the state. We feature over 475 booths of everything you can't live without. Come stroll our tree-shaded paths, listen to live music and shop to your heart's content. Admission is free. Hours 7am - 4pm. They may close at 3pm if its really hot outside. Location: 601 FM 2325 See web site for details. <http://www.shopmarketdays.com/>

June 2.



Pearl: The monthly PEARL BLUEGRASS JAM & STAGE SHOW is held at the Pearl Community Center on the first Saturday of each month. This is a fun and friendly Jam and Stage Show. It often draws over 400 people to listen and play in this little town of Pearl, in the heart of the hill country. It is at an old school house that has been renovated .. added heat and AC. People jam in every room of the school house, in the halls, outside under the pavilion and under any shade tree you can find. Lots of good ol' time bluegrass and gospel. All Acoustic. Good home cooked food in the old school cafeteria... great pies. This month is the Texas State Mandolin Championships. Admission is free. Location: Pearl Community Center - FM 183, seven miles south of Pirmela. See web site for map. <https://www.pearlbluegrass.com/>

June 2.

Fredericksburg: 14th annual MASONIC OPEN CAR SHOW open to spectators free of charge and takes place at Marketplatz, located at Highway 16 and Main in Fredericksburg. "We get over 100 cars," and have three big pavilions, which is a city park. We put about 75 under the pavilions and the rest of them have to be out in the open. Live music featuring Mike Blakely, food, beverages, door prizes, raffle, silent auction and lots of fun for everyone. Location 809 S Adams St. (Hwy 16) See web site for more. <http://www.visitfredericksburgtx.com/events/14th-annual-fredericksburg-masonic-open-car-show/>

June 2.



Graham: 4th annual FOOD TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP of TEXAS is a free admission, all day battle of the best and on Americas Largest Downtown Square. Food trucks from all over the state will compete for \$10,000 and the grand champion title. Bring the family for a fun day filled with live music, art show and a whole lotta food. Hours: 11am-5pm Location: Graham Downtown Square. See web site. [http://www.visitgrahamtexas.com/events/2018/4th-annual-food-truck-championship-of-texas\(2\)/](http://www.visitgrahamtexas.com/events/2018/4th-annual-food-truck-championship-of-texas(2)/)

June 7-10

Graham: WORLD SERIES OF TEAM ROPING - QUALIFIER Team roping is done with two mounted cowboys (men or women) First the 'header' ropes a steer by its horns or head and pulls him to the left, second is the 'heeler' who ropes the steer by its hind feet. Great for action photography. Location: Young County Arena 120 Barclay Place. See web site for details. <https://wstroping.com/event-2953-graham-tx-qualifier-heartland-12-shelley-productions.html>

June 8.



Austin: REPUBLIC OF TEXAS BIKER RALLY & Parade. Motorcycles will travel down Congress Ave. from 11th street to the river and turn around and go back North, so you can see the bikes from both sides of the road. Viewing is a little better from the East side of Congress, so be on that side before the parade starts. You will not be able to cross the street during the parade. After the bikes are parked, you will be able to walk down Congress and get a closer look (but don't touch) at the bikes. They are amazing. Parade is approximately 7:45pm to 8:30pm Admission is Free. See web site for map and parking locations. <http://www.roadwayevents.com/event/republic-of-texas-biker-rally-downtown-parade-and-free-concert/>

June 8.
June 15.
June 22.
June 29.



Georgetown: MUSIC ON THE SQUARE Dance on over to Georgetown and enjoy a free concert every Friday night from June through August, As long as the weather permits, the music kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with the last song fading out at 8:30 p.m. So grab your friends, take some food to go from one of the downtown restaurants and settle in for an experience that is bound to be music to your ears. Here is the lineup. June 8 – Jeremy McBee (Pop, Jazz, Country) June 15 – Georgetown Fire Pipes & Drums (Bagpipes) June 22 – Bluegrass Showmen (Bluegrass, Country) June 29 – Xander Ortiz (Pop, Rock, Oldies, 80's). Remember its Free, bring a lawn chair or blanket and set out on the courthouse lawn. Location: Concerts are held on the Southeast corner of the Historic Williamson County Courthouse Lawn at 710 Main Street. See web site. <https://visit.georgetown.org/music-on-the-square-concerts/>

June 8-10

Blanco: LAVENDER FESTIVAL visit local lavender farms, visit Lavender Market on the Grounds of the Historic Old Blanco County Courthouse, come to the Speakers' Pavilion featuring tips on growing and using Lavender, General Horticulture, Bee Keeping and more. Take in some great Live Music in Bindseil Park. Sample and purchase the best of Texas Specialty Packaged foods, regional wines and local beer in the TEXAS MADE tent. Hours: Friday Noon to 6pm Saturday 9am - 6pm Sunday 10am-4pm. Admission is free. Location Downtown. See web site for more. <http://www.blancochamber.com/lavender-fest-information-1>

June 9.



Texas City: 4th annual TEXAS CITY KITE FESTIVAL Events will include single line kite flying for adults and children with professional kite fliers bringing in kites over 50' wide. We will once again have tanker surfing throughout the event at different locations as well as multi rotar drone flying and a hydrofoil kitesurfing event. Kites will be available for sale in the event you don't have one and want to join in the fun. Location: will be held at the intersection of Dike Rd and Skyline drive on the Texas City Dike/Levee. See web site for details. <http://texascitykitefestival.com/>

June 9.



Jacksonville: 28th annual TOMATO FESTIVAL Jacksonville has been producing tomatoes for the commercial market in the State of Texas for over 100 years. Tomatoes became the primary crop until the 1950's earning the title of "Tomato Capital of the World" The tomato fest is held from 9am to 4pm. A day of activities for everyone including craft vendors, a Live auction, antique car show, Gospel concert and much more. There will be a salsa contest, karaoke contest and tomato eating contest and tomato peeling contest. Event is free, parking is free. Location: Downtown (Commerce Street, from Austin St. to Bolton St.) See web site for details <http://www.jacksonvilletexas.com/tomato-fest>

June 9-10



Belton: CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE keeps its identity as the place to shop for all things vintage and collectible. Each sale attracts an eclectic mix of shoppers: collectors, college students, interior decorators, set designers, wardrobe consultants, families, and of course, the just plain curious. Their curiosity is rewarded with an amazing, ever-changing array of vintage and used treasures. Why it's called City-Wide Garage Sale® when it's not a regular garage sale at all. We do our very best to let newcomers know that this is a vintage and collectible market. Hours: Sat 9am- 5pm Sun. 11am - 4pm. Location: Bell county expo center. Admission \$5. See web site for details. <https://www.citywidegaragesale.com/>

June 15-16



Cisco: CISCO TX PIE FEST in downtown Cisco. Friday- Chicken Pot Pie Dinner. Saturday- All you can eat buffet, pie baking contest, pie auction, senior nutrition program, car show, quilt and apron fashion show and free music. Pie contest categories: Fruit pie (cherry, apple, peach etc.) Chess Pie (pecan, buttermilk, lemon etc.) Custard pie (lemon meringue, coconut custard, pumpkin etc.,) No cream pies, ice box pies. Pie judging and auction are held on Saturday.

June 15-17



Marble Falls: MARBLE FALLS ADULT SOAPBOX CLASSIC There are 5 divisions. Some requiring a push start others just start from the wrap. There is a women only division. All race cars are home built. Hours: Friday 5pm - 7pm Saturday 11am -9:30 pm Sunday Noon - 4pm. Finals are on Sunday. Saturday at 2pm there is a Derby Hat Contest. There will be live music, food, and a street dance. Location: Downtown. <http://adultsoapboxderby.com/>

June 16.



Austin: WESTCAVE Outdoor Discovery Center Tour the night skies, a dark sky location convenient to Austin. Star Party nights are an ideal opportunity to enjoy and evening gazing at the stars through a high-quality telescope. With local astronomers on hand to answer questions, you'll be delighted and amazed by what you see and learn. Hours 9:00pm - 11:00pm Admission: \$15 Best to make reservations 830-825-3442. Location: 24814 Hamilton Pool Rd. See web site for directions. <https://westcave.org/events/star-party>

June 16.



Waco: MAYBORN MUSEUM special exhibit ARTIFACTS FROM TITANIC The Mayborn is a natural and cultural history museum, with a replica of the internationally known Waco Mammoth National Monument just north of town. Approximately 68,000 years ago, a herd of Columbian Mammoths was trapped in a sudden flash flood along the banks of the Bosque River. Starting June 2 the museum will have a special exhibit of the TITANIC with many artifacts of the ship as well as a few from the passengers. Join the photography club field trip on June 16 to see and photograph this exciting exhibit. Admission: Adults \$19 Seniors \$16. Register on the club calendar and join the fieldtrippers. <https://www.baylor.edu/mayborn/>

June 17. **Austin:** FATHERS DAY CONCERT at ZILKER PARK hillside theater. The official band of the city of Austin is nationally recognized as one of the finest ensembles of its type in the county. The ninety plus members of the ASB come from all walks of life and unite in a common passion for making music. Come share the passion. See web site for complete program of this musical event. Bring a picnic basket and spread out a blanket under the Pecan trees. Hours: 7:30pm -9pm Sunday June 17. Location: Zilker Park theater. 2206 William Barton Dr. see web site for map. Admission is free. <http://austinsymphonicband.org>

June 19. **San Antonio:** 8th annual ART IN THE DARK by the Lighthouse for the Blind & Vision Impaired. Join us for an unforgettable, unique evening celebrating "The Touch"...."The Sense"...."The Feel"..... Of art. We will have fabulous local artists, potters, sculptors and jewelry designers in San Antonio who have donated their art work for this event. Guests have the opportunity to bid on the art throughout the evening while enjoying wonderful food and beverages from local restaurants and businesses. Special guest Rick Cavendre will perform With Out Lighthouse Choir. Tickets in advance \$50 and \$60 at the door. Location: Sheraton Gunter Hotel, 205 E Houston St. Hours: 6:30pm - 9:00pm See web site for map to location. salighthouse.org/event?art-in-the-dark/



June 23-24. **San Angelo:** LUCAS OIL DRAG BOAT RACING Feel the ground rumble at lakeside as the Top Fuel Hydro roar down the track with estimated time of 3.396 seconds and 255 plus MPH on a 1300 foot track. In addition to the professional show which consists of Top Fuel Hydro, Top Alcohol Hydro, Top Alcohol Flat and Pro Modified, we highlight four Sportsman classes ranging from 8.00 to 11.00 seconds and three Bracket classes in the quarter mile. Gates open at 8am. Admission: \$45 for the weekend. \$25 for Saturday or Sunday. Location: 2680 Fisherman's Road. See web site for details and ticket purchasing. <http://lucasoildragboats.com/schedule/showdown-in-san-angelo-2018>



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Many of the activities listed above occur on week ends. Below are a couple of events that are open during the week you will find fun and a great place to take pictures.

Open Year
round

Cedar Park: AUSTIN STEAM TRAIN The mission of the Austin Steam Train Association is to preserve, interpret and re-create the first hand experience of historic steam-era railroading for the enjoyment and edification of today's families and the generations to come. The association has 3 diesel powered locomotives making short and long trips in the hill country. There are approximately 10 trips each month. See web site for trips, seating, departure time and tickets. Depot location, 401 East Whitestone Blvd. Swt A-103. <http://www.austinsteamtrain.org?>

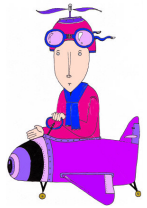
Open Year
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Johnson City: Lyndon B Johnson National Historical Park tell the story of our 36th president beginning with his ancestors until his final resting place on the beloved LBJ Ranch. Tour the LBJ ranch the Texas White House. Look for Air Force One. Park opens 7 days a week 9am-5pm. Admission is Free. <http://www.nps.gov/lyjo/index.htm>

Open Year
round

Fredericksburg: Enchanted Rock State Natural Area. Considered magical, mystical and enchanted. The massive pink granite dome rising above Central Texas has drawn people for thousands of years. But there's more at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area than just the dome. The scenery, rock formations and legends are magical, too! The climb to the top, three-quarters of a mile, is challenging, but the view is worth it. Enjoy a star party or a nature hike led by a park ranger. <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/enchanted-rock>

In an effort to help promote photography this list of Festivals and Events is distributed to members of the photography club to provide a list of photographic opportunities they previously may not have been aware of. Depending on your photographic interest you will find action, landscape, travel, street photography and other styles in this list.



No matter how you get there don't forget your camera