

IT'S ON!! Party/Camping at Stew's Happy Place Ranch!

Hey, All!

Gonna get a buncha folks together again up at my property this summer.

The story will be much the same as last year- just a change of date.

I've been travelling for most of the summer, but I'm finally home and have everything sorted out!

I love camping and I wanna get a bunch of good friends up to my property for a good time.

The road in any of three directions is a FANTASTIC drive (be careful not to fall off the edge and 'go missing' or 'meet the wildlife').

### **The date is settled: Saturday, September 2nd**

People who want to visit just for Saturday's main event or can't overnight or don't wanna camp are certainly welcome to drop by!

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Where, you ask?

The gate is located on the west side of Mines Road, about six miles from the Santa Clara County line (if you're headed south) and about 2 miles from the restaurant called 'The Junction' (if you're headed north). It's just about the mid-point between mile markers 21 and 22.

That's actually behind Mount Hamilton, which is east of San Jose.

The 'ranch' is over 100 acres of wild hills with fantastic views of the San Antonio Valley and Mount Hamilton. The only man-made things on it are a 3/4 mile long dirt road and a small redwood picnic deck. The pond is gettin' kinda small, so no real 'plunge' option.

I'll bring up some 5gal. jugs of water.

I'll also have most of the food and BEvERages for everyone.

I'll bring up the grills.

I'll have a small porta-potty for your convenience.

My bulldozer guy is cleaning up the road and it will be passable for most cars (albeit a bit dusty).

Access:

From the North: Livermore (Tesla Rd to Mines Rd) \*easiest\*

From the East: Patterson (I-5 to Del Puerto Canyon Rd)

From the South: San Jose (I-680-Alum Rock exit to Hwy 130 aka Mt. Hamilton Rd)

Let's grill it up! Everyone's invited!

Things to think about bringing:  
camp chairs  
football/frisbee/kites  
dogs or kids (no fence, tho)  
boots  
telescope? (success is weather dependent)  
camping gear - if you're gonna rough it

Anyone have some 'portable shade'?

Here's a rough map of the location (X marks the spot):



Location (specific):

The gate at Mines Road is 6 miles from the Alameda/Santa Clara county line when headed south. The gate is 2 miles from the restaurant known as 'The Junction' (at the junction of Mines Rd, Del Puerto Canyon Rd, and San Antonio Valley Rd) when headed north.

It is on the west side of Mines Rd half-way between the mile markers 21 and 22 (painted on roadway).

Easiest access is through Livermore- Mines Rd heading south (26 miles starting at base of Mines Rd from Tesla Rd). Approximate drive time on Mines Rd is slightly less than one hour.

Other access:

California Central Valley- I5 exit Sperry Ave at Patterson, head west on Diablo Grande Parkway, then turn right onto Del Puerto Canyon Rd, then turning north on Mines at the Junction (27 miles starting at I5).

San Jose- Hwy 132 (Mt Hamilton Rd) from Alum Rock up and over Mt. Hamilton, into San Antonio Valley, finally heading north on Mines Rd (40 miles starting at Alum Rock ~90minutes?).

The gate is a simple bent tube farm gate, rusty-yellow/orange color. When headed south (as from Livermore) the gate is hidden by hillside until you have just reached it. Keep an eye on your odometer and drive slowly as you get nearer.

GPS:

37° 24' 54.52"

121° 29' 55.66"

Once through the gate, the meeting area is about 3/4 mile up the dirt drive.

Be careful to stay on the road- there are a couple of tricky (especially in the dark) turns.