THE DEAD CAT RANCH

2015 BOOK OF THE PLAY



Tyler Court 168

Sam Zigtema......Director 2015 Billy McGwier.....Impresario

Wichita Falls Court 85

Chase Fenoglio......Director 2015 John Tunnell.....Impresario

Waco Court 115

Ricky "Razz" Rasberry..Director 2015 Don Rowan......Impresario



What I See Here.. What I Hear Here...

"Shall Stay Here"
When I leave Here

FREE

shuttles are servicing the airport in Tyler, Tx and Jester Hotels in Palestine

You Will Not Have To Drive!!!

Bring your ATV/UTV, your Scattergun or Just Yourself
Unlimited Dominoes, Black Jack, Craps & Poker
Unlimited Sporting Clays
Don't Phorget Your Swim Trunks
Take a Dip and Relax in Jerry's Concrete Pond

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Bass Fishing at Jerry's Private Lake

Thursday, April 23rd

Check In 9:13 AM		
Fun and Games All Day		
Lunch		
Hospitality1:13 PM		
JOW Ride 2:13 PM		
Shrimp/Crawfish Boil		
Fried Catfish 7:13 PM		
Dreidel Tournament 8:13 PM		
*Continental Breakfast Served each		
morning at the Palestine Hotels		
24 th , 25 th & 26 th		

Friday, April 24th

Hospitality 9:13 AM
Fun and Games All Day
World Famous Texas State Railroad Trip Jesters will ride in a private streamline car or their all inclusive trip (includes Lunch and Open Bar, Must Pre-Register & Pay by 4/1/15***
Lunch Carbrito Extrodinare1:13 PM
at Dead Cat Ranch)

Saturdau. April 25th

Check In	8:13 AM
Hospitality	8:13 AM
Fun and Games	All Day
Columbaire	9:13 AM
Lunch	1:13 PM
Play Practice	2:13 PM
BOOK OF THE PLAY.	3:13 PM
Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvr	es.6:13 PM
Royal Pheast	
Succulent, Wet Aged Steaks, prepared	by renowned Chef,
Lance Young	

(No Tux) but IEWEL and NAME BADGE are REOLIRED

Sunday, April 26th

Farewell, "May the best of our Past be the worst of our Future"



Sam Ziotema, Director 2015



The Texas State Railroad is not only a "Texas Treasure," it is the official Railroad of Texas.

The Texas state prison system established the railroad in 1881. Inmates built the line, which was used to transport hardwood which was used as fuel for the furnaces at the prison-operated iron smelter at the Rusk Penitentiary. The furnace supplied the State of Texas with iron products, including the columns and dome structure for the capitol building in Austin. The original construction was a narrow gauge line but was later built in standard gauge in order to join into the main line.

In 1906 prison crews extended the rail line to Maydelle and in 1909 reached their final destination of Palestine. Once the train line was completed into Palestine the line was easily accessible to the main lines and commerce in and around the area flourished. In 1913 the prison ceased operations of the iron furnace and the Penitentiary was converted into the state mental hospital. In 1921 the regular rail service was discontinued and the line was leased to the Texas & New Orleans (Southern Pacific Railroad Co.) The Texas Southeastern Railroad leased the line in the early 1960s and continued operation of the line until 1969.

The railroad was conveyed to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1972 and state inmates were again brought in to help with the creation of the state historical park. The park and railroad were opened to the public on July 4th, 1976, as part of the nation's Bicentennial Celebration.