

State of Texas *
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County of Comal*

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING SLUMBER FALLS TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MARKER AND DEDICATION

WHEREAS, Slumber Falls Camp, 3610 River Road, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission subject marker designating the history of the camp to be a significant part of Texas history; and,

WHEREAS, Slumber Falls is located on the Guadalupe River Road four miles northwest of the city of New Braunfels. This area has been a popular swimming and picnicking site since the late 1800s. In the 1930s, Harry Landa sold 20 acres in the Veramendi survey to W.V. and Francis Schulz Lillie and it was developed into a tourist court.

Mrs. Lillie and her brother, Herman Schrader, built 11 cabins one at a time as they could afford them. Advertised as "Paradise of the Hills," the camp was a popular tourist destination during a rapid increase in automobile tourism, particularly along River Road. The camp was a place to get away from the city and enjoy the beauty of a hill country river. Drought conditions closed the site as a tourist camp in 1957.

As early as 1956, the Texas Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) voted to seek a campsite for youth and adult activities. The wooded site with 11 cabins on limestone cliffs with majestic views overlooking the Guadalupe River was chosen. The property was purchased on December 31, 1957. Slumber Falls Camp, named for the peaceful and serene falls on the river, opened in the summer of 1958 with 385 campers and 100 staff.

The camp facilities expanded and evolved into a beautiful naturally landscaped camp with updated facilities while maintaining several of the original tourist court cabins for a 1930s camping experience. The camp continues the tradition of providing a memorable camping and learning experience for youth and adults where they can slumber with the sound of waterfalls.

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held on Saturday, April 16th, 2016 at 2pm at the Slumber Falls Camp, 3610 River Road, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Comal County Commissioners Court duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend you on your work towards receiving this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of April, 2016.

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: _____
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk

GUADALUPE RIVER, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS—11





ED-NEE
RAIL

SLUMBER FALLS CAMP
WALDROAD

BEAR CREEK RD. →
KATTLER RD. 85
KATTLER 32
HIDDEN VALLEY RD. 10
HANCOCK 20
FISCHER STORE 22

HUECO SPRINGS LOOP RD. →
SLUMBER FALLS 38
GUADALUPE DRIVE 40
HUECO SPRINGS 47
NEW BRAUNFELS 73



DRAFT





Idle Hours

Idle Hours



DRAFT





SHADY NOOK

DRAFT

Slumber Falls
CAMP

OWNED & OPERATED
BY
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

DRAFT









Senior High Camp Junell-17, 1961
Slumber Falls



SLUMBER FALLS

LOCATED ON THE GUADALUPE RIVER ROAD FOUR MILES NORTHWEST OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, THIS AREA HAS BEEN A POPULAR SWIMMING AND PICNICKING SITE SINCE THE LATE 1800s. IN THE 1930s, HARRY LANDA SOLD 20 ACRES IN THE VERAMENDY SURVEY TO W.V. & FRANCIS SCHULZ. LILLIE AND IT WAS DEVELOPED INTO A TOURIST COURT.

MRS. LILLIE AND HER BROTHER, HERMAN SCHRADER, BUILT 11 CABINS ON AT A TIME AS THEY COULD AFFORD THEM, ADVERTISED AS "PARADISE OF THE HILLS." THE CAMP WAS A POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATION DURING A RAPID INCREASE IN AUTOMOBILE TOURISM, PARTICULARLY ALONG RIVER ROAD. THE CAMP WAS A PLACE TO GET AWAY FROM THE CITY AND ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF A HILL COUNTRY RIVER. DROUGHT CONDITIONS CLOSED THE SITE AS A TOURIST CAMP IN 1957.

AS EARLY AS 1956, THE TEXAS SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST) VOTED TO SEEK A CAMP SITE FOR YOUTH AND ADULT ACTIVITIES. THE WOODED SITE WITH 11 CABINS ON LIMESTONE CLIFFS WITH MAJESTIC VIEWS OVERLOOKING THE GUADALUPE RIVER WAS CHOSEN. THE PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED ON DECEMBER 31, 1957. SLUMBER FALLS CAMP, NAMED FOR THE PEACEFUL AND SERENE FALLS ON THE RIVER, OPENED IN THE SUMMER OF 1958 WITH 385 CAMPERS AND 100 STAFF.

THE CAMP FACILITIES EXPANDED AND EVOLVED INTO A BEAUTIFUL NATURALLY-LANDSCAPED CAMP WITH UPDATED FACILITIES WHILE MAINTAINING SEVERAL OF THE ORIGINAL TOURIST COURT CABINS FOR A 1930s CAMPING EXPERIENCE. THE CAMP CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF PROVIDING A MEMORABLE CAMPING AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WHERE THEY CAN SLUMBER WITH THE SOUND OF WATERFALLS.

MARKER IS PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

(2015)

You're Invited

Slumber Falls Camp
Historical Marker Dedication



Saturday, April 16, 2016

Slumber Falls Entrance Drive

3610 River Road, New Braunfels, TX 78132

2:00pm

Reception to follow in Woelke Lodge Sponsored by:

Slumber Falls Camp

Comal County Historical Commission

Texas Historical Commission

Please RSVP: 830-625-2212 or stacey@slumberfalls.org