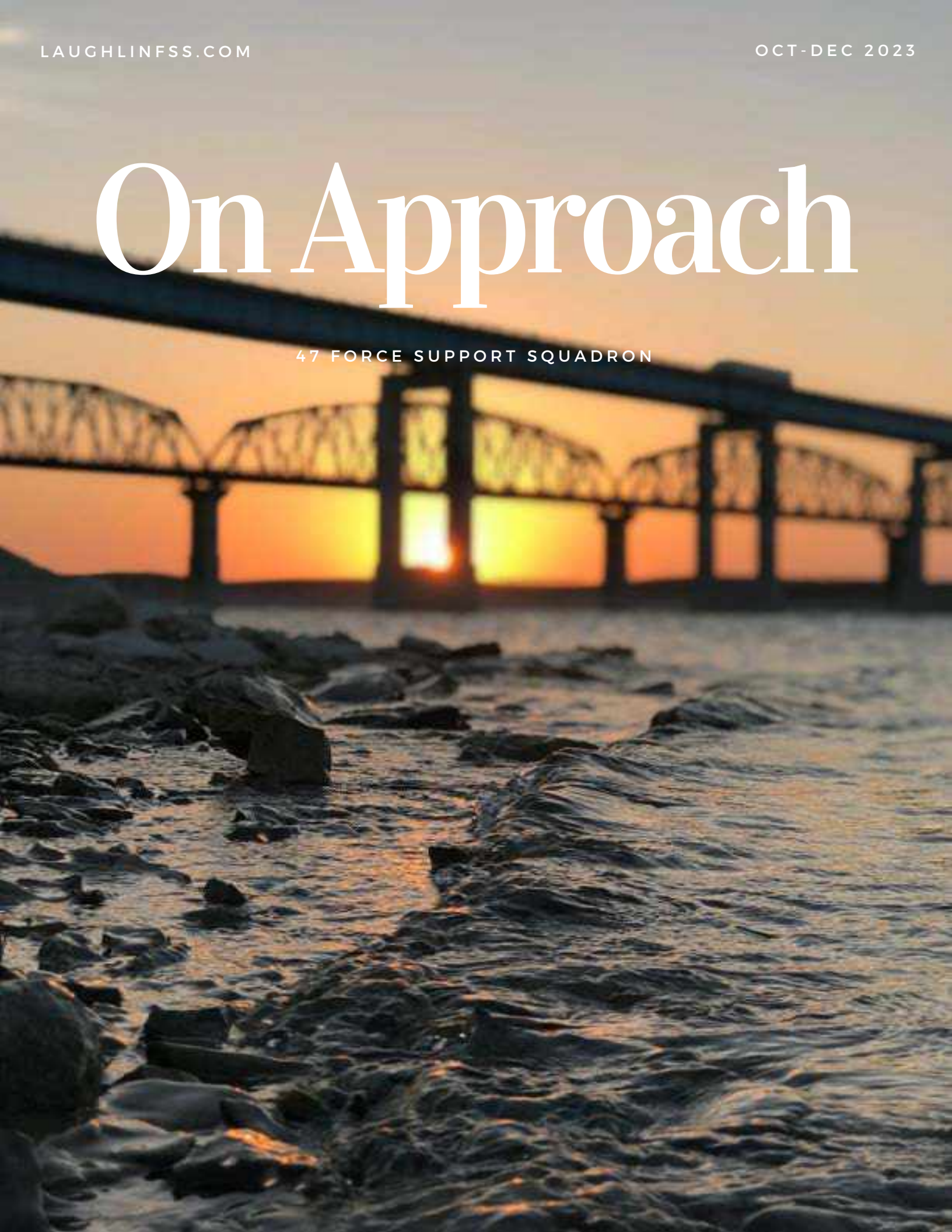


On Approach

47 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



Commander's Note

Thank you for picking up our inaugural On Approach quarterly magazine! I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your unwavering support of the 47th Force Support Squadron. Here at the FSS, we are dedicated to elevating the quality of life for all of our community members and we are truly thankful for your patronage and partnership in making Laughlin a great place to live and work.

As we move forward, our team remains committed to providing the highest standard of customer service. Your well-being and satisfaction continue to be our top priorities and we look forward to open

dialogue and communication on how we can better serve the community.

We hope you will join us this quarter at some of our many events listed within these pages. From Trunk and Treat to Turkey Trot to Dinner with Santa, there is truly something for everyone. Together, we will continue to create a vibrant and supportive community that enhances the overall quality of life for all Team XL members. Thank you for your trust and for being an integral part of our mission.



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Losano Fitness Center's Indoor Gymnasium: Exciting Changes Coming this Fall!

Prepare for an exciting transformation at the Losano Fitness Center as we embark on a significant project to refinish the indoor gymnasium floor this fall. This endeavor is part of our commitment to providing you with an exceptional fitness experience.

WHY REFINISH THE GYMNASIUM FLOOR?

Over the years, our indoor gymnasium has been a hub of activity, hosting various sports, events, and fitness classes. As a result, the floor has experienced wear and tear. Refinishing the floor is essential to ensure a safe, visually appealing, and functional space for all our patrons.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

We understand the importance of minimizing disruptions to your fitness routine.

Our team is dedicated to completing the project efficiently to bring you the revitalized gymnasium as soon as possible. The project will commence this fall, and we'll keep you informed about its progress.

YOUR FITNESS MATTERS:

At Losano Fitness Center, we value your fitness journey. That's why we're investing in this significant improvement to create a safer, more appealing, and functional gymnasium for you. We appreciate your patience during this renovation process and eagerly anticipate welcoming you back to an enhanced gymnasium.

Stay tuned for updates on the project's status and the grand reopening date. We can't wait to unveil the transformed indoor gymnasium floor, providing you with an even better fitness and sports experience.

CAVERNS OF SONORA

7 Oct | 0800 | Outdoor Recreation | 830-298-5830

A fun-filled trip where you'll have the rare opportunity to experience a living and highly decorated cave up close and personal.

Price: \$20 for Active Duty and Dependents.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PAVILION

7 Oct | 1930-2200 | Fam Camp | 830-298-5830

Join us for Halloween Movie Night, where you can gather under the stars and enjoy a classic blockbuster movie, "Beetlejuice." Get ready for an evening of family fun and thrills as we celebrate the spooky season.

ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE STORY TIME

14 Oct | 1030 | Library | 830-298-5119

An engaging event in collaboration with the LAFB Optometry Clinic, where we'll explore the magic of the universe through captivating stories and the awe-inspiring spectacle of a solar eclipse.

SAN ANTONIO GHOST TOUR YOUTH NIGHT

20 Oct | 1600-0100 | Youth Center | 830-298-4363

Get ready for a bone-chilling adventure this Friday the 13th! Join our haunted ghost tour in San Antonio open to ages 9-18. Secure your spot by signing up before October 11th. Don't miss out on the frightful fun!

OKTOBERFEST

20 Oct | 1700-2300 | Club XL | 830-298-5134

An evening of great food, fun, and entertainment at a fantastic value. Indulge in delicious German cuisine, enjoy lively music, and make lasting memories with friends and family. This event offers something for everyone, ensuring a fun-filled experience that you won't want to miss.

HALLOWEEN GLOW FUN RUN

21 Oct | 1930 | Outdoor Track | 830-298-5251

Get ready to GLOW! Join us for a spooktacular time in your Halloween best. We've got a Glow Fun Run, Costume Contest, Candy, Games, and MORE!

ULTIMATE GAME SHOW

24 Oct | 1800-2100 | Anderson Hall | 830-298-5790

An exciting game show event with a chance to win \$5,000 in prizes! It's bound to be a lot of fun and entertainment for everyone. Best of all, it's completely free! Don't miss this chance to enjoy a night filled with laughter, prizes, and great company.

FAMILY STEAM FUN: SENSORY MONSTER

25 Oct | 1000 | MFRC | 830-298-5620

Family STEAM Fun: Sensory Monster is an interactive event where families can explore their creativity, imagination, and sensory skills.

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

28 Oct | 0800 | Desert Oaks Golf Course | 830-298-5451

Join us for an exciting day of golf at Desert Oaks Golf Course! The 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament is back on October 28th, and it's an event you won't want to miss.

HALLOWEEN PIN DECORATING

28 Oct | 1100-1300 | Cactus Lanes Bowling Center | 830-298-5526

Meet up at Cactus Lanes Bowling Center where you and your family can have a blast decorating spooky bowling pins. All materials will be provided, so come prepared for a fun-filled afternoon of creativity.

FRIGHT NIGHT CRUISE

28 Oct | 1800-2000 | Southwinds Marina | 830-775-7800

Embark on a spine-chilling Sunset Cruise the weekend of Halloween and a full moon! Take in the breathtaking view as the sun sets over the water while enjoying a leisurely boat ride on the lake.

TRUNK & TREAT

31 Oct | 1700-1900 | Youth Center | 830-298-4363

An array of Halloween thrills! From a charming pumpkin patch and a tantalizing pie walk to a spine-tingling haunted house and a delightful hay ride, there's something for everyone. Challenge your skills with carnival games, compete in the trunk decorating contest, and satisfy your cravings with complimentary food, drinks, and, of course, plenty of candy! **Located at Hunt Housing.**



OCTOBER EVENTS



Revitalizing Silver Wings: Enhancing Your Experience with a Renovation Project

At the 47 Force Support Squadron, we take pride in continuously enhancing the facilities and services that contribute to the well-being of our community. We are excited to announce that Silver Wings, a beloved establishment at the heart of our base, is set to undergo a transformative renovation. This project is a testament to our commitment to elevating the quality of life and services offered to our members.

AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMFORT

Silver Wings has long been a hub of camaraderie, delicious meals, and shared memories. To better serve our community, we have embarked on a renovation journey that will not only update the space but also redefine your experience.

STREAMLINED KITCHEN OPERATIONS

One of the highlights of this renovation is the revamping of Silver Wings' kitchen. We recognize the importance of efficiency in today's fast-paced world, and we are excited to streamline our kitchen operations to ensure quicker ordering and preparation times. This means that you'll be able to enjoy your favorite dishes even faster.

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

While we're eagerly looking ahead to the enhancements that await, we also understand the importance of transparency. The estimated timeline for the contract award is projected to be around November 2023. As the project progresses, we will keep our community informed about the milestones achieved and any developments that arise.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

As we embark on this exciting endeavor, we understand that you may have questions or be curious about the specific details of the renovation. Rest assured, we will be sharing more comprehensive information in the coming weeks. Whether it's design concepts, planned changes to the layout, or sneak peeks of what's to come, we're committed to keeping you well-informed every step of the way.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

TURKEY TROT 5K/10K

1-17 Nov | Losano Fitness Center | 830-298-5251

Walk or run this annual race on your own anytime during the week for a chance to win a prize from the Fitness Center! Just show your mileage tracker to a Losano Fitness staff member!

JUNIOR DEPLOYMENT

4 Nov | 0800-1230 | MFRC | 830-298-5620

Join us at the MFRC as children aged 5-18 have a simulated deployment experience, complete with pre-deployment briefings, military exercises, games, obstacle courses, pin presentations, and a heartwarming welcome home celebration.

TRIVIA ON THE TRITOON

4 Nov | 1400-1600 | Southwinds Marina | 830-775-7800

Embark on a unique adventure with Trivia on the Tritoon at Southwinds Marina, Lake Amistad! Join us for a fun-filled experience where you'll test your knowledge with trivia questions about boating, boater's safety, Lake Amistad, and Del Rio.

DEVILS RIVER NIGHT STAR VIEWING PARTY

4 Nov | Outdoor Recreation | 830-298-5830

Discover the enchanting night skies like never before by Outdoor Recreation and R4R. This extraordinary event offers a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of the cosmos while surrounded by the natural beauty of Devils River National Park.

FALLING INTO WINTER CAMPING

10-12 Nov | Outdoor Recreation | 830-298-5830

Pack up for a memorable outdoor adventure as we embrace the crisp Texas autumn presented in collaboration with R4R. Whether you're an experienced camper or new to outdoor excursions, this two-night camping experience offers something for everyone.

STRANGER THINGS ESCAPE ROOM

13-17 Nov | By Appointment | Library | 830-298-5119

Dive into the world of mysteries, Demogorgons, and the enigmatic Upside Down! Join us for the exhilarating Stranger Things Escape Room, where you and your team will have just one hour to unravel this intricately crafted puzzle.

FALL FEST

17 Nov | 1600-2000 | Fam Camp | 830-298-5790

Get ready for a fun-filled family-friendly Fall Fest! We have an exciting lineup of activities and attractions planned to help you embrace the spirit of the season. From bounce houses and movie night to pumpkin painting and a petting farm there's something for everyone to enjoy.

AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES KIDS GLOW RUN

17 Nov | 1800-1900 | Fam Camp | 830-298-4363

Prepare for a night of family-fueled glow-in-the-dark excitement! An exhilarating evening where families come together to celebrate the Month of the Military Family/Armed Forces Day. Preregister or sign up day of event.

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

18 Nov | 0800 | Desert Oaks Golf Course | 830-298-5451

Join us for a thrilling day on the greens for our 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament. Gather your team of golf enthusiasts and get ready for an unforgettable golfing experience.

THANKSGIVING PIN DECORATING

18 Nov | 1100-1300 | Cactus Lanes Bowling Center | 830-298-5526

Celebrate Thanksgiving in a creative way! Join us for Thanksgiving Pin Decorating, where you can enjoy a fun-filled afternoon decorating bowling pins. All materials will be supplied, and you can take your decorated pins home as a unique keepsake.

OPERATION TURKEY GIVE AWAY

1-17 Nov | Club XL | 830-298-5134

Support 10 families in need this Thanksgiving! Get a small meal turkey package serving 4-6 people. First Sergeants can order through Club XL Management. Limited to 10 packages. Don't miss this chance to make a difference in our community.

DINNER WITH SANTA

29 Nov | 1730-2100 | Club XL | 830-298-5134

Come to Club XL after the Chapel's tree lighting for an enchanting evening with Santa! Savor complimentary hot chocolate, and delicious cookies, and capture memorable photos with Santa himself. Don't miss the festive holiday buffet, with pricing for adults and kids of all ages, including special discounts for XL Frequent Flyer Members.



Enhancing Quality of Life: Introducing Grab and Go Food Kiosks

In the ever-evolving landscape of base amenities, the 47th Force Support Squadron is taking a leap forward in enhancing the quality of life for Laughlin AFB's community. We are thrilled to unveil our latest innovation: the all-new Grab and Go Food Kiosks, strategically stationed at Building 320 near the Step Desk and at the Med Group. These state-of-the-art kiosks mark a significant step in our resiliency efforts, reshaping how we cater to the well-being of our valued members.

A PIONEERING BREAKTHROUGH: A FIRST IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

As we strive to raise the bar for quality of life on base, we are excited to introduce the first-ever Grab and Go Food Kiosks within the continental United States right here at Laughlin AFB. This groundbreaking initiative reflects our commitment to redefining convenience and accessibility for our community, while addressing the ever-growing need for healthier dining alternatives.

HEALTHY CHOICES, ALWAYS AT HAND: REFRIGERATED AND NUTRITIOUS

Dedicated to your well-being, these innovative kiosks come with an exciting twist – they're refrigerated, ensuring that you always have access to fresh, wholesome food items. In line with our resiliency efforts, we've curated a selection of nourishing options that cater to various dietary preferences and needs. Whether you're looking for a quick protein boost or a wholesome vegetarian delight, the Grab and Go Food Kiosks have you covered.

REVOLUTIONIZING CONVENIENCE: THE POWER OF RFID TECHNOLOGY

Imagine a dining experience that seamlessly blends innovation and ease. The Grab and Go Food Kiosks do just that with the power of RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) technology. As you approach these futuristic kiosks, a simple scan of your credit card sets the wheels in motion. The real magic happens when you choose your items – you are able to choose an item to and check its nutritional information, empowering you to make informed choices about your meal. Should you decide to explore different options, the flexibility of the system allows you to replace your selection without any fuss. This is innovation at its finest – technology working in harmony with your well-being.

YOUR WELL-BEING, OUR PRIORITY: GRAB AND GO INTO THE FUTURE

As we journey into the future, your well-being remains our foremost priority. The Grab and Go Food Kiosks are more than just a convenience – they're a testament to our commitment to providing you with the tools you need to live resiliently. Together, we're shaping a healthier, more empowered community, and we're excited to have you be part of this transformative experience.



NATURAL BRIDGE CAVERNS TOUR

2 Dec | Outdoor Recreation | 830-298-5830

Explore the extraordinary Natural Bridge Caverns Tour with Outdoor Recreation and R4R. Journey 1.2 miles beneath the earth's surface to witness stunning geological formations. \$15 per participant.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

2-3 Dec | 0800 | Desert Oaks Golf Course | 830-298-5451

Calling all golf enthusiasts! Join us for the thrilling Laughlin AFB Championship Golf Tournament. Play in a 2-day stroke play event \$100.00 per player for both days (36 holes). Compete for the championship, enjoy a catered lunch, and make lasting memories!

PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS

2 Dec | 1500-1700 | Outdoor Recreation | 830-298-5830

Meet Santa with your furry friends. Capture joyful memories and celebrate the holidays in a festive setting. It's free and open to all with base access! Don't miss this chance to create special moments.



12 DAYS OF FITMAS

4-15 Dec | Losano Fitness Center | 830-298-5251

Ready for a holiday fitness challenge? Join the "12 Days of Fitmas" at Losano Fitness Center! It's a tailored extravaganza for ages 13+ with base access. Enjoy invigorating classes, earn punch stamps for prizes, and embrace the Fitmas spirit. Stay fit and merry!

COOKIE DECORATING

7 Dec | 1700 | Library | 830-298-5119

Decorate sugar cookies with colorful icing and sprinkles, spreading holiday cheer. Perfect for all ages to connect, craft, and enjoy delicious creations. Join our Cookie Decorating Party for a fun, creative experience!



PANCAKES WITH SANTA

9 Dec | 0900 | Cactus Lanes Bowling Center | 830-298-5526

Discover "Bowling with Santa and Mrs. Claus"! A magical morning where you can decorate pins, take photos with the jolly couple, and let your kids get creative with pancake decorating. Special \$2.00 rates for family enjoyment.

WININ' AND SURVIVIN'

16 Dec | 0800 | Outdoor Recreation | 830-298-5830

Join us for the Winin' and Survivin' excursion to Fredericksburg, TX. We handle transportation and shuttle service for your wine trail adventure. Explore 21 wineries and distilleries hassle-free for just \$35. Sip, savor, and shop at your leisure! Ages: 21+

VISIT FROM SANTA

21 Dec | 1000-1100 | CDC | 830-298-5419

Santa's coming to town! Families of the Child Development Center, join us for our Visit From Santa event. Capture magical moments as your child meets Santa, shares wishes, and takes photos against a festive backdrop. Create lasting memories together!



GRINCHMAS YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

23 Dec | 1700-2100 | Youth Center | 830-298-4363

Youth ages 9-18 can enjoy games, music, food, gifts, and laughs, all Grinch-style! Costs: \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. Celebrate the holidays in style!

CHRISTMAS BOAT BUILDING CONTEST

23 Dec | 1300-1500 | Southwinds Marina | 830-775-7800

Enjoy unique family activities, friendly competition, and treats. Free entry, and special prizes at our Christmas Boat Building Contest using graham crackers as your building blocks. RSVP by Dec 22.

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