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## Get Connected

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## Get Your FreeOK On!

This June is turning out to be our most exciting month yet! The Tulsa Pride Parade and Festival is happening on Saturday, June 2, and we have been fortunate enough to secure a table for the event! Of course, we will be participating in the parade as well. We need as many of you wonderful members (and family, friends, and pets) to come out and support equality. Feel free to make poster-board signs (nothing too offensive, please) and ride along in the Atheist-mobile with your supreme leaders! We have made a big special order for bumper stickers, buttons, and other fun souvenirs that will be sold for the benefit of ACT. We expect to sell out at the event; if you don't show up, you'll be doomed to wait for our next unholy order. We look forward to seeing you all out and supporting our local community. Acceptance and understanding is what it's all about. And parties. You can't forget the parties. Or the costumes.



And as if Tulsa Pride wasn't nearly enough, our own much-anticipated FreeOK 2012 is barely over three weeks away! On June 23, the Tulsa Convention Center Assembly Hall will be rocked by some of the best speakers around! If you have not purchased your tickets, please do so now. Go to <http://freeok.org/tickets/> and get your FreeOK on! Our amazing FreeOK Volunteers have also been working on a very exciting VIP event after the conclusion of the official convention. We will post all of the details as soon as they become available. Our Official Meeting will be a FreeOK and Solstice Celebration this month. It will be held on June 24, at the beautiful Mohawk Park. We will be providing food and drinks for those who have paid their group membership dues (It's just \$20 a year, people.) and giving the rest of you godless heathens the opportunity to pay your dues and become real-life voting members of ACT. (Passes to hell not included; cash, check, money order, and other bribes are gladly accepted.) Thank you all for making the Atheist Community of Tulsa such a wonderful group!

## Community Outreach - Oklahomans for Equality

### June @ a Glance

- Tulsa Pride Parade, Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, step-off at 5:00 P.M. @ the corner of Brady and Cheyenne in downtown Tulsa
- Nature Hike, Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. @ Keystone Ancient Forest Preserve
- Volunteering with Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 P.M. @ 415 W. Archer
- Social Dinner, Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ Carrabba's Italian Grill
- Drinking With Atheists, Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ a location TBD
- FreeOK 2012 Convention, Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 A.M. @ Tulsa Convention Center Assembly Hall
- Post-FreeOK and Solstice Celebration, Official Monthly Meeting, Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 P.M. @ Mohawk Park, Shelter 2
- Secular Friends and Family: Tulsa Drillers Present the Texas League All-Star Game, Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ ONEOK Field
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- Food and Clothing Drive is ongoing through the month of June. Please bring your donations to any event you attend and a representative will make sure your items make it to those in need.



To celebrate the Tulsa Pride Parade and Street Festival and the great steps we have taken as a community, our featured outreach project for June is Oklahomans for Equality, also known as OkEeq. Located in downtown Tulsa at Kenosha and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, the OkEeq building is an oasis of acceptance and advocacy in an all-too-often intolerant world. They seek to improve the lives of Tulsa's LGBT community through support and discussion groups, cultural events, AIDS testing, legal advocacy, and much more. They are currently working on a database of LGBT-friendly doctors, counselors, attorneys, and businesses. Oklahomans for Equality also hosts a number of events throughout the year in addition to the Tulsa Pride celebration. Due to a growing number of caring and dedicated staff members and a network of volunteers, OkEeq has become the second-largest LGBT community center in the region. Oklahomans for Equality got their start more than thirty years ago in 1980 (then known as Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights), due to some extremely generous supporters in the Tulsa area. They quickly became regional leaders in medical testing, and have remained in partnership with Health Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE), which was once a part of OkEeq itself. Today, the Oklahomans for Equality facility boasts 18,000 square feet of space, housing a wellness center, library, event center, and more. If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful cause, or throw some money their way in the name of advocacy and support equality in marriage, please visit their website at [www.okeeq.org](http://www.okeeq.org). After all, these are our friends, neighbors, loved ones, and fellow ACT members, if not ourselves. We will look forward to seeing you all come out in support of Tulsa Pride. Let's ACTOK and really make a statement for equality in a time of religious intolerance.

## Last Month's Featured Event - Nature Hike at Redbud Valley Nature Preserve

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 1:00 P.M.

Video presentations

Welcomed new members

Introductions

Official Meeting topic, "What Is Atheism?", presented by Michael Speck

Discussion, Q&A

Presentation by CQOK

Meeting Ended at 3:00 P.M.

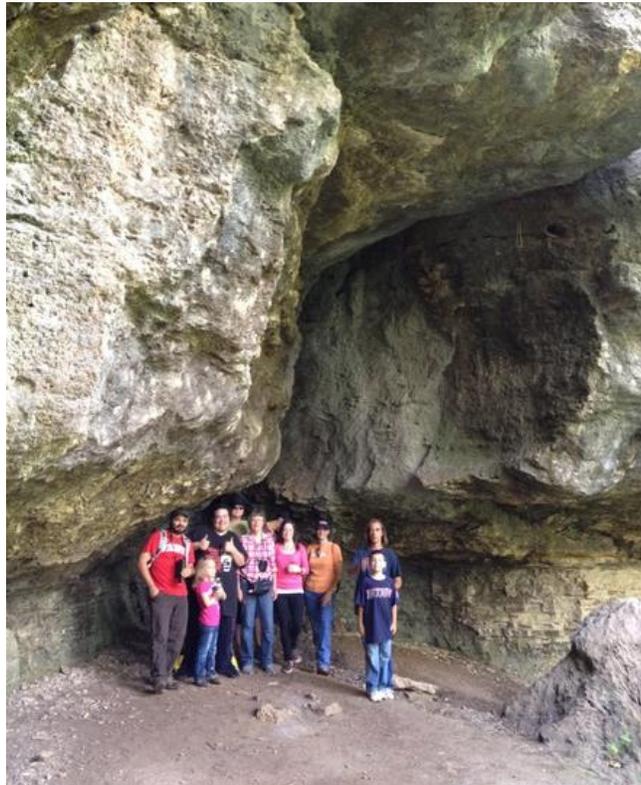
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Imagine: it is a perfect Saturday morning, the sun is shining, birds are chirping, and your hangover from last night is finally fading. To top it all off, you are surrounded by the beauty of nature and the pure awesomeness of your friends in the Atheist Community of Tulsa. Or maybe you're like me and still kicking yourself for missing our first ACTOK Nature Hike at Redbud Valley Nature Preserve. If for any reason you did happen to miss this incredibly beautiful and family-friendly event, fear not: Nature Hike II is on the way, and I am not going to miss it this time. From wildflowers to scorpions, and kiddos to giant rocks, the pictures alone will be worth the trip.

So, all you heathens and sheathens, be prepared. Stock up on sunscreen and don't wear flip-flops. Bring your cameras and meet us at Keystone Ancient Forest for another celebration of the wonders of nature.