



News from the Texas XXXs Rugby Club

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Texas XXXs
vs.

Chicago
Grey Lions

Saturday
August 25th



USA Rugby
vs.

Munster

Sunday
August 26th

At Toyota
Park



Chicago is a go!

It's on. The Texas XXXs have accepted the challenge and will take on the Chicago Grey Lions in the Curtain Raiser before the Eagles match in the Windy City on Saturday, August 25.

Well, to be more precise, we will be the Curtain Raiser for the Eagles' second side vs. the Chicago Lions, who recently were in the USA Super League championship game. Then, on Sunday, we will morph into the Lonsome Dove and attend the Eagles vs. Munster (Ireland) match at beautiful Toyota Park. Munster is the defending European champions, and this match is the send-off game for the USA as our boys head to England for a brief tour prior to competing in the World Cup. (The Eagles are now in Aspen, training daily for the World Cup.)

Our task now is to make sure we have commitments from about 20 able-bodied players, as we know there will be plenty of poofers tagging along for the golf, partying, and the Eagles match. So here's what we need you to do:

Send us an e-mail ASAP to PoohBah@TexasXsRugby.com with your positive response that you will be attending and play (also respond if you plan to attend, but not play).

This will be a "Big Boys" tour. We will send information out in the next two weeks about a designated hotel block you may choose to reserve rooms from, or you are free to make your own arrangements. Similarly, make your own flight plans -- you have plenty of time to reserve before the 30-day and 14-day windows close.

Some have expressed interest in flying in Thursday night or Friday morning, as the Lions have arranged a Friday afternoon golf outing beginning at 1 p.m. Others may wish to take in the White Sox vs. Red Sox game that night. Still others may opt to come in Saturday morning, but as we will probably be in the early match, this might not be advisable. The Lions have indicated there will be drink-ups arranged both Friday night and after our match on Saturday at their home pub, McGinny's Tap.

Toyota Park, home of the MLS Chicago Fire, is located in Bridgeview on the southeast side of the city, not far from Midway Airport. But O'hare also provides good access to the area, so just pick the best fare/schedule. The Eagles game will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, so you can try to catch an evening flight home, or just take off Monday and really enjoy the post match drink-ups sure to occur.

There are myriad other events being planned for the weekend, including coaching and refereeing clinics for those so inclined.

The Grey Lions have promised us a social match of the sort we enjoy playing, and getting to see our national team play is an added bonus. It should be a great weekend ... the sort everyone keeps asking for. So man-up and commit now. If we don't tour and play every once in a while, we're just a knitting society.

And who knows; since the Eagles coaches and selectors will be at our match on Saturday, maybe one of us will catch their eye and make the squad? So start training!



**September 1st
through the 8th
in 2008**



Reply by e-mail to Poohbah@TexasXsRugby.com with your commitment today.

Scotland – It's not too late to jump on board!

It is not too late to sign up for the Texas XXXs pilgrimage to Scotland. We've had a great response and we're now planning to enter two sides. If we can sign a few more players and supporters, then the tour will be full. Now is the time to jump on board.

The festival package includes:

- **Seven night's accommodation with breakfasts.**
- **An opening ceremony that will be held at Edinburgh Castle.**
- **A Welcome Party, a "Highland Fling" picnic day and a Grand Finale Dinner.**
- **Games at the Murrayfield complex with the "World's Biggest Clubhouse".**

The estimated cost for this tour will be approximately \$1800 per person plus airfare. The final total will depend on the dollar/pound exchange rate in the coming months.

The hotel will be booked shortly. Several of our choices are currently being remodeled so a little more research is required. Hotel information with single occupancy and child rates will be sent out when we get the particulars.

We're required to send another installment to the golden oldies organizers soon. Those of you that have signed on, please try and get caught up with your payments. As of today, the deposit and two payments are due.

Here is the Payment Schedule:	Single (double occupancy)	Couple
April 15, 2007 - Deposit	\$50	\$100
May 15, 2007	\$250	\$500
July 1, 2007	\$250	\$500
Sept. 1, 2007	\$250	\$500
Nov. 1, 2007	\$250	\$500
Jan. 1, 2008	\$250	\$500
March 1, 2008	\$250	\$500
May 1, 2008	\$250	\$500

Checks are to be made out to the "Texas XXXs Rugby Club" and sent to:

The Texas XXXs Rugby Club
c/o Jerry Riggins
2409 Bering #7
Houston, TX 77057

If you've been considering this trip but are not in a position to get caught up with the payments today; then send in what you can to stay on the "possible" list. At this time the payments are refundable.

More information about the festival can be found at...
http://www.goldenoldiessports.com/go_festivals/rugby_festivals/world_rugby_festival_08.htm.

You can also keep up with the latest information at www.TexasXsRugby.com.

If you would like to be removed from the Texas XXXs mailing list please e-mail us at webboy@texasxsrugby.com.