



Rattlesnakes + beans = Texas party

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Snakes, food and beans were the fare of the day at this Texas rattlesnake roundup in San Patricio, Texas. Sound like a strange combination? Relax, they were not actually mixed together, only in spirit, and of that there was plenty.

The gathering took place over Spring Break, and while Aggies were bathing in the clouds that hung over Texas beaches, these people were drinking beer and playing with snakes and having a good time, clouds or no clouds.

Above, a crowd of eaters and drinkers mills around waiting for some activity; there was plenty to eat and drink and, counting the snakes, plenty of activity. Right, a snake handler coils a rattlesnake around his neck to show members of the crowd, who kept their distance. Left, beans were ladled out in huge portions to anyone who felt hunger getting the best of them.

