

## **Survivor – Texas Style**

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For the next episode of *Survivor!*, contestants will assemble in the Cotton Bowl to receive their race packets. Inside will be a pink race shirt and the keys to a Volvo that each contestant will drive during the event. On each Volvo will be one of the following bumper stickers: “The Dixie Chicks Were Right!” “I Hate Country Music,” “God, Please Save Me from Your Followers,” “Never Thought I’d Miss Nixon,” “Another Freak in Drag” and “Give Texas Back to Mexico.”

Day One: Drive to Fort Worth. Take time off during the Cowtown Marathon to protest animal cruelty at the stockyards by promoting a ban on red meat.

Day Two: Drive to Sweetwater and the annual Rattlesnake Roundup. Release at least a dozen snakes on Main Street in the name of the Rattlesnake Liberation Front.

Day Three: Drive to Amarillo. Push over one of Stanley Marsh’s inverted Cadillacs along old Route 66 at the Amarillo Art Museum.

Day Four: Drive to Midland. Protest fossil fuels outside the oil company office previously occupied by George W. Bush.

Day Five: Drive to El Paso. Join a demonstration to make Spanish the official language of Texas.

Day Six. Drive to San Antonio. Stop at the Shrine of Liberty during the Fiesta 10K to lay claim to the Alamo in the name of Mexico. Later, order a Shirley Temple at the bar in the Menger Hotel while denouncing Teddy Roosevelt as an imperialist for recruiting Rough Riders there while on his way to Cuba.

Day Seven: Drive to New Braunfels. Order tofu from a bratwurst vendor at Wurstfest after the Wurst 5-miler.

Day Eight. Drive to Austin. Collect signatures during the Capitol 10K on a petition to force the University of Texas to release its longhorn mascot, Bevo, onto the open range.

Day Nine: Drive to College Station. Ask five students at Texas A&M why they put plywood on the inside of windows at the university during the last hurricane.

Day Ten: Drive to Abbott (pop. 300). Play the violin for at least an hour outside Willie Nelson’s boyhood home.

Winner: First one to make it back to Dallas alive wins.