

# **THE ROADRUNNER**



## **Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas**

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### JH News and Notes

The leaves are falling and the temperatures are cooling (finally!) which can mean only one thing for every Junior Historian: time to get serious about JH history fair and Texas History Day projects! Remember that at the JH Annual Meeting in Sugar Land next year, students can enter the history fair in all categories (except the paper category) as an individual or as a group with up to five members. If you undertake a project with more than five Junior Historians, consider entering as a chapter project. Students or teachers who are unsure if a project qualifies as a group entry or a chapter project can always email Kate to double check.

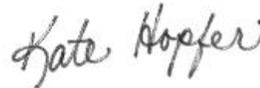
The Texas State Historical Association is pleased to unveil its new and improved Web site! If you haven't checked out our online presence lately, visit [www.tshaonline.org](http://www.tshaonline.org) to see all the changes we've made. The entire TSHA staff in conjunction with the staff at the University of North Texas worked diligently on the site for the past few months. We hope you find it user friendly and easy to navigate. Since the site is so new, please feel free to contact us if you spot pages that look strange or broken links and we'll do our best to get them corrected.

Teachers, have you checked out our newest resource, [www.TeachingTexas.org](http://www.TeachingTexas.org), yet? If you haven't, take a look and see what we have to offer: lesson plans, project ideas, links to activities at cultural centers, books and so much more! TSHA hopes to make TeachingTexas.org a fantastic resource for those working with Texas history in the classroom. There's also an area of the site where you can submit your own lesson plans and activities to share with other educators across the state. Log on and take a look!

Finally, the latest edition of the *Texas Historian* has returned from the printer. If you did not receive your five complimentary copies with this newsletter, please submit your chapter renewal paperwork as soon as possible and we will put your copies in the mail.



Stephen S. Cure  
Director of Educational Services



Kate Hopper  
K-12 Student Program Coordinator

## WELCOME NEW JUNIOR HISTORIANS!

The Texas State Historical Association would like to welcome the following chapters and at-large members who have become affiliated with the Junior Historians since the printing of the last *Roadrunner*:

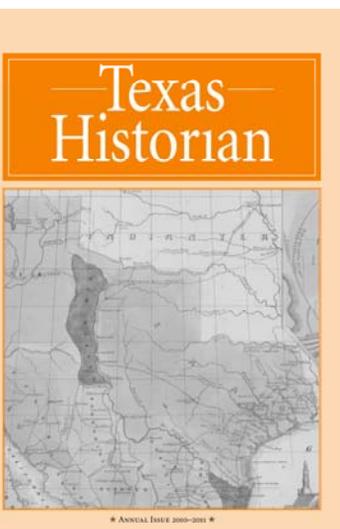
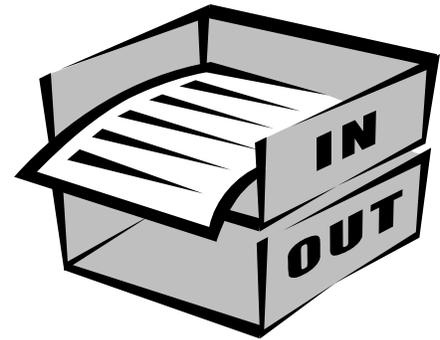
- Brock Junior High (Heidi Boles, Sponsor)
- Canyon Vista Middle School (William Waghorne, Sponsor)
- Ulrich Intermediate School (John Wilson, Sponsor)
- Brooklyn Peach, at-large member from Tomball

Welcome to the Junior Historians of Texas!

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## CHAPTER RENEWALS

Make sure you are an **ACTIVE CHAPTER** in 2010-2011. Chapter renewal forms are enclosed for your convenience. They were also distributed electronically to chapter sponsors. Please return them as quickly as possible to ensure your chapter receives its five complimentary copies of the 2010-2011 *Texas Historian* which is hot off the presses! If you would like to save the cost of a stamp, the renewal form is available online at [www.tshaonline.org/education/students/junior-historians/83](http://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/junior-historians/83).



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## NEW TEXAS HISTORIAN AVAILABLE!

As mentioned above, the newest issue of the *Texas Historian*, the journal of the Junior Historians of Texas, is back from the printer and available to chapters. If your chapter is up-to-date, you will receive your five complimentary copies of the journal with this issue of the *Roadrunner*. We are very proud of this year's edition, featuring a wide variety of topics, including Theodore Roosevelt, the Annexation of Texas, the elevator and Scott Joplin. Last year's Outstanding Chapters are also featured: Clarendon High School, Hopewell Junior High and Curtis Elementary. We hope you enjoy reading the outstanding papers as much as we did!

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## TSHA STUDENT FACEBOOK PAGE: HITCH ON TO TEXAS HISTORY!

This summer, TSHA began a facebook group dedicated exclusively to updating students, teachers and educators on the latest Junior Historians, Texas History Day and Texas Quiz Show information. Search for “Hitch on to Texas History” to have updates delivered straight to your facebook news feed.



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## TEXAS QUIZ SHOW

Teachers, have you considered signing your Junior Historians chapter up for the Texas Quiz Show? This high-energy question and answer game show format educational program is offered to students in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and Huston regions of the state. Students compete at the classroom, school, regional and state level to see which team knows Texas History Best! Registration is available online and all materials for the classroom and school level competitions are provided by TSHA free of cost. Register your students today at: <http://tshaonline.org/supsites/quizshow/index.html>.

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## ADOPT-A-BUILDING AWARDS

Since 1985 Junior Historian chapters have had an opportunity to participate in the Adopt-A-Building preservation program, adopting a building or a landmark in their communities that has not been previously researched. Through media presentations, displays, and outreach programs, Junior Historians share information about their site’s architectural and social history. In the process students often develop a new interest in the role that buildings play in the history of their communities and help increase public awareness of the need for historic preservation. The *Junior Historian Sponsors’ Handbook* outlines the four phases of the Adopt-A-Building program. Chapters that complete all four phases of the adoption process are recognized at the Junior Historians Annual Meeting and receive a plaque commemorating their adoption.



## TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHER’S GUIDE

TSHA is pleased to offer the Texas Almanac Teacher’s Guide free of charge and exclusively online for educators to use in correlation with the *Texas Almanac*. Lessons are available for material in both current and past editions of the *Texas Almanac*. Please be aware that the answer key is **not included** with the online material but is available by request once an educator or parent has sufficiently identified themselves by email. All lesson plans are available at: <http://www.texasalmanac.com/teachers-guide/index.html>

# JUNIOR HISTORIANS 2011 ANNUAL MEETING & HISTORY FAIR

The tentative format of the Annual Meeting and History Fair is as follows:

## Friday, March 26, 2010

3:00 – 5:30 PM	Registration
6:00 – 9:30 PM	<b>Dinner</b> and activities at George Ranch Historical Park
11:00 PM	Curfew in Effect at the Hotel

## Saturday, March 27, 2010

7:30-9:00 AM	Late Registration and Exhibit Set-up
8:00-9:30 AM	Documentary and Performance Presentations
9:00 AM	Exhibits Judging Begins
9:00-11:30	Cultural Activity in Sugar Land/Richmond TBD
12:00 – 1:30	Awards Ceremony and Luncheon

**Please note:** Friday night dinner will be provided by TSHA for Junior historians and sponsors at no additional cost. Groups will not need to find a restaurant for Friday dinner.



## REGISTRATION FEES

Sponsors: Please note that the 2011 Annual Meeting rate for each person attending is **\$25**. This price includes **both** the Friday evening meal at George Ranch Historical Park and the traditional Saturday luncheon during the awards ceremony at the conference hotel.

## LODGING

TSHA has secured a **room rate of \$109 per night** at the Marriott Sugar Land Town Square (single, double or quad). To make your reservations, call the hotel's reservations number at 1-281-275-8400 and reference the Texas State Historical Association. The cut-off date for the JH group rate is March 11, 2011.



**Marriott Sugar Land Town Square**

## CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

These awards, based on the chapter reports submitted by sponsors, represent group efforts in researching, discovering and preserving our Texas heritage. Chapter trophies are given in the elementary, junior, and senior divisions.

- Chapter Project\*
- Outstanding Chapter
- First Runner-Up
- Second Runner-Up
- Honor Trophies
- Outstanding First Year Chapter

\*Chapter Projects should conform to the guidelines for documentaries, exhibits, performances, or web sites. The JH Web site category will follow the same guidelines as the National History Day Web site category. For more instructions, please visit <http://nhd.org/CategoryWebsite.htm>. Those chapters considering a chapter performance should be prepared to perform once for the judges and again, if possible, during the awards luncheon.

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## TEXAS HISTORY RESEARCH

Are you or your students searching for primary and secondary Texas history sources? You are in luck, because two excellent online databases can provide you with endless resources! **The Portal to Texas History** (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/>), a service of the University of North Texas, is an excellent resource for books, maps, photographs, newspapers and much more. **Texas Heritage Online** (<http://www.texasheritageonline.org/>) also offers a search feature for primary and secondary Texas history resources, as well as lesson plans, games and activities.

# 2011 Texas History Day T-Shirt Design Contest

Texas History Day encourages Junior Historians to submit a t-shirt design for the Texas History Day 2011 theme: "Debate & Diplomacy in History." The winning design will be featured on the 2011 t-shirt and sold at the 2011 state contest. The name of the winning student, school, and teacher will be posted on the Texas History Day web site. In addition, the winning student will receive a free t-shirt and \$50.

## Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be received by *Friday, December 17, 2010*.
2. All designs must be original art.
3. All designs must be limited to three colors.
4. Designs are not limited to one side. You may include front, back and sleeve elements.
5. Designs will be used on short sleeve t-shirts and *possibly* on 1-1/4" round buttons.
6. If you submit an electronic design, also print and mail it to the address below. If your design is selected, the Texas State Historical Association will request a TIFF version.
7. By submitting an entry, you grant the Texas State Historical Association permission to use the design, to post it on the Texas History Day web site, and to modify the design as necessary.
8. The winner will be announced by *January 31, 2011*

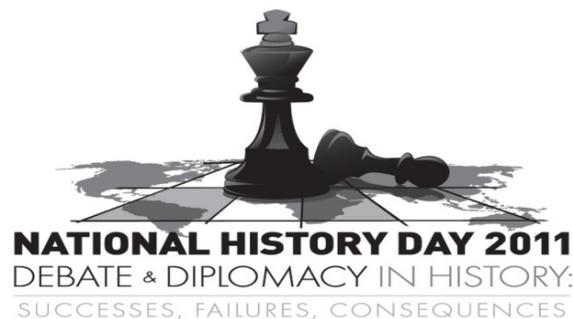
## Submit entries to:

T-Shirt Contest  
Texas State Historical Association  
1155 Union Circle #311580  
Denton, TX 76203-5017

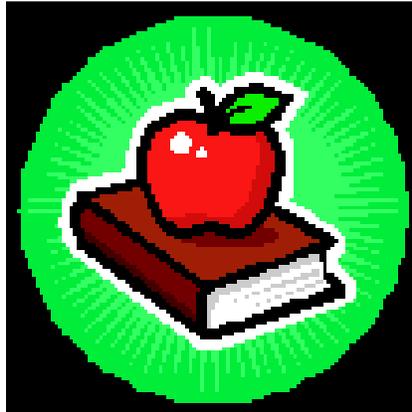
## Please Include:

Original art  
Student's name  
School's name  
Teacher's name, telephone number & e-mail address  
A self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your entry returned

**Please contact the TSHA Educational Services staff at (940) 369-5200 if you have any questions.**



*The Texas State Historical Association announces*



## **THE LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION AWARD**

### ***In Honor of an Outstanding History Teacher at the Middle School, High School, or College Level***

The Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award is given annually to recognize an outstanding history teacher or professor in Texas. Middle school, high school, and college teachers are eligible for the award. The winning teacher for 2010 will be presented a certificate and a check for \$5,000 at the Association's Annual Meeting in March 2011.

Any individual may nominate a full-time teacher or professor presently teaching history in a Texas school or college. Letters of nomination sent to the award committee must be postmarked on or before December 17, 2010. Supporting details may include the nominee's resume or vita, a list of activities and accomplishments, awards or honors, publications, descriptions of programs the nominee has created, and other materials. The letter and supporting details cannot exceed seven pages.

Should the committee decide that no entry meets the requirements, they may withhold the award at their discretion.

Please submit your nomination and supporting materials to:

Chairman  
Mary Jon and J. P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award  
Texas State Historical Association  
1155 Union Circle #311580  
Denton, TX 76203-5017

## 2010-2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

December 17, 2010	Deadline for Leadership in Education Award Nominations
December 17, 2010	Deadline for Texas History Day T-Shirt Contest Entries
March 1, 2011	Deadline for Writing Contest Papers & Photographic Essays
March 3-5, 2011	Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, El Paso
April 1-2, 2011	Junior Historian Annual Meeting, Sugar Land
April 5, 2011	Texas History Day deadline
May 6-7, 2011	Texas History Day, Austin
June 12-16, 2011	National History Day, University of Maryland- College Park, MD

