

THE ROADRUNNER

Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas



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Looking for a great chapter activity for your middle school Junior Historians Chapter? Try the Texas Quiz Show!

Through its strong TEKS connections, utilizing the Texas Quiz Show in your classroom will enable you to meet your Texas History Month requirements mandated by the state. It is a great activity to hold on Friday, March 2, 2012, Texas Independence Day. Sign up online at www.TexasQuizShow.org.

The 2012 Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair

The 73rd Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair will be held in Arlington from **March 30th to March 31st**. Please note the information below and make your plans to join other JH members from across the state at this annual gathering. The Awards Luncheon and Ceremony will take place at the Hilton Arlington, where participants will be housed. Please note that dinner is provided for participants, parents and sponsors on Friday night.

Friday, March 30, 2012

3:00 – 5:30 PM	Registration
6:00 – 9:30 PM	Dinner, museum tour and bowling at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame
11:00 PM	Curfew in effect at the hotel



Saturday, March 31, 2012

7:30-9:00 AM	Late registration and exhibit set-up
8:00-9:30 AM	Documentary and performance presentations
10:00 AM	Tour of Rangers Ballpark in Arlington
12:00 PM	Luncheon and awards ceremony

On Friday evening, we will visit the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington. This 18,000 square foot building contains both a museum and a 14 lane training facility. The group will break into two and take turns visiting the museum and bowling free of charge (shoes are included). **Dinner will be served Friday night at the Museum**, we plan to have a variety of pizzas delivered. If your students have dietary restrictions that will preclude them from eating pizza, please let Kate know in advance via telephone (940-369-5200) or email (KateHopfer@TSHAOnline.org) and we make all attempts to accommodate your students.



On Saturday morning, our group will travel to Rangers Ballpark in Arlington for a tour of the field, locker rooms, dugouts and much more! Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, completed in just 23 months, is a state-of-the-art building with the utmost in customer convenience. Yet, the 49,170-seat open-air ballpark was designed and built with tradition in mind, containing features such as a granite and brick facade, exposed structural steel, an asymmetrical playing field, and a home run porch in right field. Texas architecture is featured throughout, from the outer facade to the Lone Stars in the concourses and on the seat aisles.

ONLINE CHAPTER REPORTS AND MEETING REGISTRATION

Chapter sponsors: please submit your chapter reports and annual meeting, writing contest, and history fair registration via our online system. The system was created by the same company that manages the Texas History Day registration system. If sponsors have registered for THD, the system will look very familiar. For those who have not used this registration system before, we have included instructions on pages 7-11 with this newsletter and online at <http://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/junior-historians/home>.

Register today at: <http://tx-jr.nhd.org/ud/templates/register.php>. All chapter sponsors will need to create a new username and password to log in. **Registration will open February 1, 2012.** All chapter sponsors must log in and complete the chapter report section by Thursday, **March 1, 2012 whether or not their members will attend the annual meeting or submit writing contest materials!** For those attending the annual meeting and entering the writing contest or the history fair, a registration receipt and code of conduct form will be available through the registration system. **Print the receipt and return with the registration fees by the registration deadline of March 1, 2012.**

LODGING



TSHA has secured a **room rate of \$109 per night** at the Hilton Arlington (single, double or quad). To make your reservations, call the hotel's reservation number at 1-817-640-3322 and reference the Texas State Historical Association. The cut-off date for the JH group rate is **March 16, 2012**.

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

The per-person fee is \$25.00, which includes the dinner on Friday and the luncheon on Saturday.

PARKING

Complimentary parking is available for cars. School busses and motorcoaches may park in the hotel parking lot free of charge.

HISTORICAL PAPERS

Writing contestants are **strongly** encouraged to register for and attend the annual meeting. Please note: there is no limit to the number of papers your chapter can enter. Keep in mind that all papers must be received at the TSHA office by March 1, 2012. Four copies of each paper must be submitted.

DOCUMENTARY, EXHIBIT, PERFORMANCE AND WEB SITE ENTRIES

Each chapter is allowed the following

- One Chapter Project in the form of a documentary exhibit, performance or website
- Two Individual Documentaries
- Two Group Documentaries
- Two Individual Exhibits
- Two Group Exhibits
- Two Individual Performances
- Two Group Performances
- Two Individual Interpretive Web sites
- Two Group Interpretive Web sites

For group entries, include **all** students' names in the online contest registration form. We must have all student entrants' names so that they can receive certificates of achievement at the awards ceremony. For Chapter Project Web site guidelines, contact Kate Hopfer at (940) 369-5245 or KateHopfer@TSHAonline.org

ON-SITE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

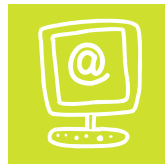
All students and sponsors attending the annual meeting must register and pay the registration fee. Registration for both the junior and senior divisions is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30 and will continue on Saturday morning, March 31 for late arrivals. At registration, a packet of materials will be distributed **only to the chapter sponsors and cosponsors. Please check the packet contents before leaving the registration desk.** TSHA is not responsible for misplaced, lost or stolen materials.

SETTING UP EXHIBITS

Signs will be placed on the exhibit hall tables indicating where each exhibit is to be set up.

INTERPRETIVE WEB SITE

Interpretive Web sites **must** be created using the NHD/Weebly platform. When registering online, please enter the unique URL assigned to each group or individual Web site in the designated field. Web sites will only be accepted as online NHD/weebly accounts and TSHA **will not** accept Web site entries submitted on disks or as print outs.



DOCUMENTARIES AND PERFORMANCES

The Junior Historians documentary and performance competition will be held at the Hilton Arlington. A week before March 30, 2012, sponsors will receive an e-mail informing them of the exact judging times for their students. The TSHA will provide a standard DVD, television, screen and utility cart only. Students must provide their own LCD projectors and computer equipment for the documentary competition.

PROCESS PAPER AND ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES

All documentaries, exhibits, performances and interpretive Web sites require four copies of a 500-word process paper, explaining how students conducted their research and created and developed their entry. An annotated bibliography that explains how students used their own sources, as well as how these materials helped them understand the topic, is also required.



HISTORICAL PAPER AND ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Historical papers should be documented as **endnotes**, according to the guidelines of either Kate L. Turabian's *Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* or the guidelines of the Modern Language Association (MLA). Parenthetical referencing is **discouraged**, because the authors of papers selected for publication in the *Texas Historian* will be asked to convert their sources into endnotes prior to publication.

OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO IN ARLINGTON AND FORT WORTH

- ✓ **The Arlington Museum of Art:** The Arlington Museum of Art sponsors a year-round program of curated art exhibitions which are featured in the main gallery on the first floor. The museum seeks to present outstanding art work by regional artists with shows that incorporate a variety of styles from traditional to contemporary to experimental. The museum endeavors to present accompanying educational material with these exhibits so the viewing public will have an enjoyable time and a learning experience.
- ✓ **Six Flags Over Texas:** Six Flags will be open March 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The park contains nine different areas filled with rides, food and theaters. Group rates start at \$27.99 per person.
- ✓ **The Texas Civil War Museum:** The Texas Civil War Museum opened in January of 2006. It is the largest museum west of the Mississippi River. The Civil War Museum is privately owned and founded. The museum gallery is shared with exhibits on loan from the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Texas Division. The museum consists of three separate galleries that display a civil war collection, Victorian dress collection and United Daughters of the Confederacy Texas Confederate collection. Along with the exhibits, the Texas Civil War Museum includes a 75 seat movie theatre which hosts the commissioned movie, "Our Homes Our Rights"- Texas in the Civil War.
- ✓ **National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame:** The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame honors and celebrates women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience, and independence that helped shape the American West, and fosters an appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire.
- ✓ **Log Cabin Village:** The purpose of Log Cabin Village is to educate the public through the collection, preservation and interpretation of artifacts, representative structures, and other items of social and cultural significance to Texas' pioneer era (1840-1890). Log Cabin Village aspires to build connections to 19th century Texas by providing educational opportunities and sensory experiences that are engaging, accurate, and as authentic as possible.

2012 DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	Registration opens for Junior Historians Annual Meeting 2012 Register online here: http://tx-jr.nhd.org/ud/templates/register.php
March 1	Deadline for Junior Historians of Texas Writing Contest Papers and Adopt-A-Building Forms
March 1	Deadline for Junior Historians Meeting Registration and Chapter Reports
March 30-31	Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair in Arlington
May 4-5	Texas History Day, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
May 5	Texas Quiz Show Championship, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
June 10-14	National History Day, University of Maryland, College Park



SHARE YOUR SUCCESSES!!

Make sure to bring your chapter scrapbooks to share the activities and projects carried out during 2011-2012

TSHA STUDENT FACEBOOK PAGE: HITCH ON TO TEXAS HISTORY!

Have you liked our K-12 programming Facebook page? Click the like button to get up-to-the-minute information about TSHA's programs delivered directly to your Facebook newsfeed!

