

THE ROADRUNNER



Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas

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JH News and Notes

Dear Junior Historian Students and Sponsors,

We hope that everyone is having a fun and safe fall, filled with lots of learning and researching. Now is the time to get cracking on those research projects, be they for the Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting and History Fair, or for Texas History Day. Remember that students are able to compete in both contests; in fact, TSHA encourages students to do both activities if they are interested. It never hurts to have an extra set of eyes look at a project and another set of judge comments to help students understand how they can improve.

If your students are thinking about entering a Texas History Day contest this year, it's a great year to create a project! This year's theme is "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." This is a great topic for elementary, middle and high school students, and it fits in very well with the history of Texas. Need some inspiration? Check out our Web site, www.TSHAOnline.org, and visit the Texas History Day page to view the annual topics provided by the National History Day office as well as the Texas topics produced by TSHA.

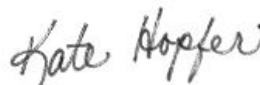
Have you renewed your chapter yet? If you received this newsletter without five copies of the newest *Texas Historian* journal, that means your chapter is not up-to-date for the 2011-2012 school year. If you still need to fill out your Chapter Renewal, it has been attached with this newsletter. Or you can save a stamp or the hassle of the fax machine and fill it out electronically! Visit <http://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/junior-historians/83> to download a clickable PDF document that you can type your chapter information on, and email back to TSHA. As soon as we receive your updated form, we'll mail out your copies of the *Texas Historian*.

Finally, we hope that all chapters will consider joining us for the 2012 Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting in Arlington, March 30-31st at the Arlington Hilton. This is our first themed meeting in a few years, and we'll focus on sports and sporting history. It's going to be a great meeting that you and your students won't want to miss!

Sincerely,



Stephen S. Cure
Director of Educational Services



Kate Hopfer
K-12 Student Program Coordinator

WELCOME NEW JUNIOR HISTORIANS!

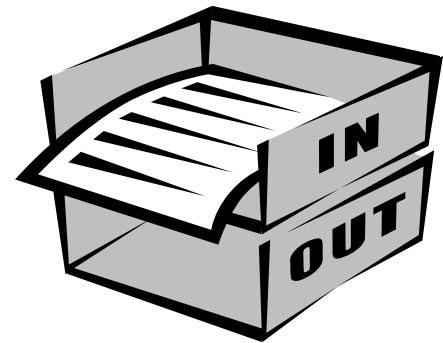
The Texas State Historical Association would like to welcome the following chapters and at-large members who have become affiliated with the Junior Historians since the printing of the last *Roadrunner*:

- McNeil High School, Amelia Bligh and Laura Glaser, sponsors
- Stony Point High School, Cheri Christian-Winne and Lindsay Denman, sponsors
- Austin Crane, at-large member

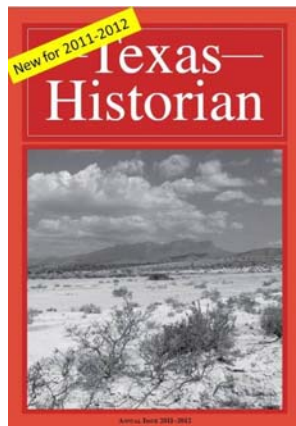
CHAPTER RENEWALS

Make sure you are an **ACTIVE CHAPTER** in 2011-2012. 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 2011-2012 *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.



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 the San Elizario Salt Wars, the sinking of the Titanic, Joseph Bonnell and the King Ranch. Last year's Outstanding Chapters are also featured: Clarendon High School and Hopewell Middle School. We hope you enjoy reading the outstanding papers as much as we did!

TSHA STUDENT FACEBOOK PAGE: HITCH ON TO TEXAS HISTORY!

Have you joined Hitch on to Texas History yet? TSHA's student education Facebook page will keep you up-to-date on all of the activities and information pertinent to the Junior Historians of Texas, Texas History Day and the Texas Quiz Show. Log on to Facebook, search for Hitch on to Texas History and join today!



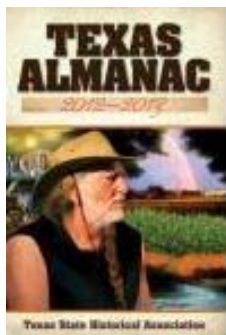
TEXAS QUIZ SHOW

Teachers, have you signed your Junior Historians up for the Texas Quiz Show yet? This Jeopardy-style game show is available for middle school students in grades 6-8. The Texas Quiz Show makes a great activity for a JH chapter! TSHA is now offering the Texas Quiz Show in **eight** regions: Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and, new in 2011-2012: Brownsville, El Paso, Lubbock and Nacogdoches! Starting this year, there will be a one-time \$25 fee to receive the classroom and school materials, but there is no fee to attend the regional or state contests. Finally, financial assistance is available to teams who make it to the state contest in Austin on May 5, 2012. More details will be provided next spring. To sign your club up, visit www.TexasQuizShow.org.

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.

NEW TEXAS ALMANAC NOW AVAILABLE



The 2012-2012 Texas Almanac is now available! First published in 1857, the Almanac's 66th edition is printed in full color and includes hundreds of photographs from every region of the state. Color maps of the state and each of its 254 counties show relief, major and minor roads, waterways, parks, and other attractions. To order, visit <http://www.texasalmanac.com/>.

JUNIOR HISTORIANS 2012 ANNUAL MEETING & HISTORY FAIR

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

Friday, March 30, 2012

3:00 – 5:30 PM	Registration
6:00 – 9:30 PM	Dinner and activities 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
9:00 AM	Exhibits Judging Begins
9:00-11:30 AM	Activities in Arlington
12:00 – 1:30 PM	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 2012 Annual Meeting rate for each person attending is **\$25**. This price includes **both** the Friday evening meal at International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame 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 Arlington Hilton (single, double or quad). To make your reservations, call the hotel's reservations 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.



Arlington Hilton

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.

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

*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.

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.

2012 Texas History Day T-Shirt Design Contest

Texas History Day encourages *all* students to submit a t-shirt design for the Texas History Day 2012 theme: “Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.” The winning design will be featured on the 2012 t-shirt and sold at the 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 16, 2011*.
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, 2012*.

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 2011 will be presented a certificate and a check for \$5,000 at the Association's Annual Meeting in March 2012.

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 16, 2011. 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
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2011-2012 DATES TO REMEMBER

December 16, 2011	Deadline for Leadership in Education Award Nominations
December 16, 2011	Deadline for Texas History Day T-Shirt Contest Entries
March 1, 2012	Deadline for Writing Contest Papers & Photographic Essays
March 1-3, 2012	Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Houston
March 30-31, 2012	Junior Historian Annual Meeting, Arlington
April 3, 2012	Texas History Day registration deadline
May 4-5, 2012	Texas History Day, Austin
June 10-14, 2012	National History Day, University of Maryland- College Park, MD

