



THE JUNIOR HISTORIANS OF TEXAS

An educational service of the Texas State Historical Association in cooperation with the University of North Texas

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CHAPTER RENEWAL FORM FOR 2014-2015

To be an ACTIVE CHAPTER during 2014-2015, the sponsor must file this form with the Denton office.

CHAPTER INFORMATION

School/Chapter: _____ Chapter No.: _____

Address: _____

SPONSOR

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Conference Time: _____ Home Telephone: _____

COSPONSOR

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Conference Time: _____ Home Telephone: _____

Cosponsor's position in community (if not a teacher): _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Number of Chapter Members: _____

The Junior Historian Annual Meeting will be held in Houston in March of 2015.

Will your chapter attend the Annual Meeting? YES NO UNSURE AT THIS TIME

If YES, approximate number? _____

Does your chapter have a webpage? YES NO

Address: _____

THE ROADRUNNER



Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas

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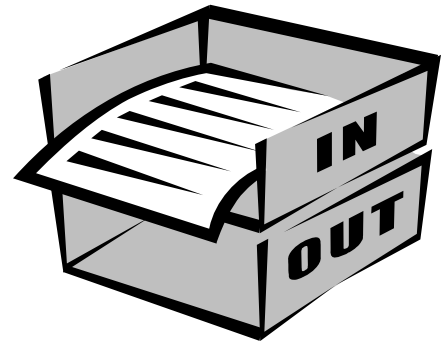
WELCOME NEW JUNIOR HISTORIANS!

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*:

- Grapevine Middle School, Grapevine. Chad Hannon and Natalie Ledbetter, sponsors.
- Rockwall County Historical Foundation, Rockwall. Robin Shackelford, sponsor.
- Teravista Elementary School, Round Rock. Natasha Zirlott, sponsor.
- Elsie Clements, At-Large Member from Denton.

CHAPTER RENEWALS

Make sure you are an **ACTIVE CHAPTER** in 2014-2015. Chapter renewal forms are enclosed for your convenience. They were also distributed electronically to chapter sponsors and with the previous issue of *The Roadrunner*. Please return them as quickly as possible to ensure your chapter receives its five complimentary copies of the 2014-2015 *Texas Historian*, due later this year. 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.



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.

THE NEW TEXAS QUIZ SHOW IS HERE!



The Texas Quiz Show is back and better than ever! TSHA spent the summer giving this program a digital makeover and the results are amazing. Prior to the 2014-2015 school year, Texas Quiz Show competitions were held in classrooms and schools, then at regional contests before winning teams moved on to the State Championship Round. Now, the Texas Quiz Show has gone online with a series of digital quizzes available for students in 4th-8th

grade. In the new structure, students compete as individuals in a series of progressively more difficult online quizzes. The quizzes are posted in March to align with Texas History Month. The 36 students with the highest scores will be invited to Austin to compete against each other to see who knows Texas best. TSHA will also launch several practice quizzes in the fall and winter so participants can test out the new format. The second quiz is available online now, check it out at www.TexasQuizShow.org.

**JUNIOR HISTORIANS 2015 ANNUAL MEETING &
HISTORY FAIR**

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

Friday, March 27, 2015

3:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration and Exhibit Set-up
6:00 – 9:30 PM	Activities in Houston
11:00 PM	Curfew in Effect at the Hotel

Saturday, March 28, 2015

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
8:00-11:45 AM	Sessions at Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Awards Ceremony and Luncheon

EVENT OVERVIEW

Friday afternoon, March 27th will consist of registration and exhibit set up. This year's annual meeting will be held at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel and the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center. All history fair judging and Saturday activities will take place at Hattie Mae White. Lodging and the Saturday awards ceremony and luncheon will take place at the hotel. Friday evening, March 27th will include an event in Houston.

Saturday morning, March 28th will consist of late registration and exhibit set up, history fair judging, and sessions pertaining to the history of Houston at Hattie Mae White. Due to the overwhelming positive response to last year's conference sessions, we have decided to include them again this year. Sessions will be repeated so students participating in the history fair will have a chance to attend. On Saturday afternoon, March 28th, the luncheon and awards ceremony will be held at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel.

REGISTRATION FEES

Sponsors: Please note that the 2015 Annual Meeting rate for each person attending is **\$25**. This price includes the Saturday luncheon during the awards ceremony at the conference hotel.

LODGING

TSHA has secured a **room rate of \$120 per night** at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel (single, double or quad). To make your reservations, call the hotel's reservations number at 888-627-8196 and reference the Texas State Historical Association. **The cut-off date for the JH group rate is March 13, 2015.**

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. All projects should conform to the National History Day rule book. Those chapters considering a chapter performance should be prepared to perform once for the judges and again, if possible, during the awards luncheon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2015	<i>Roadrunner</i> sent to sponsors with Junior Historian Annual Meeting & History Fair information
March 2015	Texas Quiz Show online competitions begin
March 3, 2015	Deadline for Junior Historian History Fair papers, entries, fees, and chapter reports
March 5-7, 2015	Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi
March 13, 2015	Cutoff for hotel reservations at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel
March 27-28, 2015	Junior Historian Annual Meeting and History Fair, Houston
May 2, 2015	Texas History Day (Junior and Senior Divisions), Austin

Exploring Texas *workshop series*



Encountering Texas History Conference

February 12-13, 2015 – Houston
Region 4 Education Service Center
Focus: 1900 to Present

For more information on the Exploring Texas Workshop Series Visit
<http://www.tshaonline.org/education/teachers/exploringtexas>

