

THE ROADRUNNER

Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas



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BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO JUNIOR HISTORIANS!

Dear Junior Historian Students and Sponsors,

We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! Even though for many of us, the temperature outside is still over 100 degrees, summer break has officially come to an end and given way to fall. Fall means back to school and back to Junior Historians of Texas. While you were at camp or on a scouting trip, the staff of the Texas State Historical Association was hard at work with a variety of programs. We spent the first part of our summer in College Park, Maryland, cheering on the winners of Texas History Day as they competed against other states and territories at the National History Day contest. Their hard work paid off, as Texas brought home the second-highest number of medals in the nation.

Our staff spent time this summer at Fort McKavett, near Menard, Texas, working on the *Old Stories, New Voices* Intercultural Youth Camp. Students from the Dallas area joined other young people from Menard and spent a week at camp learning about the different cultures that give Texas such a unique history. Unfortunately, although this program is a valuable learning experience for all who attend, it is threatened due to federal and state budget cuts. TSHA is working diligently to raise the funds so that we can hold the camp again in the summer of 2012.

We also spent a considerable amount of time in August visiting teacher curriculum days and workshops, promoting Junior Historians, Texas History Day and the Texas Quiz Show. Teachers, if your school has scheduled a workshop or an in-service day this fall, one of our staff would be happy to come out and talk to your colleagues about the benefits of our programs.

Students, have you started planning your Texas History Day and Junior Historians of Texas History Fair projects yet? Now is a great time to start! Before you rush off to the library to start your research, check out what TSHA has posted online to help you choose your topic. We have our annual Texas Topics list, Sample Topics from NHD as well as links to the rule book and our special awards. This year's topic is "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." Considering the rich history of Texas, this would be a great year to pick a topic focused on local or state history. If you make it to the state contest, there are a large number of special award prizes offered for Texas History. Additionally, if you bring your project to the Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting and History Fair, there are even more special prizes for research in Texas History.

Speaking of the JH Annual Meeting, this year's event will be held in Arlington, at the Hilton Arlington on East Lamar Boulevard. Activities include the traditional history fair, luncheon with a featured speaker, as well as a trip on Friday evening to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame! Bowling has had a huge impact on American life and culture, especially since World War II. On Friday night, you'll experience a tour of the museum, dinner and a speaker, and we've reserved all 14 of the museum's lanes just for the Junior Historians! We hope everyone will be able to join us in Arlington this year. It's going to be a great meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen S. Cure".

Stephen S. Cure
Director of Educational Services

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Hopper".

Kate Hopper
K-12 Student Program Coordinator

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 via a Constant Contact email at the end of August. Please return them as quickly as possible. If you did not receive the email, make sure to check your spam box or please let Kate know (KateHopfer@TSHAonline.org) so that you can be added to the list.

TEXAS HISTORIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

The *Texas Historian* is in the final stages of editing and will be heading off to the printer shortly. As soon as we have the publication back from our printers we will ship it out to you. Each chapter will still receive five complimentary copies of the journal. We strongly encourage all members to have their own copy of the publication. The *Texas Historian* serves to educate students about history, and to provide them with well researched and well written historical essays by their peers.

THE 2012 JUNIOR HISTORIANS ANNUAL MEETING AND HISTORY FAIR

The 73rd Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair will be held March 30-31, 2012 at the Arlington Hilton in Arlington, Texas. Please join other chapter members and sponsors as they come together to share their achievements, challenges, and future plans. Meeting activities will take place at the Hilton Hotel and at surrounding sites. Details about the meeting and registration will follow in future issues of *THE ROADRUNNER*. For budgetary purposes, chapters should plan for \$27.25 plus tax per person for overnight lodging and a \$25.00 conference registration fee that includes Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch.

JUNIOR HISTORIANS CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION

An important way for students to become involved in the Junior Historian experience is by participating in the annual meeting contests. Medals are awarded to the top four entries in each category listed below in the elementary (4-5), junior (6-8), and senior (9-12) divisions. Medalists in the historical paper and exhibit categories also receive monetary prizes, and some papers are selected for publication in the *Texas Historian*. For historical paper rules, refer to the Junior Historians Writing Contests section on page 4 of this newsletter. Contest rules for each category are also available in the *Junior Historian Sponsors' Handbook* at <http://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/junior-historians/1230>.

Historical Paper/Photographic Essay (Individual Only)
Individual Documentary
Group Documentary
Individual Exhibit
Group Exhibit
Individual Performance
Group Performance
Individual Interpretive Web Site
Group Interpretive Web Site

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. Those chapters considering a chapter performance should be prepared to perform once for the judges and again, if possible, during the awards luncheon.

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.

CHAPTER OPPORTUNITIES

The following list is offered to provide your chapter new outlets for exploring history this year.

- ***Portal to Texas History Web Site***
The Portal to Texas History, sponsored by the University of North Texas in Denton, offers students a digital gateway to the rich collections held in Texas libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, and private collections. Check out their new projects such as the Texas Digital Newspaper Program and the "A to Z Digitization Project," which intends to provide access to a minimum of 500 additional documents every year. Check out their educator resources page at <http://education.texashistory.unt.edu/>.
- ***TeachingTexas.org***
The purpose of TeachingTexas.org is to provide a tool for educators, which brings together in one place the diverse resources for teaching Texas Studies in order to both save time and promote awareness of what is available. TeachingTexas.org includes a discussion board that allows you to post questions related to items you cannot find or to note the value of material from the site you have used. This tool creates an additional mechanism to locate what is needed, share what works, and help us ensure that the site continues to meet the needs of educators. While you're looking at the site, be sure to sign up for *Texas Insights*, an e-newsletter produced by the Texas State Historical Association to promote new additions to the site, effective pedagogical strategies, and share timely opportunities.
- ***The Texas History Day T-Shirt Design Contest*** invites students to submit t-shirt designs that depict the 2012 Texas History Day theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." The winning student's design will be featured on the Texas History Day 2012 t-shirts and sold at the state contest on May 4-5, 2012. The winning design, student name, school, and teacher will be posted on the Texas History Day web site. In addition, the winner receives a free t-shirt and \$50! See the enclosed flyer for details.



JUNIOR HISTORIANS WRITING CONTESTS

For nearly seventy years, countless young Texans have participated in the Junior Historians writing contests, writing the history of Texas from the perspective of their home communities. Many students' papers have been published in the *Texas Historian*. Participants are encouraged to research topics on state and local history so they can have the experience of using many different primary sources.

The following rules apply to all Junior Historians Writing Contests:

1. The deadline for historical papers is March 1, 2012. Please submit FOUR copies of your paper.
2. Entries must be written on a word processor and double-spaced, with each page numbered. Include the writer's name, school, home address, and telephone number on the cover page only.
3. The writer must *document* the paper by using **endnotes** that follow either *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, & Dissertations* by Kate Turabian or the style guidebook of the Modern Language Association (MLA). **Citations cannot appear in parentheses within the body of the paper.**
4. Entrants must avoid *plagiarism*. Quotations from other writers are encouraged but should be used with discretion. Frequently, a well-chosen quote can add interest, color, and authority to a paper. However, when a student uses a direct quote—as opposed to paraphrasing the words of another writer—the words must be enclosed in quotation marks. A paper failing to meet this requirement will be disqualified.
5. Each entry will be judged on the basis of its *organization, originality of the topic, writing style, documentation, and total content of the paper.*
6. Contest papers published in the *Texas Historian* become the property of the Texas State Historical Association and are not returned to the author. Other papers and all photographs will be returned only if a written request is provided by the chapter sponsor and accompanied with return postage.
7. The contest is open to any student who is under twenty-one years of age and is a member of a Junior Historians chapter, or who is a member-at-large. The member-at-large category is for students who are not members of a Junior Historians chapter and who wish to enter papers in the writing contests. A regular subscription (\$7) to the *Texas Historian* is the only requirement for the member-at-large standing.



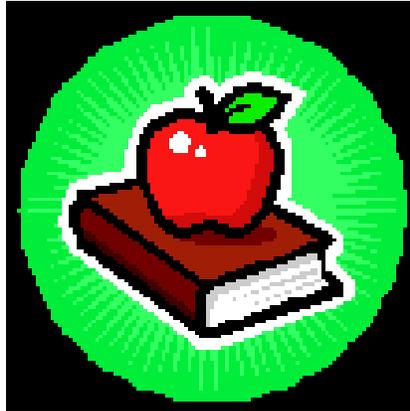
Students should avoid, whenever possible, relying too heavily upon books and magazine articles written on their topic. *Using local primary materials is one of the major objectives of the Junior Historians.* However, students who do not have access to primary materials should not be discouraged from entering the contest. Many excellent papers are based on secondary sources.

Photographs, maps, or illustrations should accompany each paper. It is often difficult for the *Texas Historian* staff to locate images to illustrate an article on local history being considered for publication. Students should therefore submit visual materials to illustrate their papers. **Black and white** glossy prints are preferable, but color prints of good quality are acceptable. Student authors may submit copies of illustrations from books or pamphlets **only** with the written permission of the publisher. Copies of illustrations are acceptable, providing the originals are available to the *Texas Historian* staff, if requested.

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

FALL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars for the **Save Texas History Symposium** in Austin, Texas on Saturday, October 1, 2011. The topic of the symposium will be "Texas Revolution at 175, Onward was the Cry." The Save Texas History Symposium will be hosted by Commissioner Jerry Patterson and the Texas General Land Office. The symposium will be held at the AT&T Executive Conference Center in Austin, Texas between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. To register, call 1-800-998-4GLO or email: archives@glo.state.tx.us

Texas Book Festival

The annual Texas Book Festival will take place at the State Capitol on October 22-23, and this year's event proves to have something for everyone. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the panel discussions, readings and book signings by featured authors. The children's booths will have a myriad of book-related activities to take straight to your classroom. Proceeds from the sale of books and merchandise benefit Texas public libraries. To learn more, visit www.texasbookfestival.org

Texas Council for the Social Studies 59th Annual Conference

This year's Texas Council for the Social Studies conference will be October 21-23 in Austin. Sessions will be held at the Doubletree Hotel and will feature excellent speakers, TEKS review for all grade levels and the Jean Lantz Awards Luncheon. Don't forget to visit the TSHA exhibit table and meet our staff. For more conference information, and an updated list of speakers and presentations, visit www.txcss.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 1, 2011	Save Texas History Symposium, Austin
Oct. 21-23, 2011	Texas Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Austin
Oct. 22-23, 2011	Texas Book Festival, Austin
January 2011	<i>Roadrunner</i> sent to sponsors with Junior Historian Annual Meeting & History Fair information
March 1, 2012	Deadline for Junior Historian History Fair papers, entries, fees, and chapter reports
March 1-3, 2012	Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Houston
March 30-31, 2012	Junior Historian Annual Meeting and History Fair, Arlington
May 4-5, 2012	Texas History Day, Austin



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.

Attention: Teachers & Students

Explore unsung heroes in history and win **\$10,000!**

Announcing:

Lowell Milken Center Discovery Award

For more information visit www.lowellmilkencenter.org

Topic Guidelines:

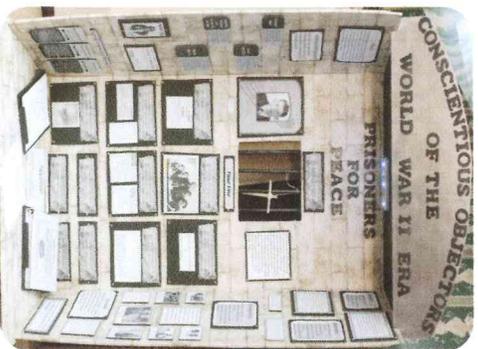
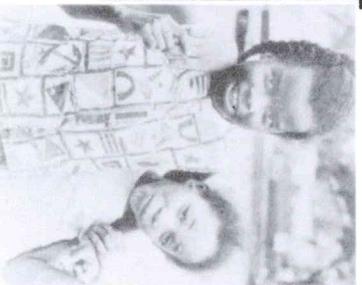
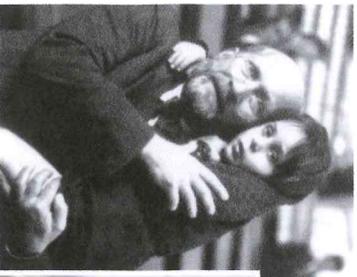
1. The topic of the project must be an unsung hero.
2. The topic must have shown impact over time.

Deadlines:

1. Intent to enter must be submitted to the Lowell Milken Center by February 1, 2012.
2. Entries must be received by June 1, 2012.
3. The winners will be announced by July 1, 2012.

Prizes:

- 1st place: \$10,000 and will be featured on the Lowell Milken Center website and in future printed publications
- 2nd place: \$3,000 and will be listed on the Lowell Milken Center website
- 3rd place: \$1,000 and will be listed on the Lowell Milken Center website





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CHAPTER RENEWAL FORM FOR 2011-2012

To be an ACTIVE CHAPTER during 2011-2012, 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 and History Fair will be held March 30-31 in Arlington.

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: _____