

THE ROADRUNNER

Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas



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An Educational Program of the Texas State Historical Association in Cooperation with the University of North Texas

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This year's 75th Junior Historians Annual Meeting will be held in Austin from **April 4th – April 5th**. The meeting marks the diamond anniversary of the Texas State Historical Association's oldest education program. During this year's meeting Junior Historians will be able to share their interest

in history with both fellow members from around the state and alumni as well.

Please note the information below to help plan your trip to Austin for the meeting.

Friday will begin at the Austin Airport Hilton with registration and setup starting at 8 AM. TSHA will then host a kickoff luncheon for all participants prior to starting the majority of history fair events and information sessions that afternoon.



Friday evening the meeting will move downtown to the Bullock Texas State History Museum for a night at the museum with dinner provided by the TSHA as we celebrate 75 years of the Junior Historians Program.

During the night at the museum, Junior Historians will view a film in the IMAX theater and have the opportunity to tour the three stories of engaging and interactive exhibits in the museum that tell the continuing story of Texas.

** If your students have dietary restrictions, 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.*

Friday, April 4, 2013

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| 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM: | Registration and Setup |
| 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM: | Sessions for Students and Sponsors to Increase the Breadth and Quality of your Local Junior Historians Program |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00PM: | Kickoff Luncheon |
| 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM: | History Fair (Exhibits, Documentaries, Performances, Judging) |
| 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM: | Night at the Bullock Museum, Dinner Included |



Saturday, Junior Historians will begin their day at the hotel an awards ceremony and breakfast. The meeting will then take us back to the heart of Austin to enjoy scheduled activities at the state capitol.

After the capitol events conclude at noon, groups will be encouraged to take advantage of multiple attractions around the downtown Austin area.

Saturday, April 5, 2014

- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Breakfast and Awards Ceremony
- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Capitol Activities and Group Recognition
- 12:00 PM: On Your Own: Lunch, Tour Capitol and/or Local Museums

Downtown Austin Museums and Attractions near the capitol and museum:

- LBJ Presidential Library and Museum www.lbjlibrary.org/footer/plan-your-visit/
- Blanton Art Museum www.blantonmuseum.org/visit/hours_and_admission/
- Ransom Center www.hrc.utexas.edu/visit/
- Texas Memorial Museum www.utexas.edu/tmm/visit-tmm/

A full list of Austin area museums can be found at:
www.austinmuseums.org

Another great resource for those visiting Austin is:
www.austintexas.org

COMPLETE YOUR CHAPTER REPORTS

Sponsors, you now have several different ways to complete your chapter reports!

1. Online with the Acuity Registration System: If you plan to attend the Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair, you may 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>.

2. Online with our web form: You may now fill out your chapter reports via our online web form. This option is best for sponsors who are having a difficult time accessing the Acuity system or for sponsors who do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting but would still like to submit a chapter report. This form may be found at: <http://www.tshaonline.org/content/32208>.

3. Old fashioned pen and ink method: For those sponsors who do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting and would like a low-tech version of the chapter report, a blank form has been attached with this copy of the Roadrunner. Forms may be faxed in to 940-369-5248 or mailed in to 1155 Union Circle #311580 Denton, Texas 76203, or scanned and emailed to Kate at katehopfer@tshaonline.org.

ANNUAL MEETING AND HISTORY FAIR REGISTRATION

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, 2014.** All chapter sponsors complete the chapter report in one form or another by **March 1, 2014 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, 2014.**

Chapter reports are critical to TSHA. They help determine awards, and give us insight into your chapter activities throughout the year. The chapter reports help TSHA secure grant funding that benefits your chapters. The reports only take a few moments to fill out, and if you prefer, a chapter member can fill out the form for you. PLEASE fill out these forms, they are beneficial for you and for TSHA!

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

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

LODGING

TSHA has secured a **room rate of \$129 per night** at the Austin Airport Hilton (single, double or quad). To make your reservations call 1-800-584-5091 or 512-385-6767 and reference the Texas State Historical Association. The cut-off date for the JH group rate is **March 3, 2014**. Please note: check in time at the hotel is 3:00 PM.



PARKING

The Hilton is offering a special overnight parking rate of \$6.00 per night for Annual Meeting attendees.

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 3, 2013**. 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 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. on Friday, April 4. At registration, a packet of materials will be distributed **only to the chapter sponsors and co-sponsors. 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 SITES

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 Austin Airport Hilton. A week before April 4, 2014, sponsors will receive an e-mail informing them of the exact judging times for their students. 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.

TEXAS HISTORIAN DELAYED

Due to a wide range of factors, the 2013-2014 volume of the *Texas Historian* has been delayed and will be shipped to sponsors, At-Large members, and subscribers by the end of January 2014. We apologize for the delay

NEW RESOURCE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The TSHA is in the process of digitizing and making available online the entire run of the *Texas Historian* dating back to 1940. Completion is expected prior to the Annual Meeting thanks to the generosity of the Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation.

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	Registration opens for Junior Historians Annual Meeting 2014. Register online here: http://tx-jr.nhd.org/ud/templates/register.php
March 1	Deadline for Junior Historians Meeting Registration and Chapter Reports
March 3	Deadline for Junior Historians of Texas Writing Contest Papers and Adopt-A-Building Forms
April 4 – 5	Junior Historians 75 th Annual Meeting and History Fair in Austin
May 2 – 3	Texas History Day, The Bullock Texas State History Museum
May 3	Texas Quiz Show Championship, The Bullock Texas State History Museum
June 15 – 19	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 2012-2013

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!



Junior Historians Chapter Report

2013--2014 School Year

School/Chapter Name:

Sponsor Name:

Co-Sponsor Name:

1. Chapter Projects: List all projects and activities of the chapter this year, including activities planned but not scheduled until after this report is made. This is very important in determining awards. Also include individual projects.

2. Local History: Briefly describe new information about local history that your chapter has unearthed.

3. New Chapters: List efforts has your chapter has made to establish relations with the community (e.g., cooperative projects with a local historical society):

4. Community: Describe how your chapter has reached out to or become involved in your community:

5. Briefly Note Any Additional Information Deemed Necessary: