

# **THE ROADRUNNER**

## **Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas**



Texas State Historical Association, 1155 Union Circle #311580, Denton, Texas 76203  
An Educational Program of the Texas State Historical Association in cooperation with the University of North Texas

### **75<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Historians Meeting, April 2014**

This year's Junior Historians Meeting and History Fair will mark the diamond anniversary of the Texas State Historical Association's oldest education program, and preparations for the memorable event are in full swing.

The meeting will be held **April 4-5, 2014** at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Austin, Texas. Meeting activities will take place at the Hilton and sites in the surrounding Austin area. Details about the meeting and registration will follow soon.

#### **DIAMOND JUBILEE**

To celebrate 75 years of the Junior Historians program, TSHA is inviting all former members and sponsors from the over 900 chapters to come to this year's meeting and celebrate this diamond anniversary by reconnecting with fellow members, both past and present.

TSHA is currently searching for past members and sponsors to participate, and we could use your help finding them.



Chapter 01, Forest Avenue H.S., 1940



Chapter 21, Fredericksburg H.S., 1971



Chapter 304, Waxahachie H.S., 1987

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Current members and sponsors are encouraged to promote the event in their communities and share any information they have on former members. An information request sheet has been included with this newsletter. You can also submit information at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lul22hr>

Alumni are invited to visit the link above and submit information as well as reconnect with the JH program via social media by friending us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/JHAlumni>.

#### **BRING THE PAST ALIVE**

In addition to alumni information, we are also gathering pictures of Junior Historians activities throughout the years, as well as personal stories about the program that alumni would like to share to feature during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations



Chapter 317, West H.S., 2003



## HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

Baytown Chapters,

We are currently searching for the original Junior Historian flag, constructed by your former sponsor Mrs. Sybill Jordan. If you have any information on where it might be, **please contact Steve Cure at (940) 369-5200 or [stevecure@tshaonline.org](mailto:stevecure@tshaonline.org).**

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## CHAPTER RENEWALS

Make sure you are an **ACTIVE CHAPTER** in 2013-2014. Chapter renewal forms are enclosed for your convenience. They were also distributed electronically to chapter sponsors via email at the beginning of September. Please return them as quickly as possible. If you did not receive the email, make sure to check your spam box or please let Steve know ([stevecure@TSHAonline.org](mailto:stevecure@TSHAonline.org)) so that you can be added to the list.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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 confirm 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.

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## 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.

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## CHAPTER OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **Tejano Heritage Month**, sponsored by TexasTejano.com, includes the 9th Annual Tejano Vigil inside the Alamo Shrine; the premiere of the original play Texas Tejanos: A Revolution Remembered at the Charline McCombs Empire Theater; third installment of the Tejano Oral History Project at the San Antonio Public Library and more.

Also, the Texas Tejano.com Student Awards Program, featuring a coloring, essay and poster contest, will be open to grade school, middle school and high school students throughout the state!

- **Geography Awareness Week**. Celebrate Geography and The New Age of Exploration this year from November 17th through the 23rd in 2013. Celebrated in conjunction with the National Geographic Society's 125th Birthday the week's theme focuses on how geography enables us all to be intrepid explorers in our own way. To celebrate, the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education (TAGE) is sponsoring the 26th annual mini-poster contest and Geo Family Fun nights. This year the students will document their exploratory journey, revealing newfound revelations and personal adventures.

Deadline for Registration and Poster due at TAGE: Monday, October 28, 2013. More information on the Poster Contest, including rules, registration, and resources at <http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/geography-awareness-week/postercontest.html>.

## 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 3, 2014. 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.

## FALL EVENTS OF INTEREST

### **The East Texas Historical Association Meeting**

The meeting will be held **September 27-29, 2013 at the Hotel Fredonia in Nacogdoches** and includes sessions on women and the Texas Revolution, the Texas Rangers, African American Dallas, and Texans and the Korean War. Other events include breakfasts, luncheons and a silent auction.

Registration may be completed online at [www.easttexashistorical.org](http://www.easttexashistorical.org)

### **Texas Book Festival**

The annual Texas Book Festival will take place at the **State Capitol on October 26-27, 2013**. 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](http://www.texasbookfestival.org)

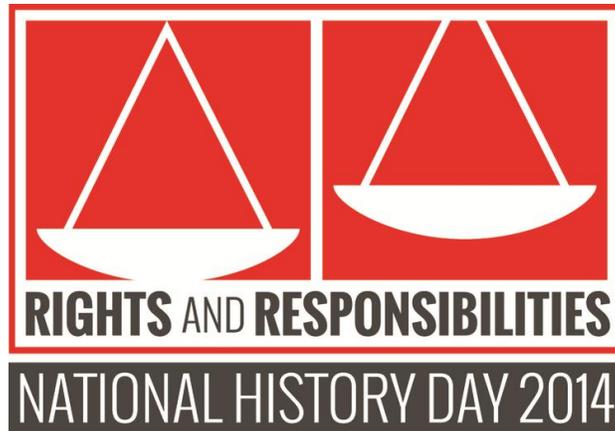
### **Texas Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference**

This year's Texas Council for the Social Studies conference will be **October 25-27, 2013 in San Antonio**. Sessions will be held at the Omni Mandalay Hotel and will feature excellent speakers and TEKS review for all grade levels. 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](http://www.txcss.org).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>September 27-29, 2013</b>	<b>East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches</b>
<b>Oct. 25-27, 2013 Antonio</b>	<b>Texas Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, San</b>
<b>Oct. 26-27, 2013</b>	<b>Texas Book Festival, Austin</b>
<b>January 2014</b>	<b><i>Roadrunner</i> sent to sponsors with Junior Historian Annual Meeting &amp; History Fair information</b>
<b>March 3, 2014</b>	<b>Deadline for Junior Historian History Fair papers, entries, fees, and chapter reports</b>
<b>March 6-8, 2014</b>	<b>Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio</b>
<b>April 4-5, 2014</b>	<b>Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair, Austin</b>
<b>May 3-4, 2013</b>	<b>Texas History Day, Austin</b>

# 2014 Texas History Day T-Shirt Design Contest



Texas History Day encourages *all* students to submit a t-shirt design for the Texas History Day 2014 theme: “Rights and Responsibilities in History.” The winning design will be featured on the 2014 t-shirt and sold at the 2014 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 13, 2013*.
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, 2014*

## Submit entries to:

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

## Please Include:

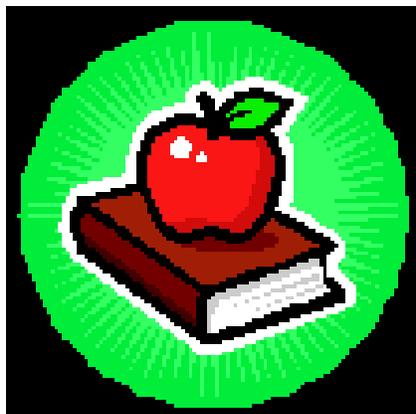
- Original art
- Student’s name
- School’s name
- Teacher’s name, telephone number & e-mail address
- A self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your entry returned

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 2013 will be presented a certificate and a check for \$5,000 at the Association's Annual Meeting in March 2014.

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 13, 2013. 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

# Exploring Texas

*workshop series*



## **South Texas History Workshop**

October 12, 2013 – Harlingen

Focus: Prehistory to 1836

## **Region 10 Energizing Texas History Conference**

November 7-8, 2013 - Dallas

Focus: 1836 to 1900

## **Region 13 Discovering Texas History Conference**

January 23-24, 2014 - Austin

Focus: 1900 to Present

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





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## CHAPTER RENEWAL FORM FOR 2013-2014

To be an ACTIVE CHAPTER during 2013-2014, 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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Jubilee will be held in Austin, April 4-5, 2014.*

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: \_\_\_\_\_