

THE ROADRUNNER

Newsletter of the Junior Historians of Texas



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Welcome New Junior Historian Chapters and At-Large Members

The following schools and at-large members became affiliated with Junior Historians since the printing of the last *Roadrunner*:

- Curtis Elementary Junior Historians
- Ennis High School Junior Historians
- Floydada Junior High School Junior Historians
- Lake Air Intermediate School Junior Historians
- Luther Burbank High School Junior Historians
- Meadowbrook Middle School
- Mineola Middle School Junior Historians
- Evan Martin Clary, At-Large Member

The 2010 Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair

The 71st Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair will be held in Austin from **March 26 to March 27, 2010**. Please note the information below and make your plans to join other JH members from across the state at this annual gathering. The Awards Luncheon and Ceremony will take place at the Doubletree Austin Hotel, where participants will be housed.

Friday, March 26, 2010

- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. Mexican American Cultural Center (note that this venue will require car/bus transport)
- 11:00 p.m. Curfew in effect at the hotel

Saturday, March 27, 2010

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. Registration and exhibit set-up
- 8:00-9:30 a.m. Performance and documentary judging
- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Exhibit judging
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Texas Memorial Museum/LBJ Library and Museum (note that this venue will require car/bus transport)
- 12:30-2:00 p.m. Awards ceremony luncheon
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. Dismantling of Exhibits and Departure

MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

WHERE IMAGINATION KNOWS NO BORDERS



On Friday evening, we will head to the Mexican American Cultural Center. The center is dedicated to the preservation, creation, presentation, and promotion of Mexican American cultural arts and heritage. The programs and educational curriculum include the areas of visual art, theater, dance, literature, music, multi-media and the culinary arts.

On Saturday morning, our group will split in half and take turns visiting the Texas Memorial Museum and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum. The Texas Memorial Museum is the exhibit hall of the Texas Natural Science Center, which seeks to encourage awareness and appreciation of the interplay of the biological, genealogical and environmental forces as they have shaped, are shaping and will shape our world.

The LBJ Library and Museum is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. The library houses forty five million pages of historical documents which include the papers from the entire public career of Lyndon Baines Johnson and also from those of close associates. The museum provides year-round public viewing of its permanent historical and cultural exhibits.



The famous Glen Rose Dinosaur Tracks on display outside the Texas Memorial Museum.



The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.

OUTLINE CHAPTER REPORTS AND MEETING REGISTRATION

Chapter sponsors: please submit your chapter reports and annual meeting, writing contest, and history fair registration via our online system. In early February, chapter sponsors and at-large members will receive a user name and password that will allow you access to the online system. All chapter sponsors must log in and complete the chapter report section by **March 1, 2010, 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 code of conduct form, make sure the code of conduct form is signed, and return both documents with the registration fees by the registration deadline of March 1, 2010.**

SHARE YOUR SUCCESSES!!

Make sure to bring your chapter scrapbooks to share the activities and projects you carried out during 2009-2010



LODGING



A room rate of \$99 per night is available at the Doubletree Austin for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. You can obtain a room rate by calling the hotel reservation line at 512-454-3737 and referencing the Texas State Historical Association. **The cut-off date for the JH group room rate is Wednesday, March 4, 2010.** Please make all hotel reservations prior to this date to be assured of obtaining the \$99 room rate.

The hotel also requests that groups fill out a hotel rooming assignment sheet for the safety and convenience of both the guests and the hotel. The form is attached with this newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

The per-person fee is \$25.00, which includes the luncheon on Saturday. Please note: we have exhausted the Summerlee Foundation money and will be unable to offer five free registrations for the JH Annual Meeting 2010.

PARKING

Parking is available at the Doubletree Austin for school and charter busses. There is a \$25 fee per bus to park at the hotel. All other vehicles are \$3 per day.

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 1, 2010. 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 O'Donnell at (940) 369-5245 or KateODonnell@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 begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, and will continue on Saturday morning, March 27 for late arrivals. At registration, a packet of materials will be distributed **only to the chapter sponsors and cosponsors**. Please register by 5:00 on March 26. **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 SITE

Interpretive Web sites must be created using the NHD/Weebly platform as discussed in the October 8 letter to sponsors. 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. For your convenience, the October 8th letter is included in this newsletter with detailed instructions regarding Web site entries.



DOCUMENTARIES AND PERFORMANCES

The Junior Historians documentary and performance competition will be held at the Doubletree Austin Hotel. A week before March 26, 2010, sponsors will receive an e-mail informing them of the exact judging times for their students. The TSHA will provide a standard DVD, television, screen and projection 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.

OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO IN AUSTIN

- ✓ **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum:** The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin, Texas, tells the “Story of Texas” with three floors of interactive exhibits, the special effects show, *The Star of Destiny*, in the Texas Spirit Theater, and Austin's only IMAX Theatre, featuring the signature large-format film, *Texas: The Big Picture*. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults and \$4 for youth ages 5-18. *Located at 1800 Congress Avenue.*

- ✓ **Mexic-Arte Museum:** Mexic-Arte Museum is dedicated to enriching the community through education programs and exhibitions focusing on traditional and contemporary Mexican, Latino, and Latin American art and culture. During our time in Austin, the museum will present the special exhibit *Imagining Mexico: Expressions in Popular Culture from Austin Collections*. The exhibit seeks to showcase art – incorporating national Mexican symbols – from popular art collections in Central Texas. *Located at 419 Congress Avenue.*

- ✓ **The Blanton Museum of Art:** The Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin is one of the foremost university art museums in the country, and has the largest and most comprehensive collection of art in Central Texas. *Located on the University of Texas Campus, at the intersection of MLK and Congress.*

2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	Deadline for Junior Historians of Texas Writing Contest Papers and Adopt-A-Building Forms
March 1	Deadline for Junior Historians Meeting Registration and Chapter Reports
March 26-27	Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair in Dallas
May 7-8	Texas History Day, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
June 13-17	National History Day, University of Maryland, College Park

Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair
Updated Web Site Entry Instructions

October 8, 2009

Students, Parents and Sponsors:

Technology is a constantly evolving thing; as such the Web site category within our Junior Historian program must continue to evolve. Many participants in the JH History Fair also compete in National History Day. In light of that and the fact that NHD has moved to a new online editor for creation and management of Web site entries, we will be using the same system both for the convenience of those who are participating in both programs and to enjoy the benefits afforded by this new system.

All Junior Historians planning to submit a Web site entry will need to use this NHD platform. To sign up, students need a username and password and a valid email address. Once created, the student-created Web site is secure and cannot be found in a Google (or any other search engine) search. Web site entries will be created using online Web site creation software, found at <http://nhd.weebly.com/>. There is no software to download and the service is free of charge.

Once an account has been created, the student will receive a unique url for their project, for example: <http://123456789.ndh.weebly.com>. As we approach the History Fair, we will collect the URLs and the judges will log on from their computer to judge the entries. **No discs or print-outs of Web sites will be accepted at the 2010 JH History Fair, ONLY 4 copies of the entries title page, process paper, and annotated bibliography will be mailed in by the registration deadline. Students must use the NHD platform to create their entries.** We understand that some students may be submitting a Web site for JH and THD, we will not lock students out of their entries for the JH History Fair, but will ask them to limit their editing during the time the judges are viewing their entries.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Junior Historians of Texas program.

HOTEL ROOMING CHART

The Doubletree Austin requests that you complete the following information to expedite check-in and room assignments. Please return to the hotel at the following e-mail or fax number:

EMAIL/FAX DIRECTLY TO: Doubletree Austin
ATTENTION: Bill King
Bill.King@Hilton.com

TELEPHONE: 512-374-4842
FAX: 512-454-3480

Name of Chapter	Sponsor or Cosponsor	School Telephone Number
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Sponsor's Conference Period	Address for Hotel Confirmation
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Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Type of Transportation/School Bus/Vans/Car	Departure Date
There is a \$25 Bus Parking Fee or \$3.00 per day for other vehicles			

Room #1

Room #4

Room #2

Room #5

Room #3

Room #6

Please return to the hotel as promptly as possible to make your check-in easy and trouble-free. Thank you!

All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card or 1 nights advance payment, 24 hour cancellation.