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**DEERPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS QUIZ SHOW**

AUSTIN, TEXAS, APRIL 28, 2007 — Austin's Deerpark Middle School topped the competition at the **Texas Quiz Show** history tournament at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

Round Rock ISD's Deerpark team of David Baines, Michael DeRiggi, and Haley Archer McLellan bested Richardson ISD's Parkhill Junior High in the seventh and final match of the day. Texas Deputy Land Commissioner Jerry Drake awarded a trophy, savings bonds from Frost Bank, medals, and commemorative Texas maps to the winners at the Texas History Day awards ceremony in the University of Texas Recreational Sports Center after the final match. The Deerpark team was coached by history teacher Omar Yanar.

A total of eight schools from across the state competed in half-hour matches; the other schools fielding teams were Baker Middle School (Corpus Christi ISD), Cross Timbers Middle School (Grapevine-Colleyville ISD), Garcia Middle School (Fort Bend ISD), Stevenson Middle School (Northside ISD), Teague Middle School (Aldine ISD), and West Ridge Middle School (Eanes ISD).

The Texas Quiz Show State Tournament is co-sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and held in conjunction with Texas History Day, a yearlong education program that culminates in an annual state-level history fair for students in grades six through twelve sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association.

Texas Quiz Show host and founder Bill Crawford deemed the event a great success. “The teams not only know Texas history, but they were all wonderful sports. Even the losing teams were winners. We hope to build on the great energy from this year’s event to expand the competition to include more schools in 2008.”

Sponsor Gerard van den Dries of Stevenson Middle school in San Antonio, said, “While we were disappointed with the end result, we had a great time. It is an experience that I’m sure the kids will remember for the rest of their lives. It was a wonderful experience that involved fun, history, team building, and education.”

The Texas Quiz Show tournament was videotaped by Public Access Community Television (PACT), an Austin ISD video production unit, and will be aired on Time Warner Cable with possible distribution to other markets. DVDs of the event will also be available from the Texas Quiz Show website, [www.TexasQuizShow.com](http://www.TexasQuizShow.com).

Sponsors of the Texas Quiz Show include Barnes & Noble, Sparknotes, the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History Program, Frost Bank, the *Texas Almanac*, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas State Historical Association (which developed The Texas Quiz Show website in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin).

For more information, please visit the Texas Quiz Show website [www.TexasQuizShow.com](http://www.TexasQuizShow.com).

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