

# **THE ROADRUNNER**

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

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### **The 2016 Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair**

The Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair will be held in Dallas from **April 1-2, 2016** at the Downtown Dallas Crown Plaza. 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 conference hotel, where participants will be housed. The History Fair will take place at the Crown Plaza while Junior Historian members visit Dallas Heritage Village. Please note that dinner is provided for participants, parents and sponsors on Friday night before evening activities at the Sixth Floor Museum.



#### **Friday, April 1, 2016**

- 3:00 – 5:00 PM      Registration & exhibit set-up Dallas Downtown Crown Plaza  
1015 Elm Street, Dallas
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM      Dinner, Crown Plaza
- 7:30 – 9:30 PM      Evening activities, Sixth  
Floor Museum
- 11:00 PM            Curfew in effect at the  
hotel



#### **Saturday, April 2, 2016**

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM      Late registration and  
exhibit set-up
- 8:30 – 11:00 AM    Judging
- 10:00 – 12:00 PM   Morning activities at Dallas Heritage Village
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM   Exhibit Breakdown (all exhibits must be removed by 12:30)
- 12:30 PM            Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, Crown Plaza

Beginning at 3:00 you and your Junior Historians may check in with TSHA staff, setup exhibits, and settle in at the Dallas Downtown Crown Plaza. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. If your students have dietary restrictions that will preclude them from eating specific foods, please let Jason Harris know in advance by email at Jason.Harris@TSHAonline.org or by phone at 512-471-2600. We will make all attempts to accommodate your students.

Friday evening, we will visit the Sixth Floor Museum. Junior Historians, their teachers, and chaperones will get the chance to explore the museum, visit with other chapters, and more. The Museum, located within the former Texas School Book Depository building, chronicles the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.



Saturday, during judging, you and your student will have the chance to explore Dallas Heritage Village and meet with the DHV Junior Historians. Dallas Heritage Village is the largest collection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century pioneer and Victorian homes and commercial buildings in Texas. These buildings, moved from across North Central Texas to Dallas' first city park, like the tree-shaded 20-acre site.

The Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon will take place at 12:30 at the Crown Plaza. Please make sure that you return in time to break down exhibits in advance of the ceremony and meal.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND HISTORY FAIR REGISTRATION

Register today for the Annual meeting 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 January 1, 2016.** All chapter sponsors will need to complete the chapter report in one form or another by Monday, **March 4, 2016 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 30, 2016.**

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 minutes 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!

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## ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

The per-person fee is \$30.00, which includes the dinner on Friday, the luncheon on Saturday, and admission to the Sixth Floor Museum and Dallas Heritage Village.

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## LODGING

TSHA has secured a **room rate of \$139 per night** at the Dallas Downtown Crown Plaza. To make your reservations, call the hotel's reservation number at 214-742-5678 and reference the Junior Historians of Texas. You may also register online at: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14290762/owner/5206/home>  
The cut-off date for the JH group rate is **March 10, 2016**.



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## 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 with this newsletter and online at <http://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/junior-historians/home>.

2. **Online with our web form:** You may 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>.



## **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 postmarked by March 4, 2016. Four copies of each paper must be submitted.

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## **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 Jason Harris at [Jason.Harris@TSHAonline.org](mailto:Jason.Harris@TSHAonline.org) or 512-471-2600.

## **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 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1 and will continue on Saturday morning, April 2 for late arrivals. At registration, a packet of materials will be distributed **only to the chapter sponsors and cosponsors. Please check the packet contents before leaving the registration desk.** TSHA is not responsible for misplaced, lost or stolen materials.

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## **SETTING UP EXHIBITS**

Signs will be placed on the exhibit hall tables indicating where each exhibit is to be set up. All exhibits will be evaluated at Hattie Mae White. Exhibit students will not have an interview time.

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## **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. Websites will not be locked as some students are also participating in NHD contests simultaneously. TSHA asks that students not edit their sites between March 12 and April 2 so judges may evaluate the entries.

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## DOCUMENTARIES AND PERFORMANCES

The Junior Historians documentary and performance competition will be held at the Crown Plaza. The week of the contest sponsors will receive an e-mail informing them of the exact judging times for their students. TSHA will provide a laptop, projector and screen. Students are encouraged to bring a device that they know will play their documentary in case of equipment problems onsite.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO IN HOUSTON

- ✓ **Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens:** Open Dailey from 9 AM – 5 PM, the mission of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is to build and maintain a public venue that promotes the art, enjoyment, and knowledge of horticulture. Covering 66 acres, the site includes a life science laboratory and lots of room for exploration.
- ✓ **George W. Bush Presidential Library:** Featuring the personal papers, correspondence, and other items, the George W. Bush Presidential Library contains exhibits and more to help your students learn about the President and First Lady.
- ✓ **Perot Museum of Nature and Science:** Located in Victory Park, near Downtown Dallas, the museum strives to remind us that the universe is grander than ourselves, older than we can fathom, and inspire us through exhibits and more.
- ✓ **Fort Worth Aviation Museum:** Open Saturday from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, the Fort Worth Aviation museum is home to a number of historic aircraft and exhibits and strives to promote the history of aviation in Fort Worth, North Texas, and around the world. The collection consists of twenty-one warbirds dating from 1943 to the present.

## 2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	Registration opens for Junior Historians Annual Meeting 2016 Register online here: <a href="http://tx-jr.nhd.org/ud/templates/register.php">http://tx-jr.nhd.org/ud/templates/register.php</a>
March 4	Deadline for Junior Historians of Texas Writing Contest Papers and Adopt-A-Building Forms
March 4	Deadline for Junior Historians Meeting Registration and Chapter Reports
April 1-2	Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair in Dallas
March 29	Deadline for Texas History Day registration; papers due to TSHA, websites locked for judging
April 30	Texas History Day, Bullock Texas State History Museum and The University of Texas Campus
April 30	Texas Quiz Show Championship, Bullock Texas State History Museum
June 12 - 16	National History Day, University of Maryland, College Park

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### SHARE YOUR SUCCESSES!!

Make sure to bring your chapter scrapbooks to share the activities and projects carried out during 2015-2016.

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### 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!

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