Renew and Update Your Chapter Information!

If you haven’t already done so, please take a few moments to update your chapter information TODAY! This ensures you will continue to receive the most up-to-date information. We have lots of exciting news to share!


2019 Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting will be Celebrated at the TSHA Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi

The Junior Historians Annual Meeting and History Fair will be held March 1-2 at the Omni Corpus Christi. In addition to the project presentations and annual Junior Historians luncheon, attendees are invited to join TSHA annual meeting participants for special programming and tours.

Are you planning something special to commemorate Veteran’s Day at your school or in your community?

TSHA assembled a number of resources for teaching WWI history https://teachingtexas.org/world-war-1-resources. On Friday, September 14, 2018 representatives from THC, TSHA, Texas WWI Centennial Commission, and other partners will present a resolution including the 100 years/100 Schools initiative to the Texas State Board of Education. For more information, visit www.texasworldwar1centennial.org. If you are participating in activities to commemorate WWI, please share those with me at MK.Marshall@TSHAonline.org. We want to recognize you for your outstanding efforts. This would be a great idea for a chapter project.
The Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award
The Bryan Leadership in Education Awards are given annually to recognize outstanding K12 and higher education history teachers in Texas. The winning educators for 2018 will be presented a certificate and a check for $5,000 at the Association’s Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi. For information on how to submit a nomination, visit www.TSHAonline.org/bryanaward.

Looking for Lesson Plans or Texas Resources? Check out TeachingTexas.org

TSHA is pleased to be the digital hub of lesson plans, digital resources, and the home of Texas materials to support you in the classroom. The database houses thousands of relevant entries gathered from our 24 statewide partners all in one place.

Looking for a chapter project?
We have great ideas to share with you! Consider the Adopt a Building Preservation Program. Information is available at https://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/junior-historians/1240#adopt or email MK.Marshall@TSHAonline.org.

Another excellent idea for a chapter project is to collect oral histories from your community members. Make a collection of oral histories around Texas WWII Veterans, Civil Rights supporters, Desert Storm Veterans. Be creative—design a website or make a documentary and your chapter project for the 2019 Annual meeting is ready! You can also make it a presentation for Veterans Day!

Have you seen the NEW MyTSHA Dashboard?
The Texas State Historical Association is happy to announce the arrival of the MyTSHA Dashboard—www.mytsha.com. MyTSHA is the best way to access and organize your favorite TSHA resources and personalize your membership experience.

Trying to decide what topic to choose for your Junior Historian or Texas History Day Project? Do you want to increase your chances of earning special prizes at the Junior Historians Annual Meeting and the Texas History Day Awards Ceremony? Check out the list of topics that SPECIFICALLY relates the topics to the awards given at the Texas History Day contest. [https://www.tshaonline.org/sites/default/files/awards_paired_withtexas_topics_list_final.pdf](https://www.tshaonline.org/sites/default/files/awards_paired_withtexas_topics_list_final.pdf)

Lone Star Leadership Academy - Call for Outstanding Student Nominations
Nominate your outstanding 4th-8th graders for summer 2019 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps! Participants travel to the Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, or Houston/Galveston area to join delegations of other distinguished students from across Texas for a week of fun, learning, leadership development, and visits to significant Texas destinations. Nominees must be in 4th–8th grade, maintain an 85 or higher average, demonstrate leadership ability, and be involved in school/community activities. Nominate your outstanding 4th-8th graders online at: [http://educationinaction.org/nominate-leaders](http://educationinaction.org/nominate-leaders)
Fall Nomination Deadline: Friday, November 2, 2018.

The Save Texas History Essay Contest
encourages 4th & 7th grade students to answer an important question, “What history in your community is worth saving?” Deadline is October 31, 2018. Winning entries are also published in the Texas Historian. For more information on how you can enter, visit [http://www.glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history/education/essay-contest/index.html](http://www.glo.texas.gov/save-texas-history/education/essay-contest/index.html)
Check it out...There is a New Way to Learn About the Alamo...

It may be a more than 180 year old event, but now there is a new way to learn about the battle of the Alamo. Experience Real History has launched a new app and materials that allow you to see the battle through augmented reality (AR) as you never have before. Whether you are in the classroom, on a school practice-field, or at the Alamo, this new app brings the battle to life. Check out experience RealHistory.com or your app store to learn more.

Tips for entering the Writing Contest at the Junior Historians Annual Meeting

For more than 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 writer should document the paper by using footnotes or 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.

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.

Other News? Share your successes! Are you working on a Chapter Project or have a student you want to highlight? Send pictures and information to MK.Marshall@TSHAonline.org.