



2019-2020
**SCHOOL
PROGRAMS**



fortbend**history**
ASSOCIATION

George Ranch Historical Park • Fort Bend Museum • Texian Time Machine

EXPLORE TEXAS HISTORY

Explore Texas history this year with an unforgettable, hands-on field trip to the **George Ranch Historical Park** or **Fort Bend Museum**. Or, forget the transportation hassle and have the **Texian Time Machine** set up a field trip experience at your school!

GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



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FORT BEND MUSEUM



Discover hands-on Texas history through an exhibit gallery, hands-on educational programming and historic home tours.

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TEXIAN TIME MACHINE



The Texian Time Machine brings the experiences of colonial and early Texian settlers to life on your own school campus.

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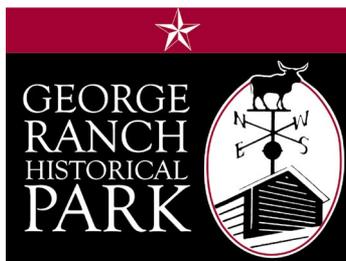
EXPERIENCE LIVING HISTORY

GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



From Pasture
to Parlor

WHAT TO EXPECT & HOW TO BOOK A PROGRAM AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



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WHAT TO EXPECT

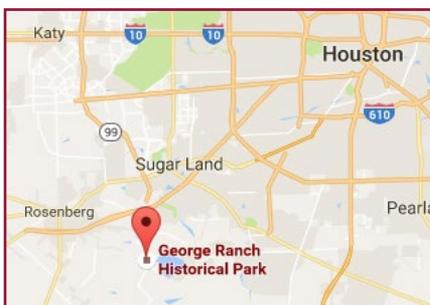
- Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled program time.
- Allow at least 90 minutes for your classes to complete a program.
- Encourage children to dress comfortably for the outdoors and wear closed-toe shoes if possible.
- Tram service is available but not guaranteed; the walking loop around the Park is just under 1 mile.
- To help everyone stay hydrated, bottled water is allowed into the Park.
- Picnic tables are also available for lunch.
- Programs are aligned with appropriate TEKS content.

CONTACT US OR BOOK A PROGRAM

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STRUCTURED PROGRAMS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



To Book a Structured Program:
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- Can be booked from **August 30, 2019** through **May 15, 2020**
- **Cost:** \$7 per student
- **Days:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- **Times:** 9 a.m. and/or 11:30 a.m.
- One adult is free for every 10 students. Additional adults are \$10 each.



Little Farmers

LITTLE FARMERS (Pre-K through 1st Grade)

Bring the little ones out to learn about farming at the 1890s Sharecropper Farm. This program will include live animal encounters. Students will:

- Listen to a story about life on a farm and learn how everyone needs to work together to make a farm prosper.
- Learn how crops grow with our Sharecropper and get their hands dirty with a growing experience.
- Meet some of the Ranch animals and learn how to care for and feed our farm animal friends.

STRUCTURED PROGRAMS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK

PIONEERS IN TEXAS (Grades 2-5)

Learn about pioneer life in 1830s pre-Revolution Texas through an exploration of how early pioneers accomplished the essentials—food, shelter and clothing—in this new land. Students will:

- Experience open-hearth cooking and learn about food acquisition in this new frontier.
- Discover log cabin life with a tour of the dog-trot cabin and outbuildings – critical extensions of the home on an early stock farm.
- Watch spinning demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities such as hand ginning cotton and finger spinning.
- *Additional rotations may include activities such as Native American sign language, chores or field work.*



FROM PASTURE TO PARLOR (Grades 2-5)

Experience life in post-Civil War Texas with a visit to the 1860s Ryon Prairie Home. Learn about the lives of different people who helped operate a working Ranch during this time period. Students will:

- Learn about the daily responsibilities and tasks of 19th-century children.
- Discover the life of a 1860s cowboy with interactive activities that explore the Ryon's ranching operations.
- Explore domestic service life at a large Ranch and participate in the daily chores necessary to keep the Ranch running smoothly.
- *Additional rotations may include activities based on the life of the 19th-century ranch owner. Activities may include etiquette, business practices or genteel domestic skills.*

STRUCTURED PROGRAMS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK

RANCH LIFE IN THE 1930s (Grades 2-5)

Delve in to the world of 1930s ranching with this program set at the 1930s George Home. Students will get their hands dirty as they are transported back to the heyday of the George Ranch. Students will:

- Visit the Bach House and experience life as a 1930s cowboy while learning about the Georges' large 1930s ranching operation.
- Get a taste of 1930s domestic life by helping Mrs. Mamie and Josephine, the housekeeper, with the daily chores.
- Explore children's leisure time activities from the period, including a vintage radio program, a discussion of commonly-played games and a peek into a popular comic book from this era.
- *An optional rotation for older audiences includes a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program.*



**Cattleworking
Demonstration at the
1930s George Cattle
Complex**

ROLE-PLAYING PROGRAMS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



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- **Cost:** \$12 per student
- **Days:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- **Times:** 9 a.m. and/or 11:30 a.m.
- One adult is free for every 10 students. Additional adults are \$10 each.



GONE TO TEXAS (Grades 6-12)

Participants will be placed in the role of the settlers in this hands-on, student-led introduction to pioneer life. Can the pioneers survive and successfully colonize their new land? Students will:

- Be assigned to pioneer families who will have to take on tasks to ensure the cooperation and survival of the family and the whole community.
- Begin the colonization process by delegating and accomplishing the necessary tasks to start a new home including building a log cabin, cooking cornbread and spinning cotton.
- Face the multiple challenges thrown in the path to success and prosper through strategic planning, resourcefulness and sheer will. Who will survive and who will thrive?

ROLE-PLAYING PROGRAMS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK

A HOUSE DIVIDED (Grades 6-12)

Plunge your students into the dramatic and harsh reality of the Civil War. Participants will take on specific roles as Union soldiers, Confederate soldiers or civilians on both sides of the conflict. Who will make it through to the end? Students will:

- Be recruited into a role of a civilian or soldier and learn about the process through the eyes of a specific recruit.
- Go through the training process of the assigned role and experience the complexity of emotions of those about to enter battle for the first time.
- Participate in a small tactical exercise and discover your fate as the battle progresses. Who will live, who will die AND what will be your story?



SELF-GUIDED PROGRAMS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK

- Can be booked on **Fridays** from September 2019 through May 2020
- Can be booked **any day** from January 28–February 7, 2020 or any day of the week after May 15, 2020.
- **Times:** Flexible
- One adult is free for every 10 students. Additional adults are \$10 each.



1830s Jones Stock Farm

SELF-GUIDED PARK TOURS

COST: \$5 per student

Looking to customize your Park visit to align with your subject content? Want the freedom to set your own agenda? Self-guided Park tours may be right for you! Our self-guided tours allow you to set your own schedule and travel at your own pace. We recommend dividing into groups of 25 and below—especially if touring the historic homes—for the optimum experience.

SELF-GUIDED PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS

COST: \$6 per student

Year after year, the George Ranch Historical Park is a popular place for Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo artists to gather inspiration for their next masterpiece. Enhance your visit with this special program designed with student artists in mind. Each group will be provided with a visual guide full of photography tips, unique location suggestions and more!

HOMESCHOOL TOURS & PROGRAMS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



1890s Davis
Victorian Mansion

HOMESCHOOL SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Homeschooling families are welcome to visit the Ranch any time of the year for a self-guided tour. Cost is general admission (or free with a Fort Bend History Association membership!).

HOMESCHOOL DAYS: STRUCTURED PROGRAMS

The structured program option gives families the opportunity to experience our regular school programs in a smaller, more customized environment. The programs are perfect for co-op groups or multiple homeschooling families. *Structured programs must be booked in advance.*

- **September 11 & 12, 2019**
- **January 22 & 23, 2020**

Available programs:

- Pioneers in Texas (9:30 a.m. & Noon)
- From Pasture to Parlor (9:30 a.m. & Noon)
- Little Farmers (9:30 a.m.)
- Ranch Life in the 1930s (Noon)

LEARN MORE OR BOOK ONLINE:
georgeranch.org/plan-a-visit/home-schoolers/

SPECIAL TRIPS BACK IN TIME

GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



Texian Market Days 2018

SPECIAL FIELD TRIP EVENTS AT THE GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK



More info at
TexianMarketDays.com

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Texian Market Days Festival

- **October 25, 2019** (School Day)
- **\$7 per student**
- **Ideal for grades 4-7**

Texian Market Days is a living history festival that celebrates more than a century of Texas history – complete with militia drills, period musicians, lots of hands-on activities, historic house tours, demonstrations, food and craft vendors and more!



More info at
GeorgeRanch.org

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Tales of Texas

- **February 20, 2020** (Homeschool Day)
- **February 21, 2020** (School Day)
- **\$7 per student**
- **Ideal for grades 1-4**

Meet first-person icons in Texas history for Tales of Texas! Featured themes and characters change every year, but past characters have included William B. Travis, Bonnie Parker, Charles Goodnight, Clara Driscoll, Felix Huston and more!

DISCOVER TEXAS HISTORY

FORT BEND MUSEUM



WHAT TO EXPECT & HOW TO BOOK A PROGRAM AT THE FORT BEND MUSEUM



Discover hands-on Texas history through an exhibit gallery, hands-on educational programming and historic home tours. Each program is aligned with appropriate TEKS content.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Students are divided in to classes or groups of 15 to 25.
- For three classes, choose three of the programs/activities.
- For larger school groups, choose more activities or contact us for alternative schedules.
- Teacher packets of pre- and post-visit activities are available online at fortbendmuseum.org.

CONTACT US OR BOOK A PROGRAM

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LOCATION

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HANDS-ON PROGRAMS AT THE FORT BEND MUSEUM



To Book a Program:
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500 Houston Street
Richmond, TX 77469

- **Cost:** \$7 to \$9 per student, depending on the number of programs booked
- **Days:** Tuesday-Friday
- **Times:** 9:30 a.m.
- One adult is free for every 10 students. Additional adults are \$10 each.



LONG-SMITH COTTAGE

Tour the historic home of the Thomas Jefferson Smith family, which is furnished to reflect their middle-class lifestyle in the 1860s. A few of the furnishings belonged to Jane Long, the “Mother of Texas.” Students are encouraged to participate in the discussion through the use of artifacts in the home.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

Sit up straight, get your slates and listen as a turn-of-the-century teacher begins class. Activities may include playing the state song on pipe chimes, writing on slates, using nib pens, math and/or a spelling bee.

HANDS-ON PROGRAMS AT THE FORT BEND MUSEUM

CHORE TIME

Explanations of period household equipment and the lack of electricity will enlighten your students to the difficulty of children's responsibilities in the home. Activities include drawing water from the well, washing clothes on a rub board, grinding corn and churning butter.

TEXTILES IN TEXAS

Spinners guide students through the process of making cloth by demonstrating the spinning process with cotton and wool, weaving fabrics and making quilts. The program emphasizes changes in lifestyle and technology. Students practice ginning and carding cotton.

MUSEUM GALLERY

This interactive, guided tour focuses on the history of Stephen F. Austin's colony from its settlement in Texas in 1822 through the Battle for Texas Independence in 1836 and beyond. Students are encouraged to participate in the discussion and to handle some artifacts.



HANDS-ON PROGRAMS AT THE FORT BEND MUSEUM



Victorian Games

VICTORIAN GAMES

Students will find out how children played and passed the time in the 1800s. Lots of physical exercise, cooperation and imagination took place. Students will get a chance to learn and practice the games of hoops and graces. They will also get to walk on stilts.

DIGGING INTO THE PAST

Archeology is a physical search for things of the past— a study of people through the examination of the things they left behind. The program includes information about Native Americans, time periods and the proper procedure of archeology. Students view artifacts and experience archeology first-hand during a simulated dig.

MORTON CEMETERY

Morton Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Texas, and is the resting place for Mirabeau Lamar, Jane Long and other famous Texans. Students will learn how to discover interesting facts about the past and make a tombstone rubbing. *(Note: School buses will be needed to take students to and from the cemetery.)*

OTHER PROGRAM OPTIONS AT THE FORT BEND MUSEUM

PRESENTERS ON YOUR CAMPUS

Let one of our experienced presenters visit your campus as an individual program or as part of a whole day of "pioneer events." Cost includes the presenter's time plus all supplies. Limit of two presenters per day. Call for available programs. Cost per presenter is \$125 for three hours and \$225 for six hours.

PIONEER TRAVELING TRUNK

A costumed interpreter will visit your classroom and bring the trunk, which includes artifacts from pioneer times in Texas (1821-1836). Cost is \$125 for three hours.

PRE-K TO 1ST GRADE

- **Cost:** \$5 per student
- **Days:** Tuesday-Friday
- **Times:** 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
- One adult is free for every 10 students. Additional adults are \$10 each.

Students are divided into groups of 15 to 25 and rotate through two different activities:

HANDS-ON HISTORY

- Storytime in the Fort Bend Museum's gallery
- Handle Texas pioneer artifacts

CHILDREN'S CHORES

- Interactive tour of the 1855 Long-Smith Cottage
- Churning butter, washing clothes and more!



Children's Chores

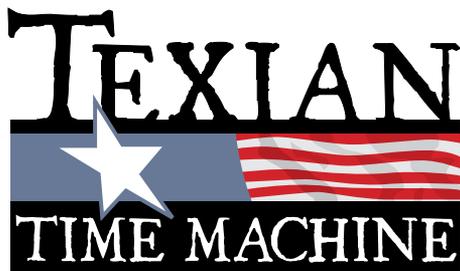
HISTORY COMES TO YOU

TEXIAN TIME MACHINE



Textiles

WHAT TO EXPECT & HOW TO BOOK A PROGRAM WITH THE TEXIAN TIME MACHINE



The Texian Time Machine is an interactive, hands-on program that brings the living history experience to your school!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Choose either **Texian Colony** rotations (page 23) or **American Colony** rotations (page 24).
- Students will rotate through a variety of stations in 20- to 30-minute segments.

CONTACT US OR BOOK A PROGRAM

- **281-342-6478**
- timemachine@fortbendmuseum.org
- fbhistory.org/texian-time-machine

LOCATION

We'll come to you!



Militia

TEXIAN TIME MACHINE PROGRAMS – TEXIAN COLONY ROTATIONS



To Book a Program:
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- **Cost:** \$12 per student
- **Days:** Monday-Friday
- Schools with fewer than 60 students will be charged a \$720 flat fee.
- Schools with more than 200 students will need a two-day program.

LAND GRANTS

Apply for citizenship and receive a land grant to settle in the Republic of Mexico in the early 1820s – and sign your name with a quill pen.

PRINT SHOP

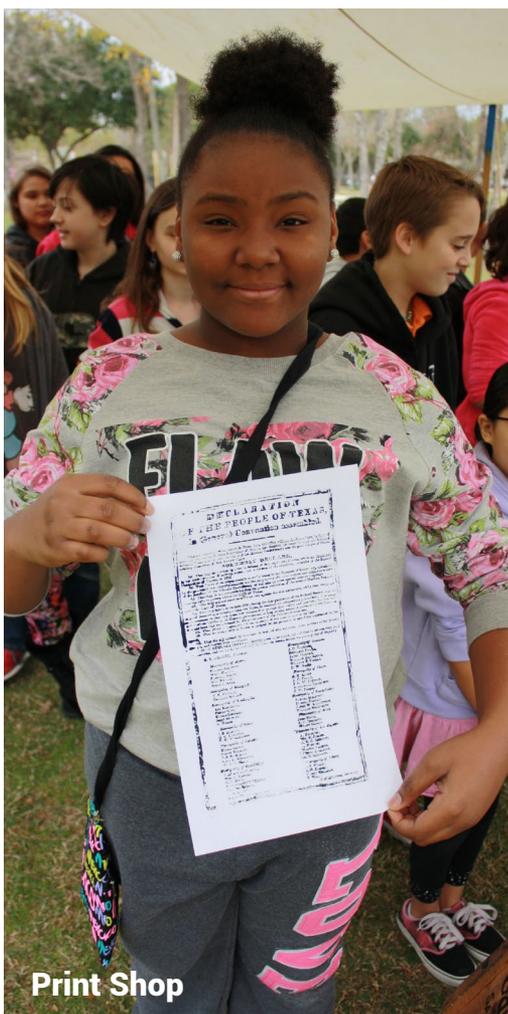
Explore the print-making process, the earliest form of communication and journalism in Texas.

TEXTILES

Gin and card cotton while learning how this basic fiber was planted, harvested and turned into thread and cloth.

GAMES:

“Recess Time”: play games from the past, including stilts, Bilbo Catchers and rolling hoops.



Print Shop

TEXIAN TIME MACHINE PROGRAMS – TEXIAN COLONY ROTATIONS

COOKING

Discover the joys of food preparation – tasting included! Use math skills to make a cornbread recipe.

CABIN-BUILDING

Use real logs to build a cabin or fence and learn about the many tools needed to create, improve and maintain a homestead.

MILITIA

“Enlist” in the militia and practice a typical military drill while learning about the basics of protection on the frontier.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOL

Become a student for a day in a pioneer school—and complete a variety of lessons such as reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic!



Cabin-Building

NOTE: Other enrichment stations can be offered for both the Texian and American Colony rotations. These are based on specific presenter availability and include **Music**, **Blacksmithing** (Mondays only) and **Frontier Survival**. Please contact us for more information!

EXPLORE AMERICAN HISTORY

TEXIAN TIME MACHINE - COLONIAL PROGRAMS

School





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- Schools with fewer than 60 students will be charged a \$720 flat fee.
- Schools with more than 200 students will need a two-day program.

COOKING

Discover the joys of food preparation – tasting included! Use math skills to make a gingerbread recipe.

SCHOOL

Enter a 1770s classroom and complete a variety of lessons such as recitation, arithmetic and spelling.

MILITIA

Join the Minutemen and practice a typical military drill!

CASH CROPS

Learn about the different crops that early American settlers grew to generate income.

KNOTS

Learn to tie different knots that were used on boats and in the early American colonies for various tasks.

FLAGS

What do colors and symbols on a flag mean? Decide on a class flag using symbolism and colors from the past.

CONSTRUCTION

How did America's first colonists build their homes? Discover the answer with a hands-on activity centered around simple construction techniques of the early settlers.

GAMES

"Recess Time": play games from the past, including stilts, Bilbo Catchers and rolling hoops.



To Build Your Program Set:

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- You must choose one of the presenter-led rotations for \$125. After that, any combination of rotations is possible.
- **COST:** \$125 for the presenter-led rotation plus any additional programs. Cost for additional programs are noted below.
- There is a \$100 supply deposit that will be refunded with the safe return of all borrowed supplies.
- Feeling overwhelmed? For \$25, a staff member will come to your school ahead of time and lead your teachers/parents through an orientation of every rotation that you have chosen.

1. CHOOSE ONE PRESENTER-LED ROTATION (\$125)

SCHOOL

Enter a 1770s classroom and complete a variety of lessons such as recitation, arithmetic and spelling.

TEXTILES

Spin and card cotton while learning how this basic fiber was planted, harvested and turned into thread and cloth.

2. CHOOSE ANY PARENT/TEACHER-LED ROTATIONS

SCIENCE WITH BEN (\$25/SCHOOL)

Explore the scientific method by conducting an experiment like Benjamin Franklin and learning about evaporation!

GAMES (\$25/SCHOOL)

Play games of the past, including stilts, rolling hoops, checkers and a selection of “do-nothing” toys.

SCHOOL (\$25/SCHOOL)

All the supplies are provided for a journey back to a 1770s one-room school. Learn about recitation, arithmetic and spelling.

BUILD-YOUR-OWN COLONIAL DAYS

QUILL PENS (\$10/CLASS)

Use a quill pen and the provided India ink to write and illustrate a list of colonial manners that George Washington copied when he was sixteen.

KNOTS (\$10/CLASS)

Students will make a length of rope to keep and learn to tie basic knots.

TIN-SMITHING (\$4/CHILD)

Includes all the supplies for every child to make a hand-punched decorative tin panel.

QUILTING (\$2/CHILD)

Students will make a paper quilt square and learn basic stitches to create the same square out of cloth.

CANDLE-MAKING (\$1/CHILD)

Includes all the supplies to set up a candle-dipping station in a classroom. Everyone goes home with a hand-dipped candle!

DIRECTIONS ONLY *(Free with any booking; supplies not included)*

BUTTER

Directions describe how to make your own butter!

TIN-SMITHING

Directions describe how to create decorative punched tin panels or cans.

CANDLE-MAKING

Directions describe how to use a few simple kitchen items to make hand-dipped candles.

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