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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Making the *Houston Chronicle* Top 40 List

Heritage, Education and Preservation are what the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is about. Thanks to the work of an outstanding staff, the *Houston Chronicle* has listed us alongside top historic sites such as the Alamo, Johnson Space Center, the Sixth Floor Museum and Battleship Texas. Its tourism value has also been emphasized by being in the company of Six Flags and Schlitterbahn. The Dr Pepper Museum in Waco is also listed as a major contribution to the cultural richness of Texas. This recognition follows the previous listing "The 50 American Landmarks Every Patriot Should Visit" published in *NewsMax* and "Top 18 Western Museums of the West 2019" by *True West Magazine* .



40 Places Every Texas Kid Must Visit Before Growing Up
 By Alison Medley
 11/8/2019

We've rounded up the top 40 places to add to your Lone Star State bucket list. From the beloved family spots like the Alamo to Balmorhea Pool, our bucket list takes you to gorgeous spots all across Texas. For adventure-seekers and museum lovers, stop by Palo Duro State Park and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

1. Galveston Island, Galveston
2. Blue Hole Regional Park, Wimberly

3. Balmorhea Pool, Toyahvale
4. Barton Creek Greenbelt, Austin
5. Bayside of South Padre Island
6. Grune Hall, New Braunfels
7. Schlitterbahn, New Braunfels, Galveston, South Padre and Corpus Christi
8. Dealey Plaza & 6th Floor Museum, Dallas
9. Johnson Space Center, Clear Lake
10. Aquarena Springs, San Marcos
11. Downtown Beaumont, Beaumont
12. TeePee Motel, Wharton
13. Bracken Bat Cave, San Antonio
14. McDonald's Observatory, Ft. Davis
15. Dolphin Tours at Pier 21, Galveston
16. Seawolf Park, Galveston
17. Tall Ship Elissa, Galveston
18. Fort Davis National Historic Site, Fort Davis
19. The Alamo, San Antonio
20. The Dr. Pepper Museum, Waco
- 21. Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Waco**
22. Port Aransas, Mustang Island
23. Landa Park, New Braunfels
24. Moody Gardens, Galveston
25. Goose Island State Park, Rockport
26. Frio River, Concan
27. Palo Duro State Park, Canyon
28. Big Bend National Park, Alpine
29. Enchanted Rock, Fredericksburg
30. Hamilton Pool, Austin
31. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Houston
32. Hamilton Pool, Austin
33. Six Flags Fiesta Texas, San Antonio
34. Battleship Texas, La Porte
35. Cadillac Ranch, Amarillo
36. Fort Worth Stockyards, Fort Worth
37. Guadalupe River, San Antonio
38. Boca Chica State Park, Brownsville
39. Lake Texoma, Gainesville
40. Padre and Mustang Island, Corpus Christi

Texas Rangers in Pop Culture Exhibit & Event

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is partnering with the Waco McLennan County Public Library to bring a new free exhibit to the public! The new exhibit *Texas Rangers in Pop Culture* will be installed at the Central Library branch in Waco (1717 Austin Ave). *Texas Rangers in Pop Culture* will focus on famous Texas Rangers in radio, television and film, including the legendary Lone Ranger. The exhibit will only be on display for a short time from December through February, so be sure to see it before it closes!



Artifacts in *The Lone Ranger* collection from Dr. Dolores Taylor

And join us on Saturday, January 11th, from 10AM-NOON, for an exciting program at the Central Library branch!

We will present a special program on Texas Rangers in Pop Culture! The Lone Ranger and Ranger Jim are just the beginning. You'll have a chance to learn about the history of the Texas Rangers and how they fit in pop culture, take a magical picture where you dress up and become a Ranger yourself and design a page of your own Ranger comic book!



Ranger Jim sings to children on his television show, c.1950.

The Waco Public Library also offers a "Museum Pass" program, which allows library cardholders free access to Waco museums, including the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Learn more about this free program here : <https://www.waco-texas.com/>

10th Annual *Big Texas Christmas Present*

Big 95 FM Radio in Waco has teamed up with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum and Waco Texas Rocks to assist Compassion! Compassion helps those who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness into permanent housing and employment. You can help! Compassion needs gift items and donations for children, teens, and adults this holiday season.

Saturday, December 14th, from Noon-2PM, Big 95, Waco Texas Rocks, and Compassion will be accepting donations and painting rocks at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum!

For each rock purchased to paint or item donated, you will receive one free admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. You can get a list of donation suggestions at compassionwaco.com.



Help us wrap up the *Big Texas Christmas Present* with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, Waco Texas Rocks, Compassion and Big 95!

Support from the Texas Ranger Association Foundation

The Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) has provided the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum with a gift of \$5,000 for its educational and preservation programs. We are grateful for their continuing support and encouragement.



Left to Right: Board Member Frank Malinak, Ret. Asst. Chief of the Texas Rangers; Byron A. Johnson, Executive Director of TRHFM; Thomas W. Schleier, Chairman of the Board of TRAF

Since the 1980s TRAF has contributed to projects that preserve and share the history and heritage of the Texas Rangers. The variety of projects, which have reached an audience of millions, is impressive:

- Oral histories of the Texas Rangers <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/history/oral-histories/>
- Recognition of living retired Texas Rangers <https://texasrangerregister.org/>
- Support for historical writers and research <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/history/>
- Creation of the Education Division which, since 2008, has served over 900,000 children and adults <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/education/>
- Individual Foundation members have supported exhibits and donated artifacts <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/museum-collections/>
- Individual Foundation members have supported projects such as the creation of the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/researching-rangers/>

***Throwback Thursday* Features TRHFM**

For the November 7th edition of *Central Texas Living*'s "Throwback Thursday" feature, Jenna Welch spoke with Christine Rothenbush of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Rothenbush explained how you can take a step in the past and walk into the present while appreciating the legendary Texas Rangers.



Please [click here](#) to watch the episode.

TRHFM Attends "University of Scouting"



Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd and Marketing & Development Specialist Christine Rothenbush attended the annual "University of Scouting" in Fort Worth. Hosted by the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America, it was an opportunity for 400 leaders and older scouts to earn patches and learn how to teach merit badge programs to young scouts.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Longhorn Council. We were invited to attend to discuss our scouting programs with the leaders. We appreciate the opportunity to participate and look forward to future collaborations.



Prohibition at the Dr Pepper Museum



Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd attended the *Spirited: Temperance, Prohibition, and Soda Pop* exhibit opening at the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute as an expert panelist about the role the Texas Rangers played enforcing prohibition.

Famous Texas Rangers such as Frank Hamer and Manuel "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas worked with federal agents and local law enforcement to enforce state and federal Prohibition laws throughout Texas.

The exhibit *Spirited: Temperance, Prohibition, and Soda Pop* will be open at the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute until January 7, 2020.

Texas Rangers in Thailand

Did you know that the Texas Department of Public Safety sponsors training courses for law enforcement and pioneered the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) training program to help troopers identify and rescue endangered children? Texas Ranger Cody Mitchell of Company "F" co-founded the IPC program and recently led a training course in Bangkok, Thailand:

I recently taught in Bangkok, Thailand for the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime. The subject was online pornography and its effect on sexually motivated crimes against children. The attendees were investigators and prosecutors from Interpol, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Singapore. You can imagine the difficulty teaching while translators were relating the information into at least 5 different languages.

- Texas Ranger Cody Mitchell, Co "F"



Read more about the program here: <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/texas-rangers/child-protection/>

TSRA 2020 Calendars

In mid-July, photographer Robert Langham and his associate Dr. Loyd Sneed visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Together with the Collections Department, they selected notable firearms and artifacts from the collection to photograph for the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) 2020 Calendar. If you bought one of the calendars last year, you may remember the photographs of the pistols, boots, spurs, and badges of such famous Texas Rangers as Frank Hamer and Jack Hays. We are pleased to work with the Texas State Rifle Association on this project again, and with the talented Mr. Langham.

The TSRA and the TRHFM have partnered together to create this collectible calendar featuring firearms and artifacts from the museum collections. It was distributed to 35,000 TSRA members. The Association graciously gave us a limited number to sell as a fundraiser for the Museum. \$9.95 + Tax



To shop more items available for purchase, please visit our [Gift Shop online](#), or in person 9am to 4:30pm daily. You never have to pay admission to shop.

Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partners Program

Be part of the Texas Ranger Bicentennial! The Texas Rangers will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
3. Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Partners™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.

\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is a 170(c) government-owned nonprofit.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program.



Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin
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Education Center

The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in November:

- Reserve Officers Association
- Baylor School of Education
- CASA of McLennan County
- NAACP

ENJOY

\$2.00 OFF

Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value.

The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off I-35 and University Parks Drive in

Expires 1/31/2020

Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254)
750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org .

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