



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

STATE-WIDE

March 2

175th Anniversary of
Texas Independence
[www.TexasIndependence
Trail.com](http://www.TexasIndependenceTrail.com)

ARCHEOLOGY

March 15

Meeting
George Memorial
Library
7 p.m. in room 2B

**FORT BEND
MUSEUM**

March 26
Children's Day
Noon to 5 p.m.

Feb. 19 - March 26
Poster Art Exhibit
featuring artwork by
the students of Missouri
City Middle School



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www.fortbendmuseum.org
www.georgeranch.org

Enjoy an afternoon of family fun at 'Children's Day'

Celebrate the arrival of spring at the Fort Bend Museum's annual Children's Day festival! The FREE family event will take place on **Saturday, March 26** from noon until 5 p.m.

New for 2011: Houston's InterActive Theater Company will present *The Story of the Lone Star State* at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Each 45-minute performance will take family audiences through more than 600 years of Texas history, from Native Americans to NASA astronauts.

Families will enjoy free admission to the Fort Bend Museum's gallery and the Moore home. Other scheduled activities include face-painting, making paper pots and planting beans, learning about local



wildlife, decorating cookies, cotton ginning, woodcarving, old-fashioned chores and a real archeological dig.

For more info, contact Claire Rogers at educator@fortbendmuseum.org or call the Museum at (281) 342-6478.

Happy 175th birthday to the Lone Star State!

This year marks Texas' *dodransbicentennial*—or, rather, its 175th anniversary.

Events to commemorate the occasion are being held state-wide this spring—including the annual Runaway Scrape re-enactment at the George Ranch Historical Park on April 9. We hope you'll join us in celebrating our state's great history!

On **March 2, 1836**, Texian representatives convened at Washington-on-the-Brazos and signed a formal Dec-

laration of Independence from Mexico. After adopting a constitution, the citizens then voted to raise an army under the leadership of General Sam Houston.

Santa Anna, determined to quell the Texian rebellion, advanced his army aggressively through the state; the fall of the Alamo came on March 6. The Texians experienced defeat at the Battle of Refugio from March 12-15 and approximately 340 men were executed on March 27

in what would later be called the Goliad Massacre.

General Houston struggled to keep his army from splintering and ordered a retreat toward the U.S. border. Many colonists also fled from their homes during this time (called the "*Runaway Scrape*").

The decisive battle in the Texas Revolution—the Battle of San Jacinto—was held on April 21, 1826 and lasted a mere 18 minutes. Santa Anna was captured and agreed to end the campaign.

Become a sponsor for the Lone Star Stomp

We need sponsors for **Lone Star Stomp XXII: Stars and Strikes!**

Set for Saturday, April 16 at the George Ranch Historical Park, the Lone Star Stomp is the Fort Bend County Museum Association's biggest fundraising event of the year. It's also an event you won't want to miss, complete with a Texas-sized dinner, dancing, live music by the original **TRIUMPHS** and live and silent auctions!

For credit card purchases of sponsorships and tables, go online to www.fortbendmuseum.org. You can also send an E-mail to lonestarstomp@fortbendmuseum.org or call (281) 342-1256 for more information.



Lone Star Stomp XXII: Stars & Strikes
Saturday, April 16 • 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Honorary Chairs: Linda & Jim Brown • Chairman: Melody Hess
Co-Chairs: Diane Elko, Jennifer Montgomery and CeeCee Parker

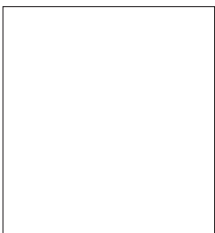
EVENTS NEXT MONTH:

April is a busy month at the George Ranch Historical Park! Make plans to join us for any or all of these events:

April 9
Runaway Scrape

April 16
Lone Star Stomp

April 23
Victorian Easter



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