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## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers

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### Night at the Ranger Museum

Ever wonder what goes on at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame after closing? In the style of the *Night at the Museum* movie franchise, Waco City Cable Channel produced "Night at the Ranger Museum" (runtime 3:45 minutes).

A big thanks to all the City of Waco staffers who assisted with the film, including: Municipal Information, Facilities, Waco Parks and Recreation, Waco Fire, Housing, City Secretary's Office, Public Works and Human Resources.

Have you visited yet? Located in Waco, Texas, it is America's first law enforcement historical center founded in 1964. The Texas Rangers have served across three centuries and under five flags. It's where Texas history comes to life!



Please [click here](#) to watch the video on Facebook.

Please [click here](#) to watch the video on YouTube.

Our actors borrowed the prop replica clothing from actual exhibit mannequins. Below are behind the scenes pictures:



## Texas Ranger Museum Ranks in Top 10

Each year *True West* magazine, the leading international magazine on the Old West, ranks the Top Western Museums. This year the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum ranked #8 for 2019. The museum is listed on page 77 and 80 of the current issue with acknowledgement to its trustee the City of Waco.

Criteria for selection included quality of educational programs, exhibit content, visitor service, tourism reviews, special programs such as our new *Texas Ranger Talks*, newsletter, website, sponsorship of research and collections.



The article also notes the museum's 55 years of service with 4.5 million visitors and its preservation of the remarkable story of America's oldest state law enforcement agency.

### ***Discovering the Legend : Texas Ranger Jake Burson***



***Discovering the Legend*** is a series of TV programs about Texas Ranger history, artifacts and art, and modern Ranger duties. It is produced in cooperation with the Texas Rangers, City of Waco, historians, and donors, as part of our mission to disseminate knowledge and inspire an appreciation of the Texas Rangers.

Episode #32 features an interview with Texas Ranger Jake Burson of Company "F" in Waco. He discusses his family history in law enforcement and DPS, his specialized training with new investigative technology, as well as his daily duties as a Ranger in Company "F".

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

Thanks to those active and retired Ranger who participated in this year's *Texas Ranger Talks* : Lt. James Thomas, Maj. Corey Lain, Sgt. Matt Cawthon, Capt. Richard Sweaney, and Ranger Jake Burson.

### **Junior Texas Ranger Kyle Singleton**

On August 17, during a *Texas Ranger Talk* , six-year-old Kyle Singleton got to meet one of his heroes.



Kyle worked hard all summer long reading books to earn a pass to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum from his local library.

All decked out in his own Texas Ranger uniform, Kyle came to the museum to be sworn in as a Junior Texas Ranger.

Kyle's dream came true when Texas Ranger Jake Burson pinned on his Junior Ranger badge and signed Kyle's certificate.

Thank you to the Singleton Family for bringing Kyle to the museum and supporting his love for the Texas Rangers. A special thanks to Ranger Burson for giving Kyle this once in a life time experience.



If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Junior Texas Ranger, [click here](#) to learn more about the program. Official Junior Texas Rangers will receive: an honorary Junior Ranger certificate signed by an Active-Duty Texas Ranger, a child's badge, a family admission pass, and their name on the rolls of the Junior Texas Rangers on our website. There is a \$35 donation per Junior Ranger which supports the educational and preservation programs of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

### Little Gym of Waco Educational Programs

Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd visited the Little Gym of Waco in July and August to talk about the Texas Rangers. Working with children ages 3-12, Audrey talked about how the Rangers use DNA and fingerprinting to solve crimes.

After the talk, everyone worked together on an activity. The June campers built their own DNA Double Helix out of pipe cleaners and beads. The August campers fingerprinted

themselves and looked to see what kind of fingerprint that they have. Both groups learned how these advances are used by Texas Rangers in investigations. Each presentation finished off with a fun Texas Ranger themed coloring session.



### Region 12 Gifted and Talented Teacher Training

On August 6th, Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd joined local area museums at the Region 12 Gifted and Talented Conference for the annual Museum Marketplace. Organized by the Museum Association of Waco, the Museum Marketplace is an opportunity for educators to meet the local museums and learn what they have to offer.

Audrey spoke about TRHFM's field trips, presentations, online resources such as lesson plans and historic articles, and utilization of the research library. Over one third of the educators who attend the Gifted and Talented conference made it a point to come to the Museum Marketplace session.



Please [click here](#) to learn more about TRHFM'S educational programs.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the Museum Association of Waco.

**In the Press: *Click2Houston***



The TRHFM made the Top 5 Waco attractions in the article "One-tank trips: 5 ways to enjoy your next trip to Waco" by Bess Krasoff for *Click2Houston* !

To see all five attractions, please [follow this link](#) .

## Bicentennial Event, Activity & Celebration Ideas



The Texas Ranger Bicentennial in 2023 is a state-wide celebration. We encourage organizations to participate during the Bicentennial year, 2023.

Are you a member of an organization in which your members may want to participate in the celebration? We hope you'll take these suggestions back to your board meeting and discuss them. Once you pick an event, please contact the Museum to request the official Bicentennial Seal of Approval.

### Types of Organizations:

- Municipal public library
- Regional historical association
- Local history museum
- Schools and homeschoolers
- Community book club
- City Parks & Rec department
- History department of colleges and universities
- Gun collector group
- Scouting: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire...
- Local law enforcement group
- Tour operator
- Media: newspaper, film maker, book publisher...

### Types of Bicentennial Events:

- City-wide parade
- Summer reading book club
- Group travel tour of Texas history and TRHFM
- Community display of borrowed Texas Ranger items
- Chili cookout or fish fry
- Luncheon with speaker from our Bureau
- School essay, podcast, or video contest
- Western art contest in high schools
- Research and publish a paper/article
- Genealogy workshop and lock-in at library
- Children's coloring contest (see Activity Sheets)...

## Texas Ranger Children's Badges in England

*My son, Barron, was the first American, and thus first Texan, to race a pedal car in the Settrington Cup at the Goodwood Revival in Southern England three years ago. Y'all were gracious enough to sell me 40 children's Ranger badges. We gave them away to the other 40 children from around the globe...they were a huge hit. Now my youngest son, Briggs, will be wearing his cowboy hat and pedaling for*



*the cup in September. We'd love to come down to Waco and buy another 50 or so badges if you have them in stock. We were so proud to give them away.*

*Thank you,  
Grant Griffin*

### Gift Shop Feature: Mugs & Shot Glasses

New mugs and shot glasses from Sunset Hill. They are microwave, oven and dishwasher safe. These mugs are handcrafted in America in an environmentally-friendly, employee safe facility utilizing green initiative and are food-safe for everyday use.

The shot glasses are \$17.95 and mugs are \$22.95 + 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](mailto: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  
 Trademarked by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety  
 Designed by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and  
 Museum

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**ENJOY  
 \$2.00 OFF**

Expires 10/31/2019

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 Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit [www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org).

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