

Press Release

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15th Annual Texas Renaissance Festival School Days Welcomes Over 41,000

Nov. 12, 2019 (Todd Mission, TX) – Over 41,000 students, chaperones, teachers, administrators and parents descended upon the Texas Renaissance Festival (TRF) for the 15th Annual School Days event that took place Nov. 5-6 on the festival grounds. For two special days during the week, the festival opens its gates to welcome educators and students from public, private and home school where they are immersed into the world of the 16th century European village with its characters, performers, artisan demonstrations, games, rides and vendors.

Students traveled to School Days from the greater Houston area, Austin, Round Rock, El Paso, Coppell, San Antonio and Louisiana. Home school students make up about 12% of the attendees which tracks with their representation in the general population.

Elementary through high school students are invited to engage with other students in a variety of arts and music competitions. These include: Journalism, Essay, Trebuchet, Costume, Poetry, Art, Theatre and Music.

The music and theatre competition are adjudicated by state certified UIL judges. Several schools compete with original works composed, arranged or written by their directors. Art students create original artwork and composition, and costumes are designed and constructed from scratch including fully realized portfolios. The sciences are represented during TRF School Days with the trebuchet building contest that require physics and engineering skills.

Over 175 awards were awarded in the various competition divisions including: Elementary, Intermediate/Middle School, and High School. Full contest results from the 2019 School Days have been posted on the TRF website under School Days. ([Contests](#), [Performing Arts](#))

“TRF’s School Days program provides a unique, immersive educational experience in which students can see, hear, touch, and participate in history, arts, and sciences in ways that are completely unlike anything in a traditional classroom. As a career educator, I am proud of what TRF offers for students in the Houston and surrounding areas,” said Kim Bryant, TRF School Days Coordinator.

If you would like more information about the 2020 School Days program, please visit the website at www.texrenfest.com/school-days, or email Bryant at schooldays@texrenfest.com. Dates for the 2020 School Days event will be Nov. 10 – 11, 2020.

About the Texas Renaissance Festival – The Texas Renaissance Festival is an immersive experience located in Todd Mission, TX, where visitors enter a 16th Century European Village filled with performers, stage and music acts, artisans, and vendors. 2019 Festival dates are Oct. 5 – Dec. 1, open Saturdays, Sundays and Thanksgiving Friday. Tickets are available at texrenfest.com. Children 12 and under are admitted for free on Sundays.