

# WESTERN HERITAGE DAY

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

## APRIL 21, 2016

Hardin-Simmons University's Western Heritage Day is made possible by gifts from the Guy Caldwell Endowment for Western Heritage and the Lee and Lou C. Evans Endowment for Western Heritage.

**sandefer memorial**  
administration building

**restrooms**  
in Moody Center



## ACTIVITIES & BOOTHS

- 1) Deputization Station (& Check-In)
- 2) Brush Arbor Preaching
- 3) Longhorn Herd
- 4) Farrier
- 5) The Jail
- 6) Chuck Wagon
- 7) Biscuits & Beans
- 8) Pepsi Drink Trailer
- 9) Folk Dancing
- 10) The Catclaw Creek Boys
- 11) Face Painting
- 12) Texan Cultures Learning Station
- 13) Washboard Station
- 14) Western Melodrama
- 15) Picture Station
- 16) Sheep Shearing
- 17) Baby Animals
- 18) Storytelling
- 19) HSU Branding Pit
- 20) Ring Toss
- 21) Calf Roping
- 22) HSU's Six White Horses
- 23) EventHQ/Information/First Aid
- Watering Holes

# HELPFUL HINTS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

## GENERAL

With more than 4,000 children from across the Big Country scheduled to attend Hardin-Simmons University's Western Heritage Day, there are a number of helpful hints which may aid teachers and students in more fully enjoying their WHD experience.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER/CANCELLATION

Weather in West Texas can be unpredictable. Rain and storms (the day of or the day before) could make conditions unsuitable for participation in this event. **If the decision to cancel WHD is made, teachers will be notified via text and email by 7:00 am the morning of the event.** If severe weather is encountered during the course of the day, participants will be moved to Mabee Athletic Center. **In the absence of notification, the event will proceed as planned.**

## STUDENT SAFETY

To assist teachers in keeping up with their students interspersed among the 1,000 others who may be on campus at the same time, we recommend teachers encourage students to wear the same or similar-colored shirts or other articles of clothing (bandanas, hats, etc.).

Additionally, should a student from a class become separated from their group and report to the Event HQ, their teacher will be contacted via a text message sent to the cell number provided on the registration form. Without visual verification of a teacher's identity and receipt of the text message, separated students will not be released.

## PARKING

Bus and vehicle parking for Western Heritage Day will be located on the West Lot (west side of Simmons Street). Law enforcement

and HSU greeters will be present to assist classes in finding parking areas. Please do not attempt to enter the campus via the main entrance on Hickory Street as many interior campus streets will be closed for the protection of WHD participants.

## ARRIVAL

Once a class arrives, they should head east toward the middle of campus. A registration area will be nearby where teachers will be asked to check in their group (deputization station). Once registered, children will receive deputy badges and be welcomed to campus.

## ACTIVITIES AND BOOTHS

There is no requirement or limitation on the time classes can spend participating in the many activities and booths at WHD. Over the past several years, we have found most groups spend anywhere from 60 to 75 minutes on campus. To help students best enjoy the event, we recommend teachers follow the booth numbers in order (beginning at 1). Remember, new groups will be arriving on campus every 20 minutes, so "skipping" a booth with plans of coming back to it later (with a smaller crowd) may not work out to your advantage.

## PICNIC SPACE

Many classes who attend at or around lunchtime choose to bring their lunches and have a picnic in one of our many grassy, landscaped areas. If your class is planning on picnicking, we ask that teachers let us help find an appropriate space which will be out of the participant traffic flow.

## PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available in two locations: Moody Student Center (located just

northeast of the WHD events) and Mabee Athletic Complex (located to the west of WHD events in-between the booths and parking). Since classes are active on our campus, we would ask that teachers limit use of restrooms to these buildings.

## INFORMATION/FIRST AID/EMERGENCY SERVICES - EVENT HQ

Our WHD Event HQ is located just underneath the flagpole, a location visible from anywhere in the WHD event area. Whether someone in a class needs information, gets separated from a class, or has an emergency, this station can provide first-response assistance.

## QUIET SPACE/SPECIAL NEEDS

We understand that some students attending WHD may have a special need for extra space to rest or eat. To this end, we can make designated space available upon a teacher's request so as to help ensure all classes can enjoy this special day. Please visit the Event Management Station for more information.

## TRASH

While WHD celebrates our "Old West" roots, HSU very much embodies 21st Century attitudes toward environmental stewardship. From our recycling efforts to our Brita refillable water filtration stations, our commitment to the HSUGreen Initiative asks all on our campus to give special attention to keeping our campus clean and our Earth healthy. To this end, teachers, please make sure your class places litter in appropriate receptacles.

## MEDIA/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS

As a major community event, HSU regularly welcomes local media to cover this event. Additionally, HSU media staff/students

will also be documenting the day - taking pictures and video of students participating in all WHD events. Should you have a concern about any particular child being photographed or videoed, please visit directly with the media outlet as they are usually willing to honor specific requests.

## CLASS PHOTOS - STATION #15

As a free service, an HSU photographer will be available at station #15 to take a class photo. The class photo will be made available to teachers in an electronic version directly via the email address provided on the classes' online registration. Upon receipt, teachers will be able to print, distribute, or replicate the class photo as desired.

## QUESTIONS

If you have additional questions before the big day, please contact:

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We look forward to all classes joining us on Thursday, April 21, 2016 for the 34th Annual Western Heritage Day at Hardin-Simmons University.

