

JOIN US!

The Washington County, Tennessee Heritage Fair planning has begun once again. The first fair took place on Friday, May 17, 2019, in Historic Jonesborough, Tennessee, more than 70 students participated in the Student Heritage Poster Competition at the Jonesborough Visitors Center, over 20 heritage organizations participated in the individual / organizations exhibits and 12 living history tents were on display throughout the day. Over 240 people visited and learned about the Washington County, Tennessee's history and heritage.

Plans for 2020 will feature many of the same events including the 5th-8th grade Student Heritage Poster Competition, Living History Timeline, and Individual / Organizational Exhibits and Presentations. The format of the event will be more defined and located closer to the Jonesborough Visitors Center and Mill Springs Park.



***The Heritage Fair will span two days in 2020!
School Day on Friday, May 8th, and Community Day
on Saturday, May 9th.***

We want to encourage our teachers and parents to bring their students to Historic Jonesborough - Tennessee's Oldest Town - to allow their students to learn about our county's history through living history interpretations and projects that their peers have researched and designed.

The importance of such education and experiences allow students, teachers, and parents to gain new perspectives on their surrounding places, which can, then, be used to gain new knowledge of these sites through the advancement of research, communication, and reading skills that enables them to experience history and heritage of a town and county that has seen its fair share, pass through its reach.



INDIVIDUAL / ORGANIZATION EXHIBITS

The Individual/Organization Exhibitions bring together local heritage and cultural organizations and sites in the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center and Emporium, which gives participants an opportunity to engage with heritage and cultural sites, knowledge, and techniques. These exhibitions provide students, teachers, and parents with a taste of public and private heritage and cultural sites, in which, they can visit at later dates to fully take in the educational experiences. In addition, organizations can showcase their missions, visions, programming, and projects to the public through the use of visual and/or oratory exhibitions. Knowledgeable individuals will also have the opportunity to showcase their individual research, cultural work, and craft to provide another perspective of learning.



LIVING HISTORY TIMELINE

The Living History Timeline, which will be presented in Mill Springs Park and other sites around the town of Jonesborough, will consist of tradespeople and reenactors in particular time period-based camps from pre-Revolutionary to early 20th Century regalia. The Living History Timeline present educational experiences through the visual representation of life throughout history, which includes period clothing styles, language, techniques, and experiences. In addition, it provides a look at jobs and trades, as well as economic, social, racial, and gender stature throughout time.



STUDENT HERITAGE POSTER COMPETITION

The 5th-8th Grade Student Heritage Competition brings together Washington County, Tennessee students at the Jonesborough Visitors Center, where student knowledge of local heritage and culture is displayed on a tri-fold board. Students must use primary and secondary source material in the development of their project in one of three categories. Each project will be judged by a judicial panel and awards will be given to top projects in each category. **(see next page).**





ELIGIBILITY

Any 5th through 8th grader within Washington County can enter the competition in one of the three categories, which include Family History, Local History, and Preservation / Conservation Projects.

CATEGORIES

- 1. Family History:** *Family History consists of projects related to a person's genealogy or family background.* Examples: Pedigree or family charts, research on an ancestor's life, war stories, oral histories, or other items of interest. Poster displays for this category should withhold information from living persons such as birth dates, as some of this information is considered private.
- 2. Local History:** *Local History consists of projects that relate to historical events and time periods within Washington County's vast history.* These projects can include displays on monuments, organizations, people, events, and time periods.
- 3. Preservation/Conservation Projects:** *Preservation/Conservation Projects consist of projects that relate to preservation and/or conservation efforts of heritage sites, cultural places, and communal spaces that preserve historical and cultural integrity.*

GUIDELINES

1. Students must develop and research a topic, question, or idea for their project that fits the chosen category and is within in the bounds of the local community, county, or region history or family heritage, and submit their entry form to the JGS by Monday, March 2nd. Teachers, educational assistants, and parents are welcome to assist with student projects, but projects must remain individual projects, not group projects.
2. Effective research skills and a good source listing of both primary and secondary sources combined with creativity and "thinking outside of the box" in presenting their project, question, or idea on their tri-fold poster board will provide for an outstanding project. Include title, credits, and typed source listing; photographs from books or other materials, not taken by student, should be properly credited.
3. Each project must be clearly labeled with student's name, school, and grade in the bottom right corner of the display.
4. We do not recommend the use of items that are irreplaceable or of family value or dangerous artifacts be brought to the Visitors Center. Please keep in mind your school's safety rules and policies.

"The Washington County Heritage Fair is a three-part heritage event that is open to the public, but specifically targets Washington County, Tennessee students through local heritage engagements that brings together local cultural and heritage organizations and sites to showcase local heritage and culture"



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Washington County Heritage Fair Student Heritage Poster Competition Entry Form

Please Mail Forms to:
Jonesborough Genealogical Society,
200 Sabin Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659
OR [online at jgstin.org/annual-heritage-fair/](http://jgstin.org/annual-heritage-fair/)

**Student Entries need to
be at the Jonesborough
Visitors Center, no later
than 4 pm on Thursday,
May 7, 2020!**

Name: _____

School: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Topic, Question, or Idea: _____

Category (Please Check): Family History Local History Preservation/Conservation

Student Entries need to be at the Jonesborough Visitors Center, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2020!