

To Students, Parents, Teachers, and School Officials,

On Friday, September 3, 2021, the Jonesborough Genealogical Society will host the second Washington County Heritage Fair at the Jonesborough Visitors Center, 117 Boone Street, Jonesborough. This event will *begin at 9 am* and last until the last child is gone. The Heritage Fair is away for the society to bring educational experiences and awareness to the next generation through expression and presentation of local history and genealogy. The Heritage Fair, also, is an outgrowth of our mission: “to promote, study, preserve, and document the family heritages of Jonesborough, Washington County, and Northeast Tennessee.” In addition, the society has set many goals in our 15-year plan. One of these goals is to increase youth participation through the possibility of scholarships, programming, and working with local history teachers. The Heritage Fair does many of these factors. It provides students with a way to express themselves through creativity and research as well as increase research skills, reading skills, communication skills, and presentation skills as well as provide them a chance to grasp onto, or at least, see history played out in their own family heritages in their community and region.

The Heritage Fair is open to all students within Washington County, Tennessee with a living history timeline set up throughout downtown Jonesborough’s greenspaces and parks, to showcase history from the Cherokee to the mid-20th century as well as heritage organizations and family and history topics of interest set up in the Jonesborough Visitors Center Auditorium with presentations in the Classroom inside the Jonesborough Visitors Center. Two colonial style dances will also be held by the Sabin Hill Society and many other activities such as tours and museums. This event will be a fun time for all students, principals, teachers, and the community to gather in the county seat and oldest town, Jonesborough, to learn from our students about their perspectives of local and regional heritage through their own research, creativity, and documentation. We hope your school will join us and send us an email at info@jgstn.org, so we can get a count of how many schools will be participating, as well as continue preparation for the event. We’d love to host your class’s field trip to Tennessee’s Oldest Town.

Thanks,

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President