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Mission of the Cochran County Junior Historians

The purpose of the Cochran County Junior Historians is to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Cochran County's history, culture, and natural environment within the youth of our community; to preserve, promote and perpetuate the history of Cochran County and to promote the ideals of achievement, service and leadership.

Contact Information

The Cochran County Junior Historians (CCJH) is sponsored by the Cochran County Historical Commission (CCHC). The Cochran County Junior Historian coordinators are officers of the Cochran County Historical Commission.

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History of the Cochran County Junior Historians

The Cochran County Junior Historians originated when Cheyenne Barnes approached the Cochran County Historical Commission in December 2014 to inquire about youth memberships to the Texas' Last Frontier Historical Museum.

In February 2015 the Cochran County Historical Commission voted unanimously to create the Cochran County Junior Historians with Cheyenne Barnes as the founding member. Members of the Cochran County Junior Historians have included Cheyenne Barnes, Elena Alvarado, Jordan Barnes, Zahir Fierro, Jenny Gonzalez, Tyler Baldrige, and Jacob Alvarez.

The Cochran County Junior Historians take an active role in the community, in the Cochran County Historical Commission and in the Texas' Last Frontier Historical Museum. Since the group's founding in 2015 the Cochran County Junior Historians have played a huge role in the planning of, and actively participate in, the annual Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration and Buffalo Soldier Encampment. Members of the CCJH attend the regularly scheduled CCHC and Museum meetings, where they give report of their recent activities, offer suggestions and provide input to the Cochran County Historical Commission. Junior Historians learn about the history and people of Cochran County and the surrounding area, and also act as docents during tours, assist with the general operation of the museum, and assist with the various exhibits and displays located throughout the museum. The Junior Historians also participate in projects and other events, such as the Quanah Parker Trail Arrow Blessing and meet with other historians in the area, such as Dr. Monte Monroe with the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University. Junior Historians are also taken on outings to other museums and locations of historical interest.

One special project the Cochran County Junior Historians participated in was a replica of the Lea County, New Mexico Buffalo Soldier Hill Historical Marker which had been destroyed by vandalism. The replica marker created by the Junior Historians and Karen Garrett is now kept on display in the Aday Room of the Texas' Last Frontier Historical Museum and is often used as a display at various events outside of the museum.



Cochran County Junior Historian Membership

Membership in the Cochran County Junior Historians is open to all school aged children in Cochran County.

There are no membership fees for the Cochran County Junior Historians.

Children interested in joining the Cochran County Junior Historians should have a parent or guardian contact Terry Huckabee (806) 598-9140 or Mary McKnight (806) 893-6808 or e-mail us at texaslastfrontier@gmail.com. A parent or legal guardian must attend the first meeting with their child to complete necessary paperwork.

Cochran County Junior Historian Meeting Schedule

The Cochran County Junior Historians' regularly scheduled meetings are held the Saturday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Texas' Last Frontier Historical Museum. Special meetings may be called to work on upcoming events.



Location of the Texas' Last Frontier Historical Museum

Physical Address

Texas' Last Frontier Historical Museum
108 SW 1st Street
Morton, Texas 79346

The museum is located behind the Cochran County School Federal Credit Union building, across the street from City Bank.

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