

Texas Renaissance Festival

School Days

November 6 & 7, 2018

Step Into History!

The Texas Renaissance Festival invites all public, private and homeschool educators and students to join us for the 14th Annual School Days. The School Days Program is offered exclusively as an educational opportunity. The festival grounds will not be open to the general public. It is designed to be age appropriate for students and all events, shows and activities will be both educational and entertaining. Students, teachers and chaperones are invited to join the fun and come in costume.

Students step back in time as they enter the sights and sounds of New Market Village, an authentic recreation of a 16th century European Village. Students will interact with hundreds of costumed characters representing the politics, culture, art, science and literature of the Renaissance Period. School Days is a place where history comes alive to allow students to learn in a whole new way!

Jousting knights, musicians, jesters and magicians perform on stages and arenas throughout the village. Students will have the opportunity to learn courtly dances, the ancient art of falconry, and the history of arms and armor. Artisans in period dress illustrate the technological advances of the Renaissance age through live demonstrations in pottery, glass blowing blacksmithing, armor making and other arts and trades of this amazing period.

For more information on the School Days program, please visit our website at www.texrenfest.com/school-days or contact schooldays@texrenfest.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are School Days at the Texas Renaissance Festival?

School Days is a two day event when the Texas Renaissance Festival opens its gates exclusively to public, private, and home school groups grades K-12. The 55-acre New Market Village, an authentic recreation of a 16th century European township, comes alive with interactive characters, live demonstrations, performers and stage shows appropriate to school age children.

When and where are School Days held?

The 2018 School Days will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 6th and 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Texas Renaissance Festival is located at 21778 FM 1774, between the towns of Magnolia and Plantersville, Texas, 45 miles northwest of downtown Houston.

What is the cost of admission to School Days?

All Tickets are **\$9.00** per person, including same day ticket purchases at the gate. Tickets ordered prior to October 19, 2018 will be e mailed or mailed. Tickets ordered after October 26 will be placed in Will Call to be picked up the day of the event. Children 4 and under are admitted free. There is no charge for parking. The Festival is an outdoor event and will operate rain or shine. Admission includes all stage entertainment, demonstrations and interactive presentations. Admission purchase is required to participate in any School Day contest. If you are a school in need, the Texas Renaissance Festival does provide financial assistance. Please go to the Financial Assistance page of this website for information.

What options do I have for food and drink at School Days?

You have several food options for your class. Lunch Tickets may be purchased for a cost of \$10.00 per person. The ticket entitles the holder to one entrée, one drink and one dessert and may be redeemed at any participating food vendor throughout the village. Tickets may be purchased in advance or on the day you attend. You may also bring in a packed lunch and eat it on site, provided there are no glass containers. Additional food and drink may be purchased from vendors throughout the village. Sack lunches, if they are all in a labeled container as a class, ice chests, etc. may be left in the Teacher's Lounge for safekeeping.

How much money will my students need to bring?

Students can have a fun filled day at School Days without spending any extra money, however, they may want to bring some additional money to purchase a unique craft or souvenir, or play one of the many fun games or exciting rides the festival has to offer. All items are specially priced for School Days. **Please Note: No metal swords, knives or other types of weapons will be sold at School Days.**

What happens if the weather is rainy or cold- will School Days be rescheduled?

School Days is an outdoor event and will operate rain or shine. Teachers and chaperones should monitor the weather forecasts and advise students to dress appropriately for the day. The Texas Renaissance Festival will not refund ticket purchases due to inclement weather.

I have a special needs child who sometimes needs a quiet space. Where can we go?

The Magic Garden, found just at the entrance to the Sherwood/Enchanted Forest area, is a quiet, shady space. Its front entrance is manned, and only schools who are performing are allowed back. Let the attendant know your need, and he/she will let you into the garden. Just find a quiet alcove to decompress. Please stay with your child.

Is there a Teacher's Lounge?

Yes. The Prince of Wales Pub, located a little to the left of the front entrance gate, adjacent to the King's Feast Hall, is a quiet place where you can charge your devices (bring your own charger), have a soda, or grab a few minutes of quiet. No students are allowed.