



# CADDO MOUNDS

state historic site

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

real places telling real stories



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**Choose your own school adventure!**

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### On the Move! Program Option

No time? No bus funding? Let us come to you. All "On the Move!" programs feature the best of the Caddo Mounds SHS experience and hands-on activities in your classroom. The Caddo Mounds SHS Educator/Interpreter leads themed presentations and provides materials.

- **\$75 for first class, \$20 for each successive class**

### On-site Educational Tours and Activities

- **\$1 Per student, teacher, or chaperone**

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## Program Menu

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A 1.5 – 2hr visit includes a museum tour and video, atl atl (spear throwing), self-guided hike on the Caddo or El Camino Real loop trail, plus one interpretive talk of your choice.

### Caddo

#### **Caddo Traditional Stories in the Grass House**

Stories are a cultural universal. Every culture in every part of the world tells stories. Caddo traditional stories provide information and metaphors that explain where they came from and how things came to be, teach children how to be part of their community, preserve history, and entertain. In this program, we will look to Caddo traditional stories (told through a rich spoken and musical tradition) to help illuminate clues to early Caddo ways of living.

Some program curriculum ties:

- Coyote the trickster, what is a trickster character and what is their role in stories.
- What's a fable? And the other reasons we tell stories

#### **We're the story tellers** (*great for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students*)

Younger students have the opportunity to learn and perform Caddo Traditional Stories skits. Caddo Traditional stories and fables offer an engaging way to teach younger students about Caddo history and culture.

#### **Foraging Hike (Caddo groceries and pharmacies)**

This hike begins with a few rules and a brief lesson in foraging etiquette and then leads students through the plant history at Caddo Mounds SHS. Students will learn where the Caddo would have found food, medicine, and dye plants on site. For those who are willing, there is a chance to touch, smell, and try a few plants along the way.

#### **Archeology of Caddo Mounds**

How do we know what we know about the ancient mound builders at Caddo. Explore Caddo Mounds SHS through the lens of an archeologist.

#### *Coming Fall 2017!* **Caddo Gardens**

Explore the new interpretive garden at Caddo Mounds SHS. Learn about the food, fiber, and dye plants used by the early Caddo.

#### *Coming Fall 2017!* **It's a House not a Hut**

Enjoy video footage of grass house construction and then explore the furnished house.

### El Camino Real de los Tejas

#### **Journey through time on the *El Camino Real De Los Tejas* National Historic Trail**

The Camino Real is a crossroads of culture (Native, Spanish, French, and Anglo). Walk the road of conquest, conversion, commerce and colonization.

## Have a whole day?

With the help of site volunteer interpreters we can now offer add-on activities. Craft activities cost an additional \$2 per student and require one month advanced notice.

- **Pinch Pots** (learn about standard forms of and the iconography on Caddo pottery and make a pinch pot to take home).
- **Geocaching** (utilize map skills and GPS equipment to locate site geocaches).
- **Revealing nature through art** (Various craft activities)
- **Facilitated Dialogue Sessions** (*Middle School & High School*)
  - **“Facilitated Dialogue” is a form of interpretive facilitation that uses a strategically designed set of questions – an “arc of dialogue” -- to guide participants into a structured, meaningful, audience-centered conversation about a challenging or controversial topic.**
    - Possible topics current in today’s media: immigration, cultural appropriation...  
**Let’s talk about what might be meaningful for your students.**
- **Learn to play the Native American flute**
- **Mock archeology dig**

## Want to visit two great sites in one day?

Schedule a half day at Caddo Mounds and a half day at Mission Tejas State Park (6 miles up the road). Contact Mission Tejas at 936-687-2394.

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### Contact Information

Caddo Mounds State Historic Site  
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### Hours and Reservations

Educational programs and tours are available Wednesday –Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and other times by appointment. Please make reservations for your school tour by calling. 936.858.3218.

### Directions

The site is 6 miles southwest of Alto on State Highway 21.

