

Celebrating America's 250th

A Guide for Houston Homeschool Families

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April 15-22	<u>Fleet Week Houston</u> Houston's first-ever Fleet Week brings U.S. Navy vessels and more than 1,000 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen to the city. Free ship tours and events throughout the week.
Sat, April 18 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Houston Maritime Center & Museum — Free Admission Free museum admission in celebration of Fleet Week. 2940 Riverby Road, Houston.
April 18-19 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Lone Star Flight Museum — New Aircraft Displays New aircraft displays in honor of Fleet Week.
April 18-19	San Jacinto Days — La Porte Annual commemoration of the Battle of San Jacinto at the San Jacinto Battleground.
Sun, April 19 1:00 p.m.	<u>Navy Ceremonial Band at HMNS</u> An afternoon honoring the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Live performance by the Naval Ceremonial Band in the Grand Hall. Uniformed service members receive free admission to permanent exhibit halls.
Sun, April 19 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Sylvan Beach Naval Show — La Porte Free naval show on the Galveston Bay shoreline.
Mon, April 20 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Fleet Week Drone Show — Seabrook Free Fleet Week drone show along the Seabrook waterfront.
May 8-25	<u>Freedom Plane: Documents that Forged a Nation — HMNS</u> Free admission at HMNS to view original founding-era documents — George Washington's Oath of Allegiance, a Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Paris, a draft of the Constitution, and the Senate markup of the Bill of Rights. Scouts in uniform (Scouting America shirt or Girl Scout vest/sash) receive a discount on Giant Screen Theatre and Permanent Exhibit Hall tickets.

Ongoing & Year-Round

Free Weekdays	<u>Independence Hall Self-Guided Audio Tour — HCU</u> HCU has a replica of Philadelphia's Independence Hall with a free self-guided audio tour. A fitting field trip for family government studies and America's 250th anniversary.
Through Aug 2026	<u>250th Anniversary of USA — The Heritage Society</u> Ongoing exhibits, speakers, tours, and lunch & learn programs at Sam Houston Park. Includes the American Revolution Experience Exhibit from the DAR, June 15 – July 15, 2026.

Year-round**Galveston250: ELISSA Tall Ship**

The 1877 tall ship ELISSA leads Galveston's commemoration of America's 250th anniversary.

Discover Local American History

Make America's 250th a year-long journey. These local museums, heritage societies, and historical parks are wonderful ways to grow your family's experience of living history.

Historical Sites & Parks

La Porte	<u>San Jacinto Museum & Battlefield</u>
La Porte	<u>Battleship Texas</u>
West Columbia	<u>Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site</u>
San Felipe	<u>San Felipe de Austin Historic Site</u>
Klein	<u>Klein Historical Society — Wunderlich Farm</u>
Washington	<u>Washington-on-the-Brazos Historic Park</u>
Katy	<u>Katy Heritage Park</u>
Houston	<u>Sam Houston Park Historical Tours</u>
Huntsville	<u>Sam Houston Memorial Museum</u>
Brazoria Co.	<u>Stephen F. Austin Historical Park</u>
League City	<u>League City Historical Society — One-Room Schoolhouse</u>
Richmond	<u>George Ranch Historical Park</u>
Hempstead	<u>Liendo Plantation</u>
Spring	<u>Old Towne Spring House Museum</u>
Galveston	<u>Dickens on the Strand (annual)</u>

Local History Museums

Houston	<u>Houston Heritage Society</u>
Galveston	<u>Galveston County History Museum</u>
Richmond	<u>Fort Bend Museum</u>
Wallisville	<u>Chambers County Historical Museum</u>
Conroe	<u>Montgomery County History Museum</u>
Conroe	<u>Heritage Museum of Montgomery County</u>
Lake Jackson	<u>Lake Jackson Historical Museum</u>

Clute	<u>Brazosport Museum of Natural Science</u>
Angleton	<u>Brazoria County Historical Museum</u>
Brazoria	<u>Brazoria Historical Museum</u>
Alvin	<u>Alvin History Museum</u>
Katy	<u>Katy Railroad Depot & City Museums</u>
Katy	<u>VFW Museum in Katy</u>

Specialty & Field Trip Museums

Rosenberg	<u>Rosenberg Railroad Museum (homeschool program)</u>
Houston	<u>Lone Star Flight Museum (4th Thursday homeschool day)</u>
Houston	<u>Houston Maritime Museum</u>
Houston	<u>1940 Air Terminal Museum</u>
Galveston	<u>Galveston Railroad Museum</u>
Galveston	<u>The Bryan Museum</u>
Galveston	<u>Galveston Naval Museum</u>
Galveston	<u>Moody Mansion</u>
Galveston	<u>Bishop's Palace</u>
Galveston	<u>Galveston Historic Seaport — Tall Ship ELISSA</u>
Houston	<u>Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens (Ima Hogg)</u>
Wallisville	<u>National United States Armed Forces Museum</u>
Houston	<u>Buffalo Soldiers National Museum</u>
Houston	<u>American Cowboy Museum</u>

Heritage Organizations

Texas	<u>Daughters of the Republic of Texas</u>
Texas	<u>Sons of the Republic of Texas</u>

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