

# LWF Alumni Connection

## WANTED: HH100 LWF Rest Stop “Pit Crew” Members

August 23rd is approaching quickly. With it brings an opportunity for you to make the LWF Rest Stop [HH100 rest stop #6] THE best rest stop of them all for 2014.

The LWF rest stop achieved 3rd place status last year—and that was without knowing awards would be bestowed upon the organizations with the best rest stops.

Wichita County is the defending organization with the “best” rest stop. With some planning, dedication, and hard work, LWF plans to dethrone Wichita County by having the best rest stop for 2014.



What makes a great rest stop? According to a 2013 rest stop judge, the rest stop must be easy for riders to enter and egress, must be fun for riders, those working at the rest stop must appear as they're having fun, and it must be memorable.

Want to join this year's Pit Crew? Go to [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VW77DimEREIE5CAILQSIdaRNX\\_oiN3wl\\_u-6BC77UWo/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VW77DimEREIE5CAILQSIdaRNX_oiN3wl_u-6BC77UWo/viewform?usp=send_form) and complete the short form to sign up.



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## Hotter'n Hell Hundred Volunteer Opportunities

Besides the LWF rest stop opportunity, the HH100 folks have other chances for volunteering.

Contact Darlene Craddock if you are interested in donating some of your time and energy to support HH100. Darlene has a simple volunteer registration form (shown to the right) for you to fill out and return to her.

You can contact Darlene by E-mail: [dktiecrad@gmail.com](mailto:dktiecrad@gmail.com)

For information, call:

940-322-8671 or 940-322-8687

To learn more about the Hotter'n Hell Hundred, visit their website at [www.HH100.org](http://www.HH100.org).



**HOTTER'N HELL HUNDRED**  
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for volunteering for the Hotter 'n Hell Hundred. Please complete one form per volunteer. Additional forms are available at the American Red Cross office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: (circle one) S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Please list the dates and shifts you would like to work:

Day of Week	Date	Shift	Position

Please Mail or Fax this form to: Darlene Craddock  
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Fax: 940-322-2039 or  
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For Information Call: 940-322-8671 or 940-322-8687



## Museum of North Texas History

They bring history to life...but, they need YOUR help!!

The Museum of North Texas History began in 2000 with a simple mission...

*To collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret the history of the North Texas area.*

*To inspire an interest in the past for education and enrichment of people of all ages.*

What started with just a few local history enthusiasts has grown into the museum it is today, but their continued growth will be impossible without the tireless efforts of volunteers just like you!

**To volunteer, contact the museum at:**

**940.322.7628 or  
MONTH@SBCGlobal.net.**

Include your name, age, contact number(s) / email address, and days/times you'd like to volunteer. They will contact you as soon as possible!

How you fit in...Do you have a flair for the artistic, or are you a bookworm who loves research? Do you like to get down with power tools and build stuff, or are you just great at everything?

As long as you love history, they want you!

### Flexible Schedules

You can volunteer on YOUR schedule as often as you choose.

**Regular Volunteer**—Pick up a schedule that works for you. Go in for at least 2 hours every day, every other day, or just Saturdays.

**Event Volunteer**—Be available for events at the museum with a minimum 2-week's notice. Events include exhibit openings, the annual "Stroll 'n' Roll," and the city's biannual "Culture Crawls."

### Flexible Interests

Interested in all things military? How about Native American history? Prefer local cowboy

and ranch heritage? Or, is oil & gas more your thing?

With over 14 rooms, each dedicated to a unique subject, there's an aspect of history at the museum for you.

### Flexible Duties

North Texas' history is as varied and colorful as the people who have shaped it. Whatever unique skills you have to offer, they need you.

**Docents**—Answer visitors' questions and give tours, if needed.

**Research**—Help with research for upcoming exhibits or assist with ongoing oral history projects.

**Curatorial**—Extra hands help make their exhibits even better.

**Fundraising**—Are you skilled in grant writing, or do you know of new ways to help the museum secure funding? They would love your expertise!

**Construction**—From building exhibits to building maintenance, they could

always use a skilled hand. If power tools aren't your thing, there's plenty of painting to be done.

**Events**—Tasks may vary, including setup, cleanup, and taking photos.

Never tried any of these before? They are happy to train you to give tours or to do research.

### Flexible Experience

**Bringing history to the public**—Without the story, it's just a bunch of stuff. They need your experiences to bring their museum to life.

**Make new friends**—Volunteering is a great way to meet new people.

**...And it's lots of fun**—Researchers have found that the more people volunteer, the happier they are!



more. Qualifying children also receive free school supply kits and backpacks.

### Goal

Every August, they are able to equip 6,000 children for academic success, thanks to generous donors.

Help provide children in our community with a simple yet valuable resource - the school supplies they need to succeed in school.

For less than \$20, you can equip a child with a custom grade-appropriate school supply kit, backpack and much more to begin school.

[www.museumofnorthtexashistory.org](http://www.museumofnorthtexashistory.org)



## Project Back to School

Invest in our children, community and future

### Mission

To improve the educational success of the disadvantaged children in our community by providing needed school supplies, building their self-esteem and improving their well-being.

Project Back to School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides FREE school supply kits and backpacks

for disadvantaged students in Wichita Falls, Texas.

They are completely funded by private donations and in-kind contributions and accept donations year-round.

### Purpose

Currently, there are 9,500 economically disadvantaged children in Wichita Falls. Project Back to School is the

only large-scale community program working with school districts in Wichita Falls to help children with their "back-to-school" needs.

Every August, they host a 1-day event for students in Head Start through 12th grade. At the Project Back to School Roundup, all children receive information on education and community services, immunizations, health screenings and



# SAVE THE DATE

## Southwest Regional Training Program

October 18, 2014

Wichita Falls, Texas

Education, Leadership, and Success in Texas

Registration and Agenda will come at a later date.

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### Get Involved

#### Donate

A donation of just \$20 provides a child in Wichita Falls with a grade-appropriate school supply kit, new backpack, immunizations, community resource information, health screenings and services at their Roundup every August.

#### Leave A Legacy

Donate to the Project Back to School Endowment Fund at the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation to make a lasting gift to prepare children for school.



### Like

Be a fan of Project Back to School. Like them on Facebook to learn about upcoming events.

[www.facebook.com/ProjectBacktoSchool](http://www.facebook.com/ProjectBacktoSchool)

### Sponsor

Various sponsorship packages are available. For more information about being a sponsor, view the sponsorship levels on their website

[www.projectbacktoschool.org](http://www.projectbacktoschool.org)

or contact us at [ad-min@projectbacktoschool.org](mailto:ad-min@projectbacktoschool.org)

### Exhibit

Businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies are encouraged to promote their organization with a Community Resource Booth at the Roundup each August.

As an exhibitor, your organization will have the opportunity to connect with over 3,000 attendees. Booth space is limited and priority is given to organizations promoting educational programs, youth programs, living assistance, health and safety.

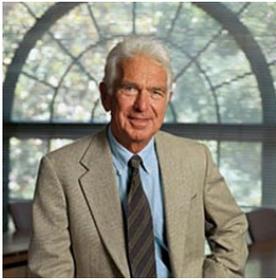
### Volunteer

They depend on community volunteers for the Project Back to School Roundup. Volunteers are needed on the Thursday before the Roundup to set up.

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering, contact them for volunteer registration information.

Completed Roundup volunteer forms must be received before July 15 so background checks can be completed prior to the Roundup. Roundup volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

**SAVE this info & REMEMBER for 2015!**



## Remembering Warren G. Bennis

Warren Bennis, who died Thursday, July 31, in Los Angeles at age 89, was widely known as a modern leadership guru and was once called the "dean of leadership gurus." In tribute, the following are some of his leadership quotes:

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Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

Leaders are people who do the right thing; managers are people who do things right.

Leaders must encourage their organizations to dance to forms of music yet to be heard.

There are two ways of being creative. One can sing and dance. Or one can create an environment in which singers and dancers flourish.

Becoming a leader is synonymous with becoming yourself. It is precisely that simple, and it is also that difficult.

Good leaders make people feel that they're at the very heart of things, not at the periphery.

Leaders know the importance of having someone in their lives who will unfailingly and fearlessly tell them the truth.

Leaders should always expect the very best of those around them. They know that people can change and grow.

Great things are accomplished by talented people who believe they will accomplish them.

Leaders keep their eyes on the horizon, not just on the bottom line.

We're on the Web!

[www.leadershipwff.org](http://www.leadershipwff.org)

[www.facebook.com/  
LeadershipWichitaFalls](http://www.facebook.com/LeadershipWichitaFalls)

## Bennis' Leadership Qualities

**Integrity:** Alignment of words and actions with inner values. It means sticking to these values even when an alternative path may be easier or more advantageous.

A leader with integrity can be trusted and will be admired for sticking to strong values. They also act as a powerful model for people to copy, thus building an entire organization with powerful and effective cultural values.

**Dedication:** Spending whatever time and energy on a task is required to get the job done, rather than giving it whatever time you have available.

The work of most leadership positions is not something to do "if time." It means giving your whole self to the task, dedicating yourself to success and to leading others with you.

**Magnanimity:** A magnanimous person gives credit where it is due. It also means being gracious in defeat and allowing others who are defeated to retain their dignity.

Magnanimity in leadership includes crediting the people with success and accepting personal responsibility for failures.

**Humility:** The opposite of arrogance and narcissism. It means recognizing that you

are not inherently superior to others and consequently that they are not inferior to you. It does not mean diminishing yourself, nor does it mean exalting yourself.

Humble leaders do not debase themselves, neither falsely nor due to low self-esteem. They simply recognize all people as equal in value and know that their position does not make them a god.

**Openness:** Being able to listen to ideas that are outside one's current mental models, being able to suspend judgment until after one has heard someone else's ideas.

An open leader listens to their people without trying to shut them down early, which at least demonstrates care and builds trust. Openness also treats other ideas as potentially better than one's own ideas. In the uncertain world of new territory, being able to openly consider alternatives is an important skill.

**Creativity:** Thinking differently, being able to get outside the box and take a new and different viewpoint on things.

For a leader to be able to see a new future towards which they will lead their followers, creativity provides the ability to think differently and see things that others have not seen, and thus giving reason for followers to follow.

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