

TEXAS STATE CAPITAL BUILDING



Did you know the state capital of Texas is Austin? Known for its live music and being a hub for state government, Austin also has some furry friends that come out each night! Under the Congress Avenue bridge, the largest urban bat colony in North America flies out each night! The colony is estimated at 1.5 million Mexican free-tail bats. Have you ever been to Austin to see the bats?

MARFA, TEXAS

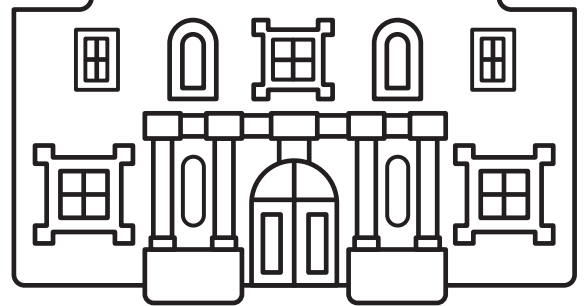


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THE ALAMO



The Alamo, located in San Antonio, was an old mission that became a battleground during the Battle for the Alamo in 1836. The battle lasted for 13 days! Now, the Alamo is a historic destination and museum, filled with Texas history.



Marfa, Texas is located on a Chihuahuan Desert plateau in the Trans-Pecos area of West Texas. Among a few other things, Marfa is primarily known for its art installations by Donald Judd. One of my favorite things to see is people sharing their creativity with others! Art can be whatever you want it to be Little Lone Star.

DID YOU KNOW?

Agriculture is the process of producing food, feed, and fiber by farming certain plants and raising domesticated animals. Learn about each of these crops as you make your way through the maze of Texas.



SORGHUM

Sorghum (pronounced sore-gum) is a type of grass that is mainly used for livestock feed (hogs, poultry, and cattle), and for flour in the U.S.

COTTON

A staple crop that has many uses — clothing, livestock feed, and plastic to name a few! Did you know that one bale of cotton can make 215 pairs of jeans?

WHEAT

Known for its seed, which is used to make cereal grain, wheat is a type of grass. One bushel of wheat weighs 60 lbs., and it can fill 53 boxes of cereal.



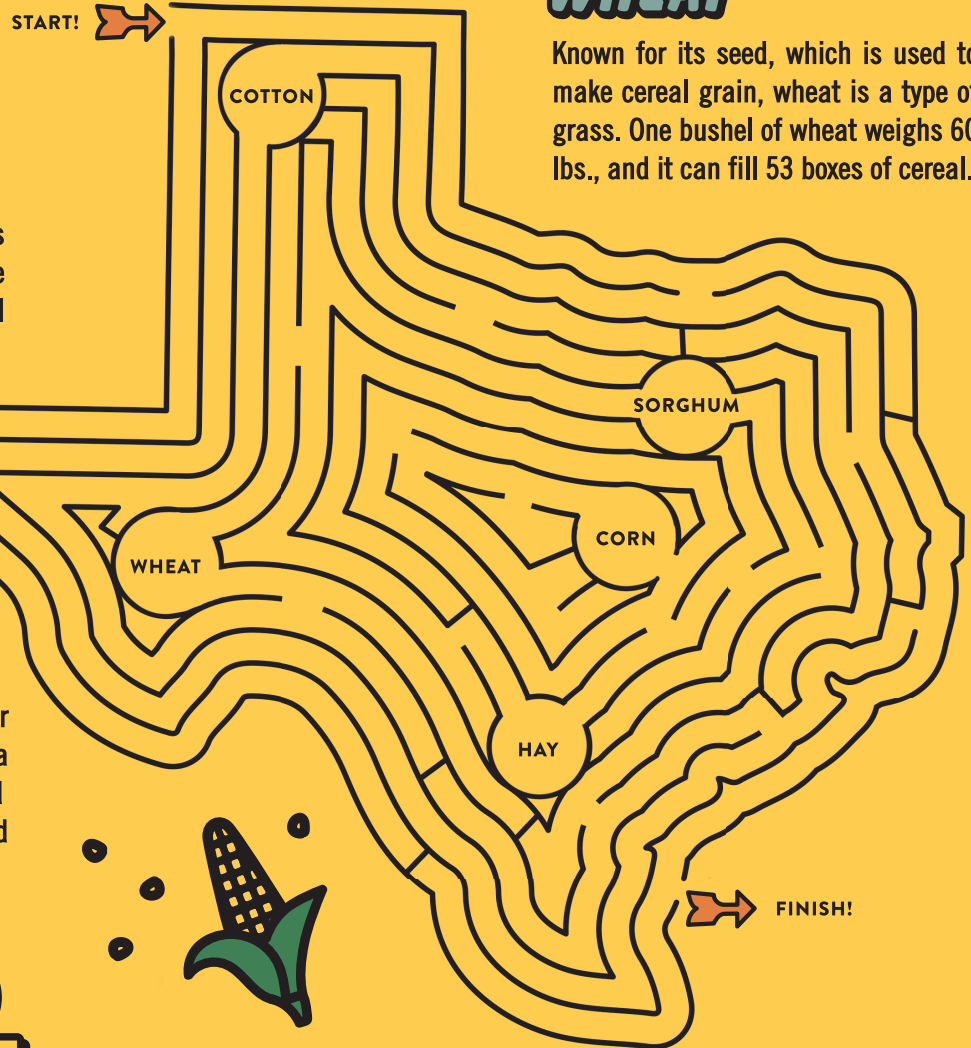
CORN

A very useful and varied crop, corn has more than 4,200 uses. For example, there is corn in hand soap, glue, and even nail polish!



HAY

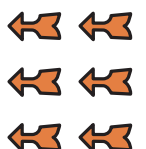
You know what they say — hay is for horses... and other livestock! Hay is a grass that is usually stored in piles called haystacks or squashed into blocks called bales that are used to feed livestock.



CROP MAZE



Texas Farmers work hard, care for the land, and produce high quality crops. See if you can navigate through the great state of Texas picking up all the crops along the way.



WORD FIND

WHAT DO YOU SPY IN TEXAS?

You never know what you might spy in Texas. Find these Texas icons in the word jumble below. Take the list with you the next time you travel around Texas to see how many you can spy!



ARMADILLO • BAT • CHICKEN • CORN • COTTON • COWS • DEER •
GOAT • GRAPEFRUIT • HORSE • MOCKINGBIRD • PECAN • PIG •
PRAIRIE DOG • RICE • SHEEP • SKUNK • TOMATO • TURKEY • WHEAT

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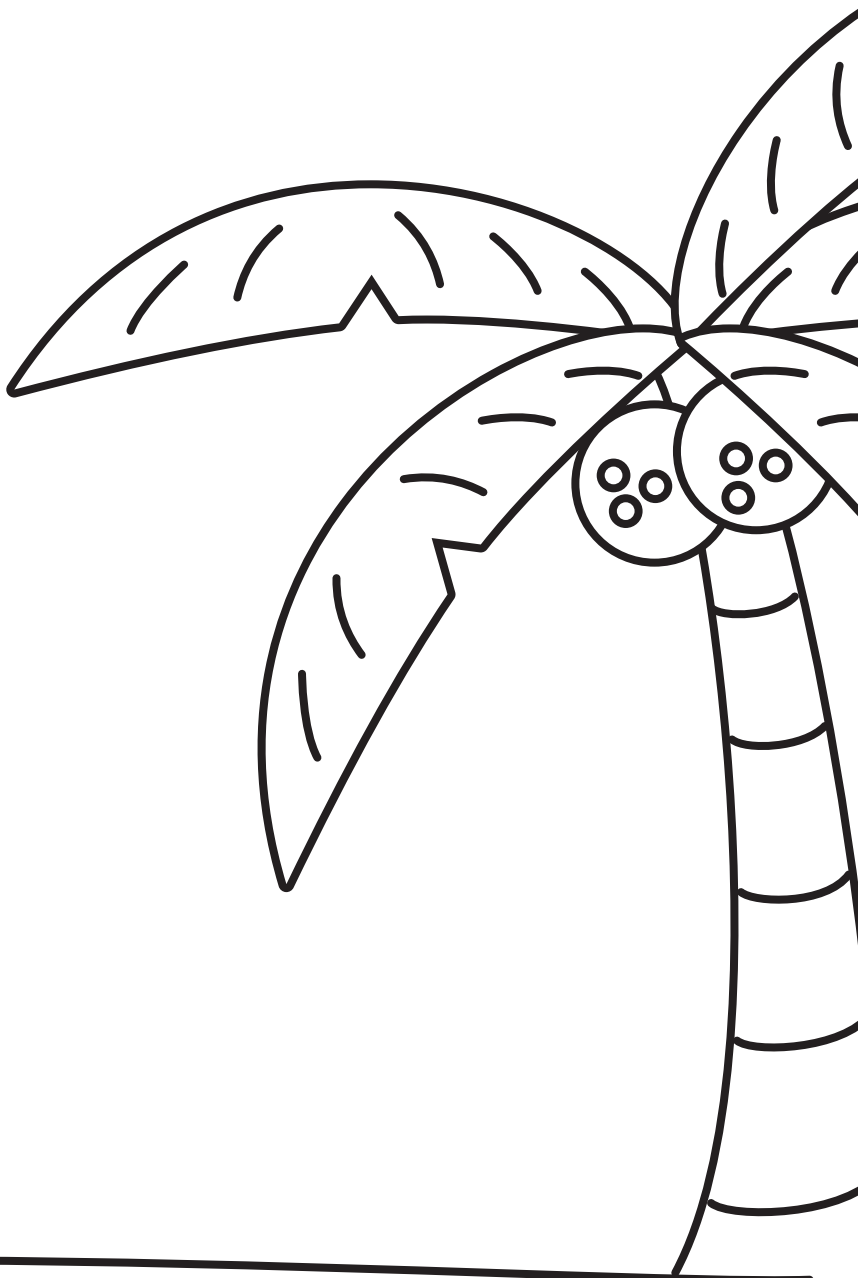
Our state name came from the word "Teyshas" which means friend. It originated from the Native American Caddo language. Making a new friend can be as easy as sharing a smile - You can always count on me to be your pal!





It's no secret that summers in Texas can get very hot. What better way to cool off than take a road trip down to the Texas coast and enjoy the sand and water?

Draw a picture of what you think I would be doing at the beach — do you think I'm building a sandcastle, looking for seashells, or maybe boogie boarding?



Be sure to tag #BigTex on social media so I can see all the fun summer adventures we're having at the beach. I can't wait to see your drawings!





FAIR FUN

WORD SCRAMBLE



➡ Listed below are several State Fair of Texas themed words. When you think of the Fair, what words first come to mind? See if you can unscramble all twelve! Find the answer key at BigTex.com/LittleLoneStars. ⬅

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KID'S RECIPE CORNER

During the 2018 State Fair of Texas, we had two fierce competitors in the Creative Arts Competition Kitchen. Brothers Harrison and Henry Oberg from Runaway Bay, Texas won five of the top prizes in the Youth Cooking contest. Harrison, age 12, and Henry, age 14, have both competed in Creative Arts contests for the past five years.



HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE & SPAM SALSA

INGREDIENTS

Whole pineapple	1 cup diced Roma tomatoes
1 cup fresh pineapple	
1 can Spam	1/4 cup minced red onion
1/3 cup brown sugar	
4 tbsp unsalted butter	1/3 cup chopped cilantro
1 cup diced bell peppers (any combination of red, yellow, and green)	4 tbsp lime juice (about 2 limes)
	1/8 tsp salt
1/2 cup diced mango	1/4 tsp black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS (Grab a parent or guardian to help!)

Cut pineapple in half to make two bowls or cut small 1/3 section off to make one deeper bowl, leaving leaves intact. Cut pineapple out to be cubed and drain any extra juice out of pineapple shell. Cut Spam into cubes and place in a skillet with brown sugar and butter. Toss Spam with brown sugar/butter mixture until well coated and cook until lightly browned; set aside. Dice peppers, mango, tomatoes, and onion; mix with Spam, pineapple, cilantro, lime juice, salt, and pepper. Mix together and add to pineapple bowl for serving. Store in refrigerator. May be served with tortilla chips or as a street taco with fish or chicken. Makes 10 servings.

*Cut on the dotted line to save this recipe card!

COCONUT KEY LIME THUMBPRINT COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1/8 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 tsp coconut extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 lg. egg whites
2 tsp water
2 1/2 cups shredded sweetened coconut

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
Cream butter, sugar, and salt until light and fluffy. Beat in extracts. Gradually beat in flour.
In a small bowl, whisk together egg whites and water. Place coconut in a separate bowl.
Shape dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. Dip in egg whites, then roll in coconut, coating well.
Place two inches apart on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet.
Press a deep indentation in the center of each cookie with the handle of a wooden spoon or your finger.
Bake until edges are golden brown, 12-14 minutes. Reshape indentions as needed. Cool on pan for five minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.



This Hawaiian Pineapple and Spam salsa recipe earned Henry a blue ribbon in the Spam Kid Championship

WHITE CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE

INGREDIENTS

2 tbsp cornstarch
2/3 cup Key Lime juice (about 6 small limes)
3/4 cup sugar
2 lg. egg yolks
4 oz. white chocolate chips
1 tbsp shortening

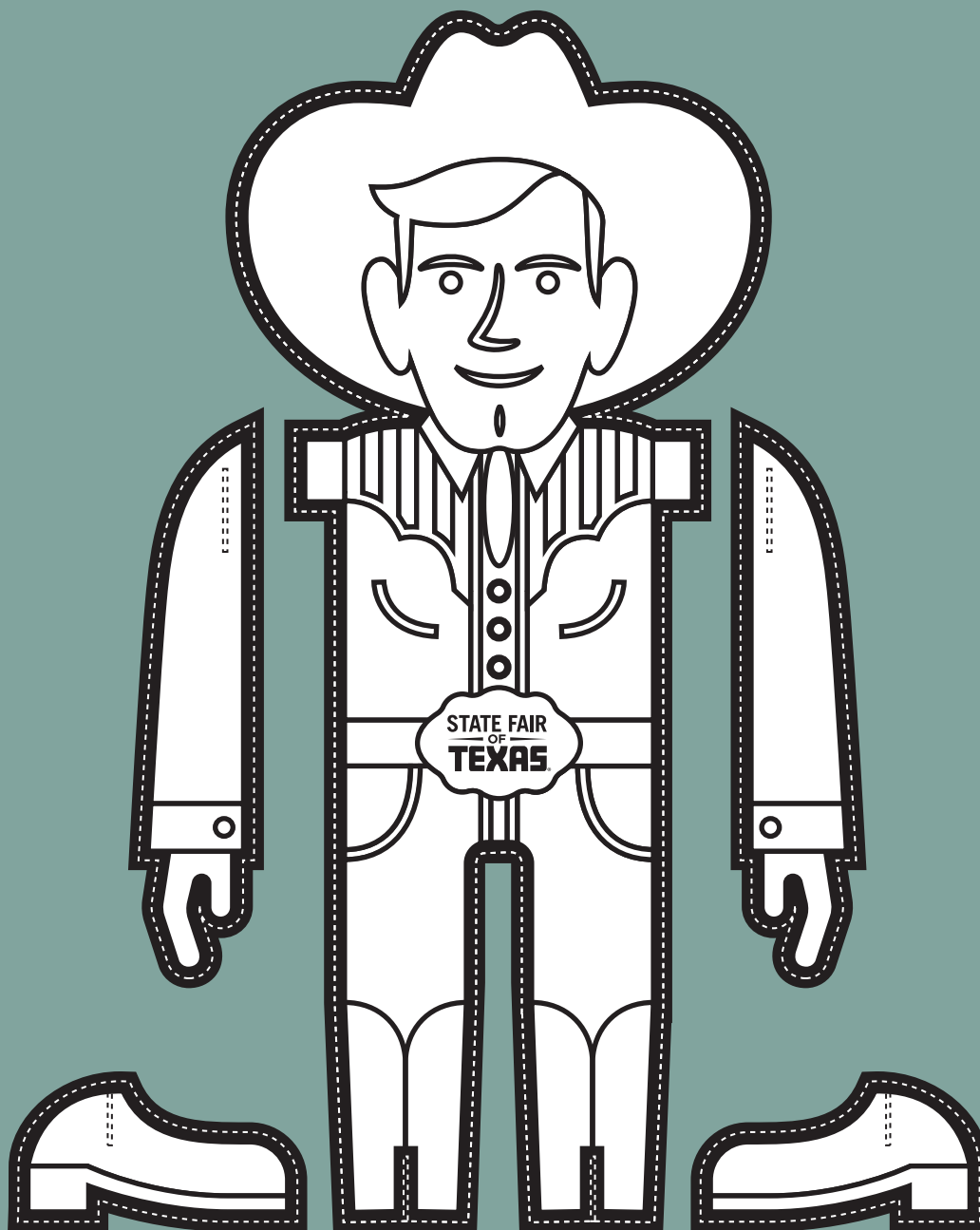
INSTRUCTIONS

Whisk cornstarch and lime juice in a small saucepan over medium heat until smooth. Whisk in sugar and egg yolks; cook and stir over medium heat until boiling.
Transfer to a bowl; cool slightly. Press plastic wrap onto the surface of curd and refrigerate until cold.
Fill each cookie with 1 1/2 teaspoons of curd.
In microwave, melt chocolate and shortening; stir until smooth.
Drizzle over cookies. Keep refrigerated. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.



The Coconut Key Lime Thumbprint Cookie recipe earned Harrison a second place ribbon in the Youth Cooking Juniors division.

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ASSEMBLE YOUR OWN BIG TEX



Color Big Tex and then cut out the shapes
along the dotted line and assemble.



HOWDY, LITTLE LONE STARS!

I hope you enjoyed your first activity sheet last month. I loved seeing all the Texas icons each of you came up with. I'm excited that it is finally summertime. Though it does get pretty hot here in Texas, I must say I sure do love the sunshine and the big, blue Texas sky! I wish I could travel to the beach and put my toes in the sand. I look forward to seeing your drawings this month. Be sure to have your parents share your creations with us by tagging #BigTex on their social media posts and don't forget that sunscreen!

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CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST SHOWCASE



How many of you Little Lone Stars have a favorite teddy bear? Did you know that you could enter your cuddly friend into a Creative Arts contest for a chance to win a blue ribbon simply for having the coolest teddy bear? Gather up your bears or dolls and check out the Creative Arts section on BigTex.com for more details.

