

STAVANGER DAYS IN TEXAS 2016

March 2nd – March 9th, 2016

A presentation of the participating groups



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**A Letter of Greeting from Anne Brith Berge, President
Houston-Galveston/Stavanger Sister City Society**



Houston and Galveston formed a Sister City Society relationship in 1980 as a result of strong oil industry and other industries such as shipping. The activity also led to increased investments made by Norwegians in Cultural and Business activities and support in the Greater Houston and Galveston area.

The support for the Sister City Program by business, civic and cultural leaders was a prime contributor to the fact that Houston several times has been recognized as having the very best Sister City program.

The most important part of the Sister City program involves the organizing of youth exchange programs as the main feature of our international cultural and business exchange festivals. These festivals alternate between Houston-Galveston and Stavanger and take place every two (2) years. The very first festival was held in Stavanger in 1982 and the most recent one in Stavanger in 2014.

This year, we are happy to receive a delegation of 62 representatives from Stavanger, which include 48 high school students plus teachers, leaders and chaperons, who are proud representatives of the City of Stavanger. The students will perform and compete in sports on various stages in Galveston and Houston.

On behalf of the Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Society (HGSSCS), I sincerely thank all those who are involved with this exchange program and devote so much time and effort to make it a reality. We wish a hearty welcome to the Stavanger delegation and their participation in the "Stavanger Days in Texas 2016"!

Anne-Brith Berge
President, HGSSCS

**Greetings from the Consul General of Norway in Houston,
The Honorable Morten Paulsen**

Greetings from the Consul General of Norway in Houston to the Student Participants!



We are looking forward to welcoming a group of Norwegian students to Houston in March 2016! Since 1982, the youth exchange program has been one of the most important features of the Sister City program between Houston-Galveston and Stavanger, with alternating visits to Stavanger and Houston respectively. In addition to the exchange of culture, knowledge and business, the exchanges create a better understanding between youth from two different cultures. Since the program first started, more than 1,800 youth have crossed our borders to visit each other and build life lasting relationships.

We are truly looking forward to host about 60 Norwegian youth here in Houston-Galveston, performing on various stages, competing in sports and enjoying a varied social and cultural program. Wishing all the visiting students a warm welcome to Houston in March, with warm thanks to all the local host families and the organizers of the exchange!



CITY OF STAVANGER

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Stavanger days in Texas 2016

Stavanger and Houston/Galveston have enjoyed close relations ever since becoming Sister City's in the beginning of the 1980s. The cooperation has given us a unique opportunity of knowledge-sharing with different actors at different levels in the world's leading Energy Capital. It has also provided an opportunity for youths across the Atlantic Ocean to enter into communication with each other.

As the Mayor of Stavanger I'm proud to visit Houston with a wonderful group of young people. I strongly believe in exchange visits. The value of such contact can in my opinion not be underestimated as it creates a better understanding between the people of Houston and Galveston and the people of Stavanger. More than thousand youths from both cities' have until this day visited each other and life-long relationships have emerged.

I would like to sincerely thank all of those in the energetic and open city of Houston/Galveston who are welcoming the youths from Stavanger. We truly appreciate it and are looking forward to welcoming you to Stavanger in 2018!

Sincerely,

Christine Sagen Helgø
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Houston, Galveston, Stavanger – A Leading Success Story of a Sister City Program

FACT SHEET

What is the Sister Cities Program?

“Sister Cities International (SCI)”, a non-profit citizen diplomacy network creating and strengthening partnerships between U.S. and international communities, was established by President Eisenhower to improve communications, cultural, and business relations between the people of the United States and the rest of the world community. As stated by President Eisenhower, “Sister City relationships can turn nations into people and contribute as no other form of communications to the humanizing of international relations”.

What is the Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Program, and why is it so successful?

Houston and Stavanger formed a sister city relationship in 1980 as a result of strong business ties between the two cities and the significant investments made by Norwegians in commercial activities in Houston and vice versa. The support for the organization by business, civic, and cultural leaders was a prime contributor in recognizing Houston as having the best Sister City program in 1983. During Stavanger’s visit in April 1988, Galveston took part in many of the activities and expressed a wish to join the Sister City organization. On September 26, 1988, the mayors of Houston, Galveston, and Stavanger formally signed a document joining the three cities in the program named “**Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Society (HGSSCS)**”. Further on, HGSSCS is one of Houston’s 17 Sister Cities and is also part of the “Sister Cities International (SCI)” organization.

What other Recognitions have been made of the ties between the three cities?

Ministers from Norway are regular visitors to Houston. Houston was selected to have a Royal Norwegian Consulate General, Norwegian Trade Council, Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce and a Norwegian Seamen’s Church. Four Houstonians have been decorated by the king of Norway, whereas one of them, Mr. Jay Medley, received one of the highest awards ever given by the king to a foreign individual. Some years ago, Houston was chosen the “Port-of-Honor” for visits by “Christian Radich”, a square rigged Norwegian training ship, and “Saga Sieglar”, a replica of a Viking trading vessel.

What Long-Term Relationships have been established?

The Society helps build long-term relationships between Houston/Galveston and Stavanger by sponsoring many activities. The organization was involved both when the late King Olav V of Norway and the present King Harald V of Norway visited Houston as well as when the Norwegian ambassador to the U.S. visited here. Additionally, the Society suggested and implemented the membership of the Stavanger Chamber of Commerce in the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce as its first foreign member.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Founded in 1980 as a result of a Norwegian Festival and strong oil and shipping industries both in Houston and in Stavanger, **Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Society** has been actively engaged in promotion and goodwill. Then in 1988, Galveston having been involved in many of the activities that year formally joined the organization. Thus, on September 26, 1988, the mayors of the three cities signed a formal document joining the organization in an educational, business, and cultural exchange program.

The list of schools and groups, which have participated in the many exchange programs over the years, are varied and long. The primary activities have been cultural exchanges in which Houston/Galveston and Stavanger have alternated as host every other year. These programs, which have won several awards from the national Sister City organization, have emphasized youth. Participating student delegations have included music, drama, and athletic groups who have performed or competed at schools and other sites. In addition to the youth exchange programs, there have been countless teachers, group leaders, parents, relatives, city officials, business people, board directors, sister city members and volunteers involved over the years.

Additionally, the Society hosts annual activities for its members that are interesting, educational, and cultural, and thus gives people from Stavanger, Norway, Houston and Galveston areas an opportunity to become acquainted and discover mutual interests.

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Greetings,

The Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Program is an international partnership that strengthens the economic and social aspects of both communities. In 1980, the Sister City relationship was formed as a result of a Norwegian Festival and strong oil and shipping industries both in Houston and in Stavanger. The Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Program has hosted many annual activities so the people of Stavanger, Norway, Houston and Galveston can become acquainted.

The City of Houston is honored to have Stavanger as our official sister city for so many years and will always welcome the residents of Norway with open arms. This relationship has provided us with the opportunity to build strong business ties and participate in an educational and cultural exchange between our two cities. On March 2- 9, 2016, Houston will host nine youth groups from Norway. Houston has so much to offer, and I hope you will share in the Houston experience taking with you lasting impressions of the spirit, vitality and tradition that characterize our city.

I appreciate Mayor Christine Sagen Helgø and the people of Stavanger for their significant contributions to our city and look forward to your continued support in the years to come. I am confident that our relationship will continue to be a leading example for other U.S. and international cities to follow..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Turner".

Sylvester Turner
Mayor



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WELCOME

FROM THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

As Mayor of the City of Galveston, it is my pleasure to send greetings to our Sister City of Stavanger. The Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City relationship has been a particularly successful one and we look forward many years of continued Friendship. These visits are so beneficial to the promotion and enhancement of the cultural development between our cities.

I am both pleased and honored to have such a strong relationship with our Sister City of Stavanger. Though an ocean apart, our two cities have enjoyed a longstanding friendship. Throughout the years, delegations have travelled from ocean to ocean to exchange ideas, explore cultural differences and investigate economic development opportunities.

I extend to you my cooperation in all areas of mutual concern and interest and look forward to your next visit to Galveston.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Yarbrough".

James D. Yarbrough
Mayor

A Brief Overview of Houston and Galveston

Houston:

adapted from

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston,_Texas

In August 1836, John Kirby Allen and Augustus Chapman Allen, two real estate entrepreneurs from New York City, purchased 6,642 acres (26.88 km²) of land along Buffalo Bayou intending to found a city. The Allen brothers decided to name the city after Sam Houston, the popular general at the Battle of San Jacinto, who was elected President of Texas in September 1836.

Houston was granted incorporation on June 5, 1837, with James S. Holman becoming its first mayor. In the same year, Houston became the county seat of Harrisburg County (now Harris County) and the temporary capital of the Republic of Texas. By 1860, Houston had emerged as a commercial and railroad hub for the export of cotton. Railroad spurs from the Texas inland converged in Houston, where they met rail lines to the ports of Galveston and Beaumont. After the Civil War, Houston businessmen initiated efforts to widen the city's extensive system of bayous so the city could accept more commerce between downtown and the nearby port of Galveston. By 1890 Houston was the railroad center of Texas.

In 1900, after Galveston was struck by a devastating hurricane, efforts to make Houston into a viable deepwater port were accelerated. The following year, oil discovered at the Spindletop oil field near Beaumont prompted the development of the Texas petroleum industry. President Woodrow Wilson opened the deepwater Port of Houston in 1914, seven years after digging began. By 1930, Houston had become Texas's most populous city.

Today, Houston is the fourth largest city in the United States, following New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. It is a center of space exploration, air transportation and shipping, as well as oil exploration, production, and refining. It is home to the world-class Texas Medical Center, a consortium of hospitals providing leading edge care in heart care, transplants, cancer treatment. Shoppers flock to the Galleria and the suburban shopping malls in several districts of the city. The city has a great diversity of restaurants, cultural activities and even sister cities, reflecting the world-wide roots of its residents – from Europe, to Asia, to Africa, and Latin America.

Galveston:

adapted from <http://www.galveston.com/about/> and

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galveston,_Texas

Galveston, a coastal city of over 57,000 people, offers 32 miles of relaxing beaches, superb restaurants, top resort hotels, marvellous downtown shopping, numerous antique stores, incredible art galleries, fabulous entertainment and one of the largest and well-preserved concentrations of Victorian architecture in the country. From soft sandy beaches to famous 19th century architecture, the island is surrounded with incredible history and unique beauty.

Galveston was first seen by Europeans around 1528. It was settled in 1816, and founded as a port for Mexico in 1825, and briefly served as capital of the Republic of Texas in 1836. Today, the port has grown to 850 acres (3.4 km²) of port facilities, and serves as home to University of Texas Medical Branch, John Sealy, and Shriners's Burn Hospitals, and home to several banks, financial institutions, and charitable institutions such as the Moody Foundation / Moody Gardens.

The Island has seen two great hurricanes, yet the worst natural disaster in U.S. history could not erase the tranquillity of a Galveston sunset. For more about our rich history, with Indians, French, Spanish, pirates, sailors, cotton and textile merchants, bootleggers, musicians, oilmen, and now **tourists**, see <http://www.galveston.com/history/> and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galveston,_Texas

Modern Dance – Stavanger Kulturskole



Stavanger Kulturskole (Culture School) <http://www.stavangerkulturskole.no/> is a cultural enrichment magnet school program offering courses and participation groups in music (vocal and instrumental), dance, drama, visual arts (photo, film, animation), as well as other talent programs and public performances and productions through the year. See <http://www.stavangerkulturskole.no/Om-oss/Information-in-English.aspx> in English. 12 members of the Ungdomskompani (Youth Company) of the school modern dance program are representing the Kulturskole this year, including two sisters.

In addition to academics, students in Dance can concentrate in modern/contemporary dance, jazz dance and show-jazz, classical ballet, hip-hop, or children's dance programs for boys and girls. There is an annual Dancefest, and a DanceWorld. Many of the students are also quite athletic and involved in music and theatre arts programs. Additionally, there is a Saturday dance program. See <http://www.stavangerkulturskole.no/Danseundervisning/Tilbud-og-p%C3%A5melding/P%C3%A5melding-dans.aspx?TreeID=2143> for Dance (all forms) and <http://www.stavangerkulturskole.no/Danseundervisning/Tilbud-og-p%C3%A5melding/P%C3%A5melding-dans.aspx?TreeID=2151> for Modern Dance

Students from Stavanger Kulturskole will be hosted by Galveston Ballet, which is a regional pre-professional classical ballet company and academy offering a full range of instruction in classical ballet to students ages three through adult. In 2014, Galveston Ballet boys and girls visited Stavanger. Each Fall, the Galveston Ballet presents a renowned major ballet production at the Grand 1896 Opera House in Galveston. The students hosting Stavanger students are from the Apprentice, Company, and Graduate levels.

UtB Jazz Trio **Jazz Trio** – Stavanger Kulturskole



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UtB Jazz Trio is composed of piano, bass, and vocals by 3 students who have performed through the school in venues such as Stavanger Concert Hall (Stavanger Konserthus), Casa Veen, and school performances since 2014, including two Christmas programs in both English and Norwegian. The bass player also plays with "Machu Picchu", a pop, rock and "indie" (independent) musical collage band tied to Bekkefare Church.

The UtB and Gary Bites rock band will be hosted by Houston's High School of the Performing and Visual Arts (a parallel magnet school to Stavanger Kulturskole) and Spring Woods High School Music Department.

The UtB Jazz Trio will perform on Thursday at Tremont Hotel in Galveston, and the Gary Bites Rock Band will play with Ocean Roots band from Galveston at Fuddruckers on the Historic Strand respectively.

On Friday, the UtB Jazz Trio will attend HSPVA, and participate in a "jam session" with LA Jazz Combo.



On Saturday UtB Jazz Trio will perform at Star Drug Store on the Strand (while the culinary students learn to be "soda jerks" and prepare ice cream desserts and sodas. The Gary Bites Rock band will perform at Saengerfest Park, courtesy of Mitchell Historic Properties, developer of the Strand. Additional performances will take place

The director of the HSPVA Jazz Combo is Warren Sneed, an HSPVA graduate. The director of the vocalists is Patricia Bonner, coordinator of the HSPVA Vocal Music Department. Spring Woods High School Music Director Scott Houston is a multi-exchange veteran, both as host and leader of participating groups.

KFUM (YMCA) Stavanger Volleyball



The KFUM (YMCA) Stavanger Volleyball program has programs for both boys and girls of all ages, whose home court is Yngling Hall gymnasium. The sports program was founded in 1963, and has over 100 members from age 10 to 19. The club is “tops” in Norway for talent development, but it is a priority to also have room to be open to all youth.

The YMCA girls’ teams for ages 15, 17, and 19 (U15, U17, and U19) have qualified for the Norwegian Championships to be held during weekends in March 2016. U17 will compete the weekend after the team returns – March 10-13 in Bergen. The teams are tops in scoring in district and regional competitions. See links in Norwegian at:

<http://www.ynglingen.no/index.php/kfum-volleyball/om-kfum-volleyball>

<http://www.ynglingen.no/index.php/kfum-volleyball/>

<http://www.ynglingen.no/index.php/kfum-volleyball/26-administrasjon>

The Volleyball team will be hosted by St. John’s School in Houston, with practice and competition with Absolute Volleyball Academy of Texas as well.

Pictures courtesy of VisitHouston.com and Houston Paralegals Association.



Culinary Arts from Jåttå Videregående skole (Jåttå High School)



Jåttå Videregående skole (<http://www.jaattaa.vgs.no/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jaattaa/>) is a high school of 1000 students near the coast, south of the Stavanger city center. There are 6 main technical training programs offered, with emphasis on practical skills equivalent to Junior College in the U.S. See <http://www.jaattaa.vgs.no/Utdanningstilbud/Restaurant-og-matfag2/Restaurant-og-matfag> for description of the Restaurant and Food Track is described in Norwegian.

Do you have a sense of good food and drink? Are you creative and accurate? Do you have interest in diet and health? Then restaurant and food processing could be for you. Restaurant and food processing at Jåttå High has state of the art practice facilities with the best equipment - à la carte cuisine kitchen and production facilities, restaurant, bakery, and meat storage.

The school works in partnership with local businesses, associations and clubs, and has exchange programs with France. In the school's own lunch restaurant and delicatessen sales outlet "Jatta Food & Such", the students get practical and realistic training.

The **Vg1** restaurant and food processing course forms the basis for the certificate within 12 professions. After completing Vg1, the students continue with one of these program areas with us in **Vg2**:

- Chef and food service subjects / Food and beverages
- Food preparation and processing

After completing the Vg2, apprenticeship and passing trade/journeyman subjects and examinations, the students receive the certificate of journeyman.

Taking one more year at school (tertiary general admission basic subjects) allows the student to apply for admission to college and university. From autumn 2015 on, such students can start right directly in the UiS (University in Stavanger) Bachelor in Hotel Management without having to go the way of basic academic studies (y-way).



Stavanger Basket – Basketball Club



The Basketball team is composed of group training leaders and players from Stavanger Basketballklubb, based in Madla. They are drawn from teams U14 Menn, and U16 Mad Dogs and U16 Mustangs that play a club season at Tastahallen, Storhaughallen, Tastarustå Idrettshall, and Jåtten Idrettshall, as well as the International School in Stavanger in Madla. Training and games take place two times per week. The club also holds basketball schools and training camps for youth., and a Trainer's Weekend led by the age-level group leaders. Over all, the club is composed of 122 members, of which 15 are women and girls. There is more on Facebook, <https://nb-no.facebook.com/SBBK-149196106140/> and <http://www.stavangerbasket.no/> One player participated in the 2014 U16 European Championship Men's Division B season. Several of the players visiting Houston and Galveston are active on social media, watching and commenting on local and US college basketball videos, or answering basketball trivia questions.

The team is hosted by St. Johns School, and will also see teams at Galveston College and Texas A&M University Galveston.

Greetings from Per Olav Hanssen, President Stavanger Sister City

We are all excited to be back in Texas!

My first trip as head of the group was in 2008. This time we are bringing 62 students and their leaders to Texas. They are covering a wide range of activities from dance, rock, jazz, golf, basketball, volleyball, culinary students to entrepreneurship and many more activities. We are all looking forward to joining our American friends and their families and having a pleasant time together with entertainment, competition and great social get together.



Best regards,

Per Olav Hanssen, President, Stavanger Days in Texas

Stavanger Golf Team – Stavanger Golfklubb



Four students represent the Stavanger Golfklubb, ranging from 16 to 18 years old. All have been placed well in regional competitions and tournaments. Two rank in the Elite Junior and two in the Junior standings two years ago and now rank higher in 2016.. The Elite Junior category is open to youth 13-19 years old who started in the Titleist Tour 2015, or had notable results (placed) in the Titleist Tour 2014. Juniors have participated in the McDonalds Junior Tour or the Titleist qualifying tour.

These students look forward to meeting peers of their age group who are excited about golf, and interacting with them to practice and play in Houston and Galveston with the warmer weather in the Spring. Their hosts are from St. John's Upper School, a private academic preparatory high school in Houston, who visited in 2014..

Stavanger Golf Club was founded in 1956 and is one of Norway's oldest clubs. The 18-hole course is situated 5 km from the town center, and lies in quiet surroundings near the lake "Store Stokkavann." (Big Stokka Lake) . The course, designed by British architect Fred Smith has a par of 71. It is a tree lined, and relatively tight layout. Small greens and undulating fairways add to the challenge, and many championships have been held here, both national and international. Stavanger hosted the Norwegian Championships in August 2006.



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Rockcomp: "Gary Bites" Rock Band



The Stavanger Aftenblad Culture Section has called the Gary Bites band “One of the 10 most promising bands in the district”. The band sponsored by Rockcomp Stavanger has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/garybitesband>. The group has played many venues such as the Metropolis youth club to outdoor concerts, such as the Freetime (Fritid) festival above. The Stavanger Kommune “Rockcomp” youth rock club for “youth and free time” holds courses, workshops, and concerts to enrich the Stavanger music scene and develop musical talent by competitions (Ukm 2016). Rockcomp sponsors 30 bands, 120 artists, and 40 additional students ages 13-18 in Stavanger, and their homepage in Norwegian is www.rockcomp.net.

Gary Bites will partner with the Galveston band “Ocean Roots at Fuddruckers on the Strand, and “Third Coast” for performances in Galveston at the Sangerfest Park as well as HSPVA. They will also be hosted by the HSPVA and Spring Woods High School music programs.

Kaspar says: “Gary Bites e klare for Junaiten, og me glede oss så gullfiskar så vil ud av bollen sin :))// For you Americans: Gary Bites are ready for [uniting / affiliation with America], and we are looking forward to this, like goldfishes that want to get out of their bowl.

Ungt Entreprenørskap Stavanger (Young Enterprise) - Junior Achievement



“Young Enterprise” Stavanger branch, is a Norwegian affiliate of Junior Achievement, with whom the 4 young adults will partner in Houston. There are 17 chapters in Norway. Rogaland County is divided into 3 regions --



<http://www.ue.no/Rogaland> (in Norwegian)

JA-YE Norway's core values:

Future

- Develop young people's skills and ability to reach their potential
- Be a driving force for innovation
- Make a significant contribution to the development of thriving local communities and sustainable global development

Interaction

- Teach children and young people to work as a team
- Be a reliable and long term collaborator that bridges the gap between schools and business
- Create meeting places and build networks; locally, nationally and internationally

Enterprising Creativity

- Give young people opportunities to develop their creativity, entrepreneurial skills and self-confidence
- Motivate young people to take initiative and to create value
- Centre all activities on “Learning by Doing”

http://admin.ue.no/pls/apex32/APP_UK.PKG_BL_C_FILE.downloadFileByName?pi_fileName=arsrapport-engelsk-2.pdf (in English)

Stavanger's branch is home to the Sci-Tech Challenge camp. JA-YE Europe and ExxonMobil have developed a pan-European collaboration to motivate students in upper secondary schools to choose science in their school curriculum. In March, 2010, JA-YE Rogaland hosted the Sci-Tech Challenge. Pupils from schools in Germany, the Netherlands and Norway were invited to apply their scientific knowledge and creative skills to find solutions to energy challenges in cities of the future. A young woman from Vestfold, Norway was on the winning team, whose idea was to capture energy from space! For March 2016, this meeting has grown to students from 10 lands. Local students are from St. Olav, Hetland, Randaberg, and Sandnes High Schools and the International School of Stavanger. The group leader is from Hetland vgs.

On Friday, March 4, 2016, the Stavanger groups will visit the Houston Junior Achievement (“JA”) offices and participate in the “Finance Park” presentation and workshop, <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-set/ja-finance-park>. This program introduces students to personal finance and career explorations through classroom instruction with a day-long, hands-on experience in which they apply learned concepts in a life-like community. During this one-day experience, students assume randomly assigned family and income scenarios and

visit businesses to gather information for their personal financial decision-making. Participating students use bank services, contribute to charities, purchase housing, transportation, furnishings, food, health care, and other expenses, make investment decisions and work to balance their personal budgets. In this way, students from Norway will learn more about the financial aspects of American family life and budgeting, insurance, personal economics, non-profit organizations (NGOs) and business finance. Capital One and Price Waterhouse Coopers are key sponsors of the site and the JA programs in Houston.

Photo of all the participants from Stavanger, February 4, 2016



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Sea Scout Base Galveston (www.ssbgalveston.org) is a non-profit organization, providing a high-adventure marine and maritime learning destination. The dream of the Doolin Family from their love of scouting, http://www.ssbgalveston.org/our_story.php, the facility grew from 2002 to 2011 when the current facility was opened in Galveston, Texas.

The Base hosts an incredible range of quality programs for Scouts, including kayaking, small and large boat sailing, and power boating. In addition, the large “BaySmart Express II (pictured) is a 110-foot (33.53m) serves as a floating classroom ship, conducting hands-on maritime and marine education classes and internships. Programs range from short 2-hour programs to scout merit badges in Oceanography, to expanded US Sailing School REACH program modules on Wind and other Seamanship skills, from ages ranging from Cub Scouts and school children to adults.

The other boating and sailing facilities provide a platform for maritime students to gain sea time toward Merchant Mariner credentials. The Sailing program also has a special emphasis adaptive program for the disabled.

Our Stavanger visitors will experience the 2-hour STEM-to-Stern intra-coastal waterway program on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

- Sensory Lab: Upper Deck: How to design a ship to float and sail
- Tech Lab: Main Deck: Anemometers, Wind direction and speed; Communication to Bridge / Wheelhouse to navigate and plot course
- Wheelhouse: How the captain/crew navigate, detect obstacles, and steer; Topography; Passing/Right-of-Way; Harbors and traffic lanes
- Engine Room: How new Caterpillar engines run “green” vs. diesel; propulsion and navigation; sustainability; tools and how to fix things
- Career Talk: Marine/maritime industry; marine biology, environment; Curriculum, apprenticeship, career path for a pilot, harbourmaster, et al
- Games and Skills: build and race sailboat model; scavenger hunt/bingo of items on ships or enroute; Recognize sights/sounds.

George Ranch, Richmond, Texas



George Ranch (www.georgeranch.org) is a piece of living Texas history. In 1988, the Trustees of the George Foundation resolved to open a living history site to preserve the original homestead and to share the four-generational legacy of the Jones, Ryon, Davis and George Families. The Fort Bend County Museum Association Board of Trustees voted to accept their landmark offer to create, manage, and present the educational and interpretive programs for the enjoyment of the public. This enduring partnership has resulted in a nationally prominent historical site visited by thousands and recognized worldwide for showcasing the heritage of Texas. We are a living history partnership of the Fort Bend County Museum Association and The George Foundation. A major focus today is on educational programs for schools, scouts, and visitors of all ages, to learn, enjoy, and appreciate Texas history through experiences and hands-on programs.

The George Ranch Historical Park's history follows family lines beginning in 1824 when Texas was still part of Mexico. The first Texas pioneers settled near the Brazos River. In the years since, the Ranch has passed through four generations and grown into one of Fort Bend County's landmarks. Today, the George Ranch is a 23,000+ acre working ranch. The family's original "home place" is at the core of the George Ranch Historical Park where the legends and legacies of those who shaped this place come to life every day. Authentic locations, historic homes, costumed presenters and a remarkable story of determination and courage set the stage for trekking through Texas history.

- 1830s Jones Stock Farm: Pioneer Life: "Gone to Texas" role play
- 1860s Ryon Prairie Home Site: Homestead Living Skills
- 1890s Davis Victorian Complex: Tour; More Graceful Lifestyle and Culture
- 1930s George Ranch Cattle Complex – Chuckwagon Lunch / Cowboy Life

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