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PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Bush and Mayor Taylor encourage families to enroll kids in Alamo Summer Camp before it's too late!

Mayor Taylor announcing Alamo Summer Camp Scholarship Contest for six students

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Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush and San Antonio Mayor Ivy R. Taylor invite children ages 9 to 13 to make new friends, pull out their coon skin cap and immerse themselves in the history of the Texas revolution at Alamo Summer Camp! Campers will learn what it was like to live in 1830s and 40s Texas. Additionally, in honor of the 180th anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo, Mayor Taylor is sponsoring an *Alamo Summer Camp Tuition Scholarship Essay Contest*. Six students will receive full camp tuition to one session of 2016 Alamo Summer Camp (a \$250 value), a certificate from Mayor Ivy R. Taylor and their essay published in the official Alamo Newsletter.

"As a former teacher and father of two boys, I am excited to announce this rare opportunity for kids age 9 to 13 to attend summer camp at Texas' favorite history classroom - the Alamo," said Commissioner George P. Bush. "Alamo campers will have a great time learning about Texas and San Antonio history while making friends and experience a rare opportunity to learn at the Shrine of Texas Liberty."

"When we build emotional ties to places and their history with our children, we create tomorrow's stewards of our heritage," said San Antonio Mayor Ivy R. Taylor.

Contest Details:

- Essay prompt: In 1836, Texans made a stand for something they believed in at the Alamo. Why is their decision to sacrifice their lives important 180 years later?
- Essay must be no more than 500 words
- Only one entry per student
- Entries must include the student's name, school and email address, age and grade
- Contest is open to all San Antonio students between the ages of 9 and 13
- All entries must be received by 5pm on May 20, 2016
- Entries should be addressed to Sherri Driscoll at sdriscoll@thealamo.org or P.O. Box 2599, The Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78299.

Please visit <http://www.thealamo.org/press-releases/pr/2016/march/files/ivy-taylor-summer-camp-scholarship.pdf> to view a flyer with details about the Alamo Summer Camp Tuition Scholarship Essay Contest.

About Alamo Summer Camp:

The Alamo invites children ages 9 to 13 to make new friends, have fun and engage themselves in the history of the Texas revolution and The Alamo. Learn what it was like to live in 1830's to 1840's Texas! Activities include: Alamo History, School of the Soldier, Period Cooking, Fire Starting, Period Crafts and Period Games and Toys. The 2016 Alamo Summer Camp will have two sessions, June 13 - 17 and July 18 - 22. Camp will be held from 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday - Friday at the Alamo.

For more details visit www.thealamo.org. Contest entries can be mailed to Sherri Driscoll, P.O. Box 2599, The Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78299 or emailed to sdriscoll@thealamo.org. Follow the Alamo on Twitter at twitter.com/OfficialAlamo and on Facebook at facebook.com/OfficialAlamo.

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