

Dear Parents,

We will be participating in the St. Clair County Alabama History Fair this year. This is a project that all the 4th graders in the county participate in. The students will only receive ONE copy of the attached forms. It will be scanned and put online if you need an extra copy but we will not give an extra paper copy to anyone. Please make sure to keep up with the instructions and Honor Sheet. Please make sure the project number is on all parts of the project and that the name of the child is not visible when it is being looked at. The project is worth 200 points and is due February 17th with NO late exceptions. Please read over the guidelines and complete the project as specified. If the guidelines are not followed, then project will be disqualified from the History Fair.

Your Child's Name: _____

Your Child's project number is: _____

Thank you,

4th Grade Teachers

Please sign and return this paper only by January 15th; so that we will know that you received your copy of the instructions and the honor sheet.

Child's Name: _____

Parent

Signature: _____



John Looney House (Circa 1820) Ashville, Alabama

**ST. CLAIR HISTORICAL SOCIETY
28th ANNUAL 4TH GRADE HISTORY FAIR
February 17th – 19th, 2016**

JUDGING DATES:

February 17	Moody Middle, Coosa Valley, Walter Kennedy, Iola Roberts, Eden Elementary, Victory Christian, and Crossroads Christian at Moody Middle
February 18	Ragland Elementary, Ashville Elementary
February 19	Steele Elementary, Odenville Elementary, Margaret, and Springville Middle

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Parental supervision and involvement are encouraged, but the student is to have the responsibility for his or her work. The judges are looking for projects in which the student has obviously done the majority of the work. An honor sheet will be provided for the student and his/her parent(s) to sign.
2. Teachers and parents are encouraged to guide their students in choosing a project. Projects may be based on schools, churches, town history, industry, crafts, etc. Emphasis should be placed on St. Clair County and Alabama History. Research material can be obtained from your local library or the Archives department located in the Courthouse at Ashville, Alabama.
3. Original research of information and materials is important. Students should use their imagination to produce projects that are creative and authentic. Projects will **NOT** be considered in which plastic or metal models (Indians, cowboys, cars, logs, flowers, etc.) or Popsicle sticks are used. The judges have been most impressed by the use of raw materials that the student has collected. Modeling clay may be used to mold figures.
4. The students should write a short narrative of his/her project, the reason the student chose topic, time period, geographic location, purpose or function, historical importance, etc. The narrative will be displayed with the project during judging.
5. Projects are to be done at home.
6. **Identification of student (name, picture, etc.) is NOT to be on project in any form when being judged.**
7. Projects will be judged on the following categories:
Overall Neatness – 5 points Project Originality – 15 points Accuracy/Authenticity – historical importance – 15 points
Narrative – 10 points Honor statement signed – 5 points
8. The decision of the judges will be final.
9. Awards:
 1. Each student that participates will receive a certificate of participation.
 2. Students from each school will receive the following awards:
1st place - \$15.00 (project is taken to county competition) 2nd place - \$10.00 3rd place - \$5.00
 3. County-wide presentations: 1st place - \$25.00 2nd place - \$15.00 3rd place - \$10.00

The 1st place winners from each school will be submitted for county competition and will be judged for county 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. The parent or a member of the St. Clair Historical Society will take the 1st place project from each school to the **Fortson Museum and Archives, 150 Alabama Street in Odenville** for county judging. Projects may be delivered to the Museum on Sunday, Feb 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 or on Monday, Feb. 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00.

All 1st place finalists are encouraged to be at the Museum on February 24th at 10:00 a.m. for the announcement of county winners and for newspaper photographs.

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS PAGE FOR EACH OF YOUR STUDENTS.

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TIPS FROM THE JUDGES!

Read the student instructions sheet carefully.

Be creative!

Do your research.

Use your imagination!

You may use modeling clay to mold figures but **don't use plastic or metal figures/objects or Popsicle sticks!**

Write a good narrative showing what you've learned.

Don't forget your honor sheet! **It is required!**

Teacher: Please make copies of this page for each of your students.



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ST. CLAIR HISTORICAL SOCIETY 28th ANNUAL HISTORY FAIR

HONOR SHEET

The St. Clair County School System's Annual History Fair will be **February 17th – 19th, 2016**. The History Fair is sponsored by the St. Clair Historical Society to promote student interest and awareness of Alabama History.

Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in their child's history project. The purpose of the project is to involve the student in hands-on activity, which results from historical research and creative thinking.

By signing and returning this Honor Sheet to your child's teacher, you are making a commitment to support your child in his/her project. Whenever possible, please allow your child to do the actual hands-on work. Parents are encouraged to assist with work that could be potentially dangerous to the child.

The signed Honor Sheet is a **required** part of the project and will be worth 5 points out of a total 50 points in the over-all judging of the project.

Student projects should be easily transportable on buses and in cars.

Parents Signature

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Please list work with which student received assistance.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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