

OLD RED MUSEUM



OF DALLAS COUNTY HISTORY & CULTURE

**RED HOT DEAL at the
Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture
\$4.00 Admission for EVERYONE on JULY 4th WEEKEND!**

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Dallas, TX - The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture is offering reduced admission to celebrate July 4th. On July 4th through July 6th, Museum admission will be \$4.00 for everyone. That is a savings of \$4.00 for adults (1/2 price!); \$2.00 for seniors and \$1.00 for children. The \$4.00 admission covers both the general admission to the permanent galleries on the 2nd floor as well as the special temporary exhibit, The Civil War Through the Eyes of North Texans, on the 1st floor.

In between the outdoor barbeque and going to the fireworks show, spend some time on this patriotic holiday at the Old Red Museum. The Museum, which is located in what was formerly the Old Red Courthouse, sits on the very first block of Dallas platted by John Neely Bryan. The 6th Courthouse to stand on this block, Old Red has been restored to its 1892 splendor, complete with a 4-story grand staircase, marble hallways and graceful arches.

At the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture you can explore the past and experience all things uniquely Dallas. Relive the stories, people and events that created the Dallas of today. The Old Red Museum chronicles the vibrant story of Dallas County from pre-history to the present day. What better way to celebrate our proud nation by rediscovering the history of our local area! Four galleries feature 41 touch screen computers, more than 1,000 artifacts and rare photographs, and specially commissioned films in each of the 4 theaters. The Crystal Charity Ball Children's Education Center is one of the few hands-on history centers in the country. Test your knowledge of Dallas history on the touch-screen computers.

Through August 17, a special exhibit, The Civil War Through the Eyes of North Texans, examines the Civil War from a mid-1800's North Texas perspective. What impact did the war have on North Texans? The exhibit explores the role North Texas played in the conflict: the men, women, technologies, innovations, records and aftermath of the Civil War and their long-lasting effects on Texas and this country's history.

Highlights from the exhibit are 1) letters and personal correspondence between John Taylor Coit and his wife Catherine, 2) a Confederate uniform jacket with bullet holes and blood stains, 3) personal effects of soldiers such as dice and playing cards, 4) a Confederate fiddle, 5) children's dresses and clothing, 6) women's fashion accessories, 7) weapons such as handguns, cannon shot and more. Admission to this special exhibit is included in the \$4 per person July 4th weekend price.

The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture is located in the West End of downtown Dallas at 100 South Houston Street in the beautifully restored Old Red Courthouse built in 1892. Dedicated to inspire and educate visitors about the rich and varied cultural, economic, political and social history of the Dallas County area, the 2nd floor of Old Red is filled with interactive exhibits, 41 touch-screen computers, an educational learning center and four mini-theatres. The special exhibit gallery is located on the first floor. Admission to *The Civil War Through the Eyes of North Texans* is included in general admission. General admission is \$8, children ages three to sixteen are \$5 and seniors are \$6. Admission to the Civil War exhibit without general admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. The Museum's hours are Monday – Saturday, 9-5 p.m., Sunday Noon – 5 p.m. For group reservations, corporate meetings/outings or weddings call 214-745-1100. For more information, visit www.oldred.org.

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