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SUBJECT: ACTIVITY REPORT – JULY 2023

FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS: **AASLH:** American Association for State and Local History, **COFW:** City of Fort Worth, **KP:** Kelli Pickard, **LCHF:** Log Cabin Heritage Foundation, **LCV:** Log Cabin Village, **PARD:** Park & Recreation Department, **PMD:** Property Management Department, **RL:** Rena Lawrence, **SN:** Shae Nawoj, **TAM:** Texas Association of Museums, **THC:** Texas Historical Commission, **TLHA:** Texas Living History Association, **VZC:** Van Zandt Cottage, **VZCFI:** Van Zandt Cottage Friends, Inc.

Events/Classes:

- July 13: **STEM Camp for Girl Scouts** program (Azle) delivered by Lisa Piety: 35 participants
- July 29: **Ice Cream Class:** 12 participants (full with a wait list)

Meetings/Happenings/Consultation:

- July 5: RL met with Lisa Worley (Ford House) via MSTeams to discuss the development of a **virtual trivia game** for the upcoming AASLH **Virtual Historic House Summit** on July 11/12
- July 6: RL attended the **COFW Diversity and Inclusion employee committee** meeting via MSTeams; one of the topics was feedback about programs, including the Juneteenth program recently delivered by SN
- July 10: RL attended the **COFW Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC)** meeting via WebEx; HCLC voted 6-0 in favor of granting a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for **roof replacement at the VZC**
- July 13: RL provided **log cabin chinking advice** to Erik Swanson (**Historic Waco**) via email
- July 13: RL hosted/attended the 3rd quarter **LCHF meeting** via Zoom
- July 20: RL/SN met with Linda Sanders re: the possibility of hosting the **2025 TLHA Annual Meeting in Fort Worth**; we have decided to wait until 2026
- July 25: RL/KP met at **LCV** for site/program updates
- July 26: RL consulted with Brandon Sheppard via email re: **a historic cabin near May, TX**
- July 27: SN met with Laura Nungaray about collaboration opportunities, including a **pottery class that would highlight both modern and historic/Indigenous methods and a service project for her art students**
- July 28: RL consulted via phone and email with Robert Henley from the **Wise County Historical Society** re: wooden hinges on the **Woody Cabin in Decatur**

Media/Marketing/Tourism/Advertising:

- **Guest register (October 1 to date):** 45 states, 48 countries
- LCV ad in **DFWChild** in print and online
- Participation in **distribution of Cultural District brochure** by Certified Folder (hotel/etc. racks)
- July 18: Mark Roffman (Blue Heron Films) scouted the site for **filming an episode of a series called Side Trails**
- July 27: SN sent photos and information to **Early American Life magazine** for a feature on winter events

Training:

- July: RL/SN conducted **monthly safety training** with staff; topics were “**Emergency Manuals**” and the COFW safety officer’s topic of “**Weather Safety**”
- July 11-12: RL attended **Sustainability, Relevance, and the Future of Historic House Museums: A Virtual Summit (AASLH)** via Zoom; RL presented at **trivia and closing plenary sessions**
- July 20: RL/SN hosted **PARD’s NextGen ambassador, Jadin Robinson**

Maintenance/Site Improvement:

- July 6,7, 17,: Daniel (STS360) **checked alarm issues** at LCV; still not fully resolved at present
- July 8: **Greater Fort Worth Herb Society Work Day**—herb garden
- July 13: Jerry/Noe (PMD) fixed the **office and break room doors** in the Foster Cabin
- July 25: Jerry/Juan (PMD) looking at **Parker porch and familiarizing Juan** with site
- July 27: Jeff (Cantu) completed **monthly pest control** at LCV and VZC
- July 27: RL/SN met with Jay Doiron (PMD), the new lead over carpenters to discuss **site needs and increase site familiarity**