



# **Travel & Education: a Bright Future for Texas**

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# Presentation Overview

- Overview of TEV – background
- Quick look at TEV development process
- Demonstration of Entity registration



## TEV Background

For TTIA's Texas Education Vacation initiative, we have envisioned TEV as a staged technology suite of products. Our particular solution space focuses on not only the acquisition and delivery of age appropriate, geo-referenced, and accurate educational content but most importantly, on being able to develop an engaging entertaining interface for our user community – in short, create a fun and awesome experience.



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# Texas Education Vacation Partner

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## TEV :: Process - Overall

- Research and gather information about
  - project objectives
  - needs and requirements of the project/system
- Conduct a workshop to derive our approach
- Get priorities for each user group
- Develop the project in iterative steps



## TEV :: Objectives

- Develop supporting infrastructure to enable teachers, parents, grandparents and students with research and planning tools to identify and maximize the educational value intrinsic to travel experiences
- Collect and Catalog top quality time-referenced and geo-referenced educational content from Texas State regions (i.e. Cities, Counties, COGS, MSAs)
- Help develop Age/Role appropriate content (for Students, Teachers, Parents, Grandparents)
- Implement Functionality to search educational experiences/attractions based on location (city, ZIP, county, MSA...); distance radius from destination and inter destination paths.



## TEV :: Objectives (continued)

- Develop Web enabled educational guides
- Implement Regional Mapping for seven key Texas regions (geographic terrain, weather, culture) & Interests/Rubrics (historical, architectural, urban, rural, sports, cultural, cuisines, etc.)
- Develop Age appropriate Interactive games (i.e. Treasure Hunt, Adventure Zone)
- Develop Web supported 'printable' materials (Brochures, Trip Guides, Teacher's Guides, Book Covers) in the form of repurpose-able content (e.g. print media)
- Support Multi-lingual content, mostly English and Spanish (as part of phase II)



# TEV :: Texas Education Vacation v 101

- **Browser** :: [Simple Search](#) / Advanced Search - Geo / Map / Topic / Age / Activity- Search ""Refinement' tools
- **Traveler Portal [Adult]** :: TEV mission- Direct access to TEV's 'Smart Browser' - Featured Communities- Upcoming Events (From TEV-Calendar)
- **Inclusion Criteria**
- **Venues Portal** :: Interface to Allow Venues to Add and Update their TEV records - TTIA Benefits Promo Path
- **Traveler Feedback** :: Free form- Surveys
- **Educator Portal** :: Curriculum Interface / Mapping- Personal Inventory- field trip guides - Feedback Mechanisms
- **Workflow - QC Subsystem** :: End-User (Venue) Managed Submission & Content Revision Processes- Content Review and Release Process - Version Control Mechanism
- **Analytics** :: Marketing Support (Sponsorships)





## TEV :: Texas Education Vacation v 102

- myTEV :: Passport Program - Registration Process - Auto notification (Activity / Age / Region)- Trip Planner
- Calendar of Events :: Managed by the "Event Source" - Implement automated "Event Feed" from sanctioned Web Calendars
- Traveler Portal [Children] :: TEVs mission ("Fun Version") - Direct access to TEV 'Smart Browser' - Direct access to TEV-FunZone (games & age appropriate content) - Featured Communities - Special Look & Feel
- Educational Resources / Collateral
- Virtual Fieldtrips
- eNewsletter
- Examples & Templates :: For Venues
- Games (Educational)
- School Portal
- Seminars for TTIA members :: Certification Programs
- Blog :: For Registered "Educator" Users
- ADA Ready

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The Texas Education Vacation Guide is a resource for both parents and teachers as they plan vacations and field trips.

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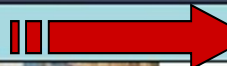
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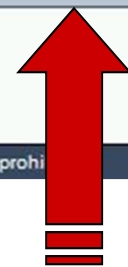
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### Website Listing

Members	Non-Members
Listing on the TEV Web site	Listing on the TEV Web site
50 word description	50 word description
Map	Map
Icons describing entity - ex. Restrooms, tour groups welcome	Icons describing entity - ex. Restrooms, tour groups welcome
Graphics/Photos/Images	
Link to Entity Web site	
Extended Description Available	
"Send me Info" Box	

Example of Member Web Listing:

[Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site](#)

Box 305  
Washington, TX 77880-0305  
Phone: 936-878-2214

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## New/Update Entity

Criteria for TEV Inclusion

Every entity\* must meet the following criteria to be included in the Texas Education Vacation project and show sufficient verification for each:

1. Texas vacation, travel or tourism-related establishment offering educational value
2. Specific hours of operation and regularly accessible (open) to the general public
3. Cultural, historical, nature-related, recreational or other attraction/event or similar activity that appeals to broad public audiences

Examples of Unacceptable Entities:

1. Entity is located out of state, unless it is within close proximity of the Texas border and has ties to existing travel and tourism in Texas
2. Entities, as solely determined by the Texas Tourism Foundation (TTF), with undesirable focus on subject matter unsuitable for children, youth or families
3. Entity is open "by appointment only"

TTF has the explicit right to deny inclusion or content and suspend or revoke inclusion at any time and for any reason without recourse.

\*Entity includes any tourism or visitation product, event or site

☒ My Entity follows the criteria

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## New/Update Entity - Step 1

Please enter your Entity information - example: [TTIA Member](#) - [Non-TTIA Member](#)

Fields marked with an asterisk \* are required.

\* Entity Name: \* Short Description (max length 500 chars):  characters left\* Physical Address 1: Physical Address 2: \* City: \* State: \* ZipCode: \* Phone: Ext.: \* Forwarding Email: 

Inquiries for this entity will be sent to this email address







## Check all that apply

☒ Group tours/School tours☒ Docent/GuideAvailable Services: ☒ Educational Materials☒ Restaurant and/or Catering☐ ADA Accessible☐ History☒ ScienceSubjects: ☐ Geography☒ Nature☐ Arts and Culture☐ Pre-K☐ KindergartenGrade(s): ☒ Elementary School☒ Middle School☐ High SchoolAdmission Fee: ☒ Free☐ Fee AssessedIs this entity a TTIA member?: ☒ Yes

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## New/Update Entity - Step 2

Please enter your Entity information. Note: Maximum file size for entity's logo is 60 kb.

Fields marked with an asterisk \* are required.

Entity's Logo (max 60kb):

Entity's URL:

\* Full Description (max length 4000 chars):

Again I just have to say that our snakes are Awsome! They're very nice and friendly.  
They don't bite. They have very soft skin.

I could go on and on about how terrific our snakes are.

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## New/Update Entity - Step 3

Please upload any additional images for your Entity. Note: Maximum file size for each image is 60 kb.

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Image 1 (max. 60kb): C:\Documents and Settings\Andrew\Desktop\2.jpg

Browse...

Caption: This is a picture of a very nice snake--it doesn't look nice but it is.

This photo will be used on the front page description of the entity

Image 2 (max. 60kb): C:\Documents and Settings\Andrew\Desktop\snake.jpg

Browse...

Caption: This is a girl holding a snake--a nice one of course

Image 3 (max. 60kb):

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Image 4 (max. 60kb):

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Image 5 (max. 60kb):

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## New/Update Entity - Final Step

This is how your entry will look in the Texas Education Vacation Guide.  
Please review for accuracy. Click the back button below to make corrections.

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### Freddy's Snake Paradise

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123 Jones Street  
Bryan, TX 77802  
Phone: (999)999-9999

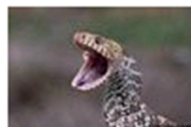
This is the greatest place to see snakes. We have big snakes, little snakes, long snakes and short snakes. Our snakes are very happy and they do not even bite people

# Awesome Snakes

Again I just have to say that our snakes are Awsome! They're very nice and friendly. They don't bite. They have very soft skin.

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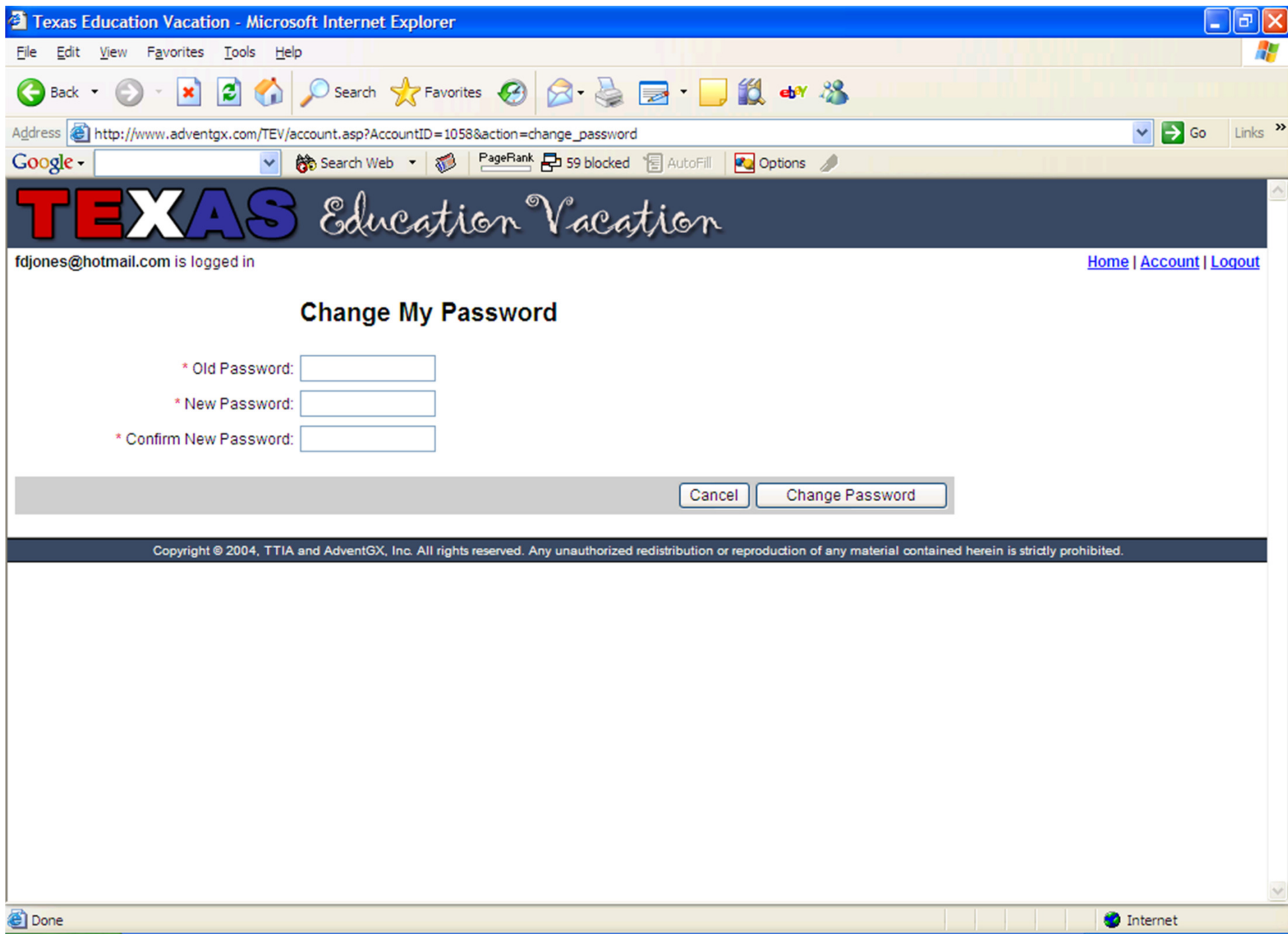
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**Status:** READY 1/18/2005 4:24:10 AM

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