

Cracker Storytelling Festival
P.O. Box 122 Homeland, Florida 33847

Attention: Teachers, Administrative Staff, and Library Media Specialists

What: 29th Annual Cracker Storytelling Festival

When: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 6-9, 2017, 9:30am - 1:00pm daily

Where: Homeland Heritage Park, 578 Second Street, Homeland, FL 33847 (863) 647-4716

Statement from Mrs. Michelle Townley, Senior Director of K-12 Literacy

“The Cracker Storytelling Festival is a wonderful multi-cultural event. In 2015, I attended the event for the first time in several years and was amazed at the variety of storytellers and the engagement of the students and families. The Curriculum Department is endorsing this trip and will include curriculum resources in the third grade maps to support the speaking and listening standards. With this concentrated effort to link the field trip to the standard, we encourage all schools to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.” Title I money may be used to pay for buses this year! All grades may attend.

Register NOW to attend this unique and educational event!

State and Local Tellers: Carrie Sue Aver, Tamara Green, Mitchell O’Rear, Robin Schulte, Hank Mattson, Cheryl Floyd, Mark Koruschak, Katie Adams, “Tvshka” Van V. Samuels, along with several other tellers and Youthful Voices: students from Polk County Schools. *Florida Crafters* and local *Food Vendors*. The historic buildings of the park are open for viewing.

Name of School: _____ Teacher or Contact: _____

Please select which one of the days your school will be attending this year. You have three days to choose from:

WEDNESDAY December 6, 2017: _____ **THURSDAY December 7, 2017:** _____

FRIDAY December 8, 2017: _____

Number of students: _____ @\$ 4.00 each, Total for students \$ _____

Teachers and Bus Drivers are **FREE**; how many will be coming from your school? For free _____

One Chaperone *per 10 students* is **FREE**, how many will you have? For Free _____

Additional adults will be \$6.00 each, how many will be coming? _____ Total for paying adults \$ _____

Total amount due (may be paid at the gate by Cash, check made out to Cracker Storytelling Festival , or Purchase order done ahead of coming to the event. Bring a copy of the PO with you. There will be NO credit or PCards taken. Please make sure you have done your P.O. Requisition before attending the event!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bus Fees: Remember you may use Title I money. We have some donated funds to share with schools to assist with one bus. Once the event is over we will be paying transportation directly. Your school will not have to get a check and then pay for the bus. You **will be responsible** for requesting this bus. Each school making this request will only get one bus paid for by Cracker until we run out of bus money.

If you need help with one bus put your school name here _____

Can your students participate?

Yes! **Youthful Voices**—student tellers—have become an integral part of local, state, and national storytelling.

Student tellers are welcome. There will be guidelines for the selection of the Youthful Tellers

Call Linda Chancey at (863) 393-5610, for more information and to register. **Deadline is October 31, 2017.**

Student’s name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher: _____

Send all forms in the Courier to **Terrie Sullivan, Library Media Services, Jim Miles Professional Development Center Rt. E, or email them to crackerstorytellingfestival@gmail.com**

You may call Terrie at 647-4716 or use the district the 5, digit number 57955. This form may be photocopied
Saturday: 12/9/17 Is the **22st Annual Crackerwhip Contest** for all ages will take place at 12:30 pm. Encourage your students to participate to win cash and trophies. Registration fee is \$10.00 per entry.

Storytelling is infectious—it’s up to you to help us keep it alive!