

Saddle up and head to North Texas for the 2023 Fall Gather!

On behalf of President B. B. Palmer, and the Officers of the Will James Society, we most cordially invite each and every member and friend to our 2023 Fall Gather. Our Gather locations are generally determined at least a year in advance, and the choice for this year was Ft. Worth, Texas. Fort Worth, as with many locales in Texas, has become a “hot” destination choice. The Stockyards have undergone many renovations in the last 2 years, with additions of new hotels, restaurants, shops and attractions, while maintaining the attractions that have brought folks to “northside” for decades – the twice daily cattle drives, Billy Bob’s and other night spots, the historic Stockyards Hotel, weekend rodeos, Texas Cowboys Hall of Fame, and much more! Restaurants stay busy and hotels are generally filled, and expensive!

Our tentative schedule is attached, and is designed with your good times, and economy, in mind! We have a day planned for the (cowboy) cultural district and downtown Ft. Worth, and another day set aside for you to try to get in all there is to see and do in the Stockyards. These weekend days are preceded by a day or so in historic Palo Pinto County, about 50 miles west of Ft. Worth. Here in the north Texas Hill Country, on the banks of the Brazos River, we will have our Board and Members’ Meetings, visit some sights and restaurants, and get up close and personal with some very rare, original Will James art pieces, letters, inscribed books, photographs, and more! Most of these Will James treasures have never before been exhibited or seen by folks.

A word about our choice for “Host Hotel” – We had originally planned for a hotel either in downtown Ft. Worth or in the Stockyards. These hotels, are much in demand, however, and even when the TCU football game is away, rates are excessive – like \$200 - \$300 on the weekdays, and \$500 to \$1100 in weekends! So, how about a really nice Inn on the west side of Mineral Wells for \$65?! For those who may still want the overnight Stockyards experience, a suggestion is to book a night Friday or Saturday. Our favorite is the new Drover but now VERY expensive; Hyatt Place, Courtyard and Springhill Suites are nice and so is the historic Stockyards Hotel.

Please send in your Registration forms soon; more details will be coming out periodically. And book your hotel NOW, if you don’t mind my encouragement; it doesn’t cost anything to reserve.

Sincerely, Kit Haddock

Questions?: call or text Kit @ 719-338-0125; email: kithaddock@mindspring.com

2023 FALL GATHER REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Additional Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

of Registrations: @ \$50.00 per person Total enclosed: \$

Please mail form and check (preferred payment) to Treasurer: John Washington
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