

Your programs are amazing!

We were able to sign up for "The Animals of the Mitten" by Jan Brett and great things happened even before we went to the Connect2Texas program! First, we got the best package in the mail ever! The kids were so excited when I opened the box and there was the brand new book of *The Mitten* for our own classroom library! We also got the white mitten and the masks and all the amazing materials to develop background knowledge! The kids were enthralled by the presenter and amazed to learn interesting and scientific facts about the animals in the story. They loved the hedgehog and couldn't stop talking about it for weeks afterward! We then went online to find out more because the program was like a match that lit the innate curious spirit in kids to want to learn and find out more about a topic! We always take for granted that kids have opportunities and experiences to go to museums or listen to an incredible storyteller read a book and make it come to life. Your programs allow our kids to get so much background knowledge, interact, and participate through the use of technology that can "take" you there without leaving the school.

— Giselle Gutierrez,
First Grade Teacher, Decatur, Texas

I just wanted to write to say thank you so much for the fantastic sessions this morning. The girls really enjoyed them and so did the staff. We were all impressed by the professional way that you switched between the photos and other evidence and then back to you. This allowed the students to discuss the evidence and see it even though they were not at the museum. The way you showed us 'through the window' using the live feed from the webcam was brilliant and very effectively placed you geographically. We also appreciated the expertise that you shared with us while keeping the interactive feel by constantly asking our girls questions and allowing them to direct the discussion. It was really a fantastic experience for them. You are both obviously fabulous educators.

— Naomi Manning,
Senior School IT Integrator, Wahroonga, Australia

I wanted to give you my sincere appreciation for the excellent videoconference with my 6th grade students this afternoon for Astronomy Day 2009 with McDonald Observatory. The dedication, preparation, and enthusiasm made a huge difference for the students! My students were highly impressed from the content and the opportunity to participate made it all the more worthwhile. Their understanding of the phases of Venus and the motion of the moons of Jupiter will always be remembered! I look forward to doing this again next year! Thanks again for the smooth videoconference and support from all involved!

— John S. Wilson III,
6th Grade Science Teacher, Sugar Land, Texas

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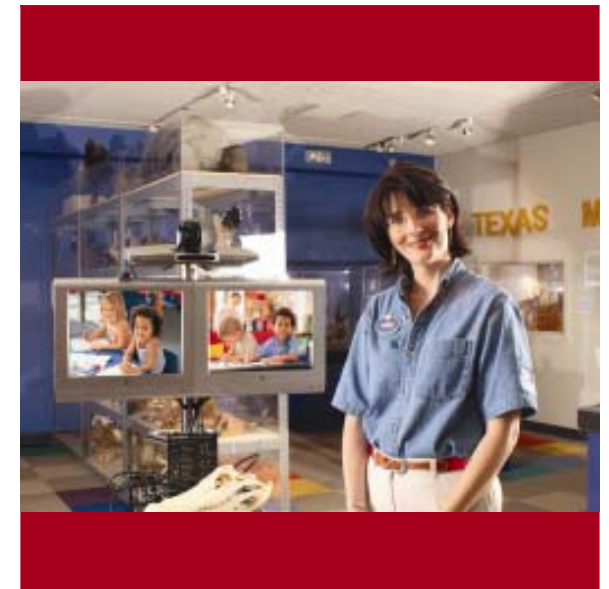
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About Connect2Texas

Connect2Texas is your key destination for finding providers located in Texas that are delivering curriculum enrichment programs (i.e., virtual field trips) and staff development via videoconferencing. Students and teachers will learn from some of the finest specialists in their profession — from naturalists, scientists, botanists, paleontologists, historians, musicians, authors, and much more.

These specialists can bring science, history, math, nature, space, western heritage, arts, literature, and a variety of other content into your classroom without ever requiring you to leave your campus!

Connect2Texas providers offer a wide variety of programs that target all subjects and grade levels from snakes to space. Programs are added throughout the year, so check back regularly for new programs and session availability.



Nancy Strickland connects art and history live from the gallery at the Amon Carter Museum during its "Art of the American West" program.

Content Providers

Amon Carter Museum of American Art
Author John Erickson,
Hank the Cowdog book series
Author Rooster Morris, *Axle Galench* book series
Bass Hall Performing Arts
Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
Cook Children's Medical Center
Dallas Symphony Orchestra
Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge
Fort Worth Zoo
Humanities Texas
Institute of Texan Cultures
McDonald Observatory
Multi-Educational Cross
Cultural Association (MECCA)
Museum of Nature and Science
National Archives at Fort Worth (NARA)
National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame
Old Jail Art Center
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum
Sid Richardson Museum
Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
Texas Wildlife Association
The Grace Museum

Registration

To schedule a Connect2Texas program, visit www.Connect2Texas.net. The Web site is designed to allow interested schools or other entities to:

- View upcoming programs
- Register online
- Search programs by grade level and/or subject
- Read detailed program descriptions
- Determine cost
- Check session availability

Some providers can do "on-demand" programs on specific dates and times. Please contact the provider directly to make these special arrangements.

Connectivity

The Region Eleven Telecommunications Network (RETN) will provide bridging, testing, and technical assistance for most Connect2Texas programs. All connections are made via IP (H.323). RETN also has access to high bandwidth connections via Internet2 (I2) and/or TETN Plus.

Services

Connect2Texas offers assistance with:

- "Getting started" in videoconferencing (IVC)
- Marketing/promoting programs
- Online scheduling and registration
- Bridging connections to schools across the country (*see connectivity information above*)
- Program overviews and/or demonstrations
- Membership for potential providers in Texas

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