

250th Anniversary Celebration Schedule of Events



<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
Commemorative Poster Competition and Photography Drawing Calendar Competition	Kick-off is September 2004	The 250th Anniversary Celebration Commission Arts and Culture Sub-Committee will sponsor a commemorative poster competition and photography / drawing competition among local high school students and professional artists.
Unveiling of Commemorative Poster	January 5, 2005	Sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, a press conference will be held to unveil the commemorative poster and to introduce the winning artist.
Unveiling of Commemorative Calendar	January 13, 2005	Sponsored by Wells Fargo, the 11 winning artists and their art work will be presented at a press conference. The Commemorative Calendar will be unveiled to the public.
Central Hockey League All Star Conference & Game	January 10-13, 2005	The city of Laredo will hold the 2005 Central Hockey League All Star Game at the Laredo Entertainment Center.
III Laredo International Sister Cities Festival	January 28-30, 2005	The Laredo International Festival of Sisters Cities is an annual business, trade, tourism, arts and culture exposition featuring products from Laredo's Sister Cities around the world.
Washington's Birthday Celebration	January 29 – February 20, 2005	108 th Annual celebration dedicated to the 250 th Anniversary of the City of Laredo. During this event the City of Laredo swings open the city's doors to welcome visitors from far and near to the almost month long adventures that is the Washington's Birthday Celebration, a 31-day event party with something for everyone.
Federal Justice System of Southern District of Texas Centennial	February 2005	A pictorial display of the evolution of the Federal Justice System of South Texas. Biographies of Prominent figures of the Court System will be showcased including a history of famous cases.
250 th Float in WBCA Parades	February 17 and 19, 2005	The historical-themed float will appear in both WBCA parades. Float participants will be handing out flyers with the celebration's schedule of events.
250 th Historical Traveling Exhibits South Texas Tour	January-December 2005	The Webb County Heritage Foundation will prepare two traveling exhibits that will be on tour in South Texas. The exhibit will include historical and current information about Laredo.

Culturas en la Plaza	March 19, 2005	The City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a farmer's market as part of its Culturas en la Plaza series of open-air cultural events. Fruits, vegetables, plants, pottery, ironwork, and arts and crafts will be available to the public, as well as live entertainment.
Día de Los Niños	April 30, 2005	Celebrating young Americans, an event held annually in over 75 cities throughout the country, is based on the Day of the Child. This event is celebrated internationally and endorsed by the U.S. Congress. Locally, Texas Migrant Council, Inc. sponsors this dynamic event with collaboration from public and private entities, children, youth and parents.
Founders Day Banquet	May 14, 2005	The Webb County Heritage Foundation will sponsor gala honoring descendants of Don Tomas Sanchez and the founding families of Laredo.
Founder's Day Historical Play	May 15, 2005	The Webb County Heritage Foundation will sponsor a local theatrical production company in a dramatic production featuring Laredo's heritage and history.
Miss Texas USA Pageant 2006	June 24-26, 2005	For the second year in a row, the Miss Texas USA Pageant will be held in Laredo. It is estimated that close to 150 contestants will compete for the title.
Seven Flags – Seven Cultures Festival	July 1-2, 2005	The two - day event will be held at the Laredo Civic Center grounds and the theme will focus on the seven flags and seven cultures that once ruled Laredo.
Catholic Diocese of Laredo 5 th Anniversary	August 2005	On March 17, 2000, Bishop Edmond Carmody was installed as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi and immediately turned his attention to the Laredo area for confirmations and continuing the ongoing process on behalf of erection of the Diocese of Laredo. On August 9, 2000, the Canonical Erection of the Diocese of Laredo took place, and Bishop James A. Tamayo was installed as Bishop. Laredo is the fifteenth diocese in the state of Texas. The area of the Diocese covers over 10,905 square miles with a catholic population of 222,250. Numerous events will be held to celebrate the anniversary.
Texas Genealogical Society Conference	September 2-4, 2005	Annual Texas conference with an expected attendance of 300 participants. The conference will include ranch tours, city tours, and a tour of San Ignacio, Texas. Prominent guest speakers will be invited to address conference participants. The event will be held at the Laredo Civic Center and is hosted by Villa San Agustin de Laredo Genealogical Society.
History Fairs at Local Schools	October 2005	The 250th Anniversary Celebration Commission will approach school principals from September - December 2004 to encourage them to hold history fairs during 2005.
Texas Historical Foundation Board of Directors Meeting	October 20-23, 2005	The Texas Historical Commission (TCH) is the state agency for historic preservation. The TCH is composed of 17 citizen members appointed by the governor and employs about 100 people who work in various fields, including archeology, architecture, history, economic development, heritage tourism, public administration and urban planning.
La Historia y Histografía de Los Dos Laredo	November 17-18, 2005	The symposium will discuss and analyze the major historic events of Los Dos Laredo. The event will be held at the Archivo Histórico Municipal Juan E. Richer in Nuevo Laredo