

THE BLACK BELT CONNECTION

where education and community meet

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HOMETOWN TEAMS AT UWA: HOW TO BRING A SMITHSONIAN TRAVELING EXHIBIT INTO YOUR CLASSROOM THIS FALL

Tuesday, July 12

Registration Is Active

Campbell Environmental
Education Center, UWA

The Alabama Humanities Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service's Museum on Main Street program are partnering to bring an exhibit, "Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America" to the University of West Alabama for six weeks in the fall, Sept. 14- Oct. 31. As the host, UWA's Division of Economic Development and Outreach, in cooperation with the Black Belt Museum and the Center for the Study of the Black Belt wish to bring "Hometown Teams" beyond the exhibit space to Sumter County communities, including students.



For teachers, the program expands to include pertinent information about dates of display, activities, programs and ways for the schools and community to be involved in the project. The second half session of instruction involves examination of the six included lesson plans for 6th - 10th grade students in local schools. Those six lesson plans derived from the exhibit and created by the Smithsonian were compiled to help students observe, encounter, participate, and learn about the importance of and impact of sports in American communities. Practical experience of lesson plans will be included as well.

For more information contact Brian Mast, Public Historian, Black Belt Museum at (205) 652 5528 or email bmast@uwa.edu.

FACEBOOK LINKS

[Division of Economic Development and Outreach](#)

[Center for the Study of the Black Belt](#)

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DEDO Partners

Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area

Alabama's Black Belt: Where the Culture is as Rich as the Land. The Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area comprises 19 counties in central and western Alabama that are working together to attain designation as a National Heritage Area. Visit them on Facebook [here](#).

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is the voice for the future of Alabama's historic places. Visit them on Facebook [here](#).

Hometown

Click [here](#) for event information and registration form.

YOUR PAPER TRAIL: BRING 'EM BACK TO LIFE CONFERENCE EXPLORES LOCAL RESOURCES

Friday, July 21-Sat., July 23

Registration Deadline:

Friday, July 15

**Bell Conference Center,
UWA**

The University of West Alabama's Black Belt Archives and the Marengo County History and Archives Museum in Demopolis announce the third annual Black Belt genealogy conference titled, *Your Paper Trail: Bring 'Em Back to Life* on July 21-23.



For more information on the Your Paper Trail conference, contact Amy Christiansen at (205) 652-3655/achristiansen@uwa.edu or Mary Jones-Fitts at (334) 341-3439/marengomuseum@yahoo.com.

Click [here](#) for event information flyer.

Click [here](#) for registration form.

REGISTER NOW-CERTIFIED INTERPRETIVE GUIDE TRAINING COURSE AT UWA

Tues., July 26-Fri., July 29

Early Registration Deadline:

Monday, July 11

**The University of West Alabama,
Livingston**



The Alabama Chapter of the National Association for Interpretation Sunny Southeast Region, in partnership with Center for the Study of the Black Belt and Black Belt Museum is offering an interpretive guide training course for individuals who deliver interpretive programs or have public contact at interpretive sites. Students pursuing degrees in Park and Recreation Management, History, Education, Archaeology and Biology benefit from learning how to take technical information then present it to any audience. The training combines both the theoretical foundations of the profession with practical skills in delivering quality interpretive programming to visitors. Course materials are covered over a 4-day period of class work, lectures, interactive activities and application of learned principles. This course is required to obtain guide certification. Those who take the course have the option to become certified by taking the certification exam at the end of the course and paying the additional certification fee.

Teams Exhibit

DEDO is seeking event sponsorship and offering a teacher classroom course- earn CEU's.

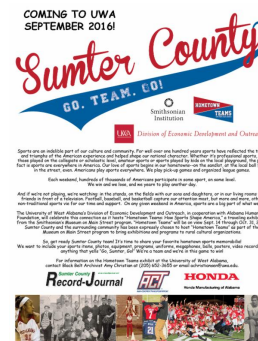
UWA's Division of Economic Development and Outreach, in cooperation with Alabama Humanities Foundation, will celebrate "Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America," a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program, Sept. 14 through Oct. 31, 2016.

Click below for information links.

[Teacher Classroom](#)

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For class description and to register, click [here](#).

For more information about the workshop please contact Brian Mast, Public Historian at the Black Belt Museum in the Division of Economic Development and Outreach at the University of West Alabama, at 205-652-5528 or email: bmast@uwa.edu.

**ALABAMA PRESERVATION/
NATIONAL ALLIANCE
OF PRESERVATION
COMMISSIONS
CONFERENCE**



Wed., July 27-Sun., July 31

Registration Is Active

Mobile

Plan now to attend the Alabama Preservation Conference being held in conjunction with the National Alliance of Preservation Commission (NAPC). Hip. Happening. Historic. Preservation@50 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the National Preservation Act and 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service. The joint conference is for preservation lay people, professionals, and volunteers and includes educational sessions and discussion panels, mobile workshops and tours, and five days of non-stop networking for commission staff and volunteers representing local, state and national organizations and government agencies. Programs also include special events at historic sites and the Alabama's Preservation Awards Ceremony and luncheon.

For more program updates and registration information, click [here](#) to visit the Forum 2016 website.



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