

3-Day Senior Trip to Galveston Packed With Entertainment, Fun

Twenty-one Giddings High School seniors and four adults early Wednesday morning, May 31, started on a three-day trip to Galveston.

First stop was made in Hempstead where the group got refreshments and individuals took snapshots.

When the group arrived in Houston their first visit was to the Shamrock Hotel. There a bellboy took them to the luxurious Shamrock room and others. They also admired the large, beautiful, out-door swimming pool.

From there they journeyed to the San Jacinto Battleground. The majority of the group went up to the tower of the monument, the world's tallest, which is 570 feet and 4 inches high. Some of them looked at exhibits in the museum which start with the coming of the first Europeans to Mexico in 1519 and cover eight historical eras down to 1861.

They stopped to view the outside of the Battleship "Texas" and took snapshots of it.

At approximately 3:15 p. m. they arrived in Galveston. They spent two nights in Hotel Galvez which overlooks the seawall and the Gulf of Mexico.

Soon after they arrived they were shown to their rooms. The class occupied seven of the rooms. Several hours were spent on the beach.

After resting most of them ate a seafood dinner, and went to a show and the amusement park. At midnight the group took a ferry ride. They later were told that they had received the first free trip. Starting June 1 all rides were to be without charge.

After the ride they returned to their hotel room where they retired for the night a few hours later.

The next morning after a late breakfast the group went on a boat trip eighteen miles out in the gulf.

In the afternoon they went swimming again. Some rented surf boats and others jumped the waves.

At night most of them went to the amusement park again.

The next morning a group went shopping in town while others stayed at the hotel or went bicycle riding.

After dinner they returned to the hotel where the clothes were packed and loaded again in the bus.

The bus pulled out of the hotel driveway at approximately 3:15 p. m. On the way home they rode on the Gulf Freeway into Houston.

After a stop in Houston and Hempstead the group returned to Giddings around 9 p. m.

The senior boys who went were Buster Rost, Flovd Zoch, Otis Faske, Marvin Fischer, Van Durrenberger, and Morris Chapple.

Fifteen girls who went were Georgie Ann McDonald, Virginia Karcher, Joyce Ann Gruetzner, Eola Nell Tate, Doris Melcher, Helen Schulze, Alliene Karcher, Mary Harrison, Delores Lara, Estephania Gonzales, Dorothy Sanders, Helen Burttschell, Shirley McIntosh, Irene Kappler, and Gloria Behrend. The group was accompanied by four adults, Mrs. M. C. Gruetzner, room mother; Mrs. E. H. Rost, mother, Mrs. A. D. Glover, sponsor, and Supt. C. N. Bigham, bus driver.