



## HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO™

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### 2019 The Spanish Trail Story Idea and History

#### Story Ideas

- Spanish Trail Ride has supported many FFA and 4-H chapters in area towns, as well as schools and volunteer fire departments. Along the route, the ride visits schools in the small towns, teaching Western Heritage to the children.
- Judged the top ride in the mid-sized trail ride division for 2015, based upon appearance of riders and wagons, adherence to safety requirements, approved animals and wagons, behavior of riders within guidelines, and wearing of traditional Western apparel. Spanish Trail was also the top ride in their division a number of times over the years.
- A popular event is the stop at the Sears Store on North Shepherd on Friday. The public and students from Garden Oaks Elementary School arrive around 10am to visit the trail ride and see Western Heritage in person. The management and employees of the Sears Store help to make this a special event for the children and the riders, during their last stop before they ride into Memorial Park.
- Spanish Trail has several women wagon drivers, and long-time riding families, all with fascinating stories to tell!

#### History

- Joe Cantrell has served as Trail Boss of this family-oriented ride for over 40 years. He received special recognition from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo after his 35th ride as Trail Boss. Two generations of the Cantrell family lead the ride. Joe's kids have grown up on this ride and they are now joined by grandchildren and great grandchildren. The ride is dedicated to preserving Western heritage by teaching younger generations about true Western traditions and past life in Texas.
- Four generations of riders carry on the traditions of this family ride, which was started by "Punk" Dugat and fellow riders in 1961, in Sour Lake, TX