



BIGFOOT IN TEXAS?

April 7-July 30, 2006

Reports of giant human-like animals covered with hair were filed in Texas as early as the 1830s and as recently as 2006. Believers say it is Bigfoot, a relative of the Yeti in the Himalayas, or the Hairy Man, a central figure in Native American art. Non-believers say Bigfoot is the product of active imaginations.

What do you believe?

From April 7 through July 30, 2006, UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures invites you to examine the conflicting perspectives and decide for yourself if Bigfoot really exists.

You will enter the much-anticipated exhibit through the "Big Thicket," a re-creation of the Sam Houston National Forest. Cloaked in darkness and surrounded by the sounds of familiar nocturnal creatures and a unique high-pitched call recorded in East Texas and attributed to Bigfoot, you will find yourself on an expedition to discover the truth about this popular creature!

Upon exiting the Big Thicket, you will enter a Bigfoot display area featuring—

- ✦ **Foot and hand casts collected during multiple Bigfoot expeditions.**
- ✦ **The Skookum body cast.**
- ✦ **Hair samples that, according to DNA analysis, are similar to that of a gorilla but cannot be definitively classified.**
- ✦ **A comparison between the skull of gigantopithecus (believed to be Bigfoot) and the skulls of a gorilla and a human.**
- ✦ **A chart of Texas Bigfoot sightings.**
- ✦ **Essential Bigfoot research field equipment assembled by expert field researchers.**
- ✦ **A unique photo opportunity beside a giant Bigfoot mask!**

Continue your expedition by joining other honorary Bigfoot researchers for a 50-minute documentary, "Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science."

The young participants in your search party can make hand casts in clay and color Bigfoot masks!

You can also enhance your experience by participating in presentations by some of the world's foremost authorities on Bigfoot research. Currently scheduled guest speakers include Loren Coleman, Rick Noll, Jimmy Chilcutt, Dr. Jeff Meldrum, Benjamin Radford, Alton Higgins, Peter Byrne, Daryl Colyer, and Kathy Moskowitz-Strain. For specific dates and times, please visit our Web site: www.TexanCultures.UTSA.edu.

Before you leave, you'll be asked to add your thoughts to the debate by voting "yes" or "no": Do you believe?

Join the expedition and formulate your own conclusions April 7–July 30 at UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio's cultural experience museum!

Bigfoot in Texas? is a joint effort by UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures and the Texas Bigfoot Research Center. UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures does not maintain an official position on the existence of Bigfoot. There is no conclusive evidence that Bigfoot does exist; however, footprint casts, handprint casts, and sightings pose questions that are not easily answered. Do you believe?



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Name _____

Date _____

Bigfoot in Texas?

1. When can you visit the Bigfoot exhibit? _____

2. When were the reports about Bigfoot filed? _____

3. What does the selection call people who think that Bigfoot is not real?

4. What causes people to believe in Bigfoot? _____

5. The main idea of paragraphs 2 and 3 is... _____

6. At the end of the exhibit, what will you be asked to do? _____

7. If you want to know more about Bigfoot, what can you do? _____

8. What clues help you believe that Bigfoot may be real? _____

9. What clues support the idea that Bigfoot is not real? _____

10. Write a summary of this selection. _____

11. This selection is mostly about... _____

12. Why does the exhibit compare the skulls of gigantopithecus to the skulls of a gorilla and a human? _____

13. If you wanted a chance to see Bigfoot in the wild, what would you probably want to do? _____

14. The most likely reason that the author wrote this selection is to... _____

15. The author probably included the picture so that... _____

16. Why did the author use bullets in paragraph four? _____

17. Do you believe in Bigfoot? Why? _____

18. Use the information from the selection to complete the graphic organizer?

