

## Resources for the Texas Giant Traveling Map

The Texas Alliance for Geographic Education has a webpage devoted to information, resources, and links about the [Texas Giant Traveling Map](http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage) program. Additional resources are also available on the [National Geographic Giant Traveling Map](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/giant-traveling-map/).

### How do I use the Giant Traveling Map at my school?

1. Review the maps and decide which one fits best.
2. Determine which schools will host the map and the top three preferred dates.
3. Complete the reservation form at <http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/teaching-resources/Giant-Traveling-Map.html>.
4. Instructional materials prep: We recommend going over skills and/or content with students before the map arrives. Then, introduce the Giant Map with one of the lessons from NGS handbook or the Let's Explore lesson from the TAGE handbook. Then either another skills lesson or a content lesson. Finally complete a closing activity in your classroom.
5. You will receive the trunk from UPS or FedEx to the address that you submitted on the form. The lock code is 245 or 542. Make sure that all materials are in the box.
6. All feet on the map should be in socks! When you are finished with the map, fold it and pack all materials gently back into the trunk. The trunk may go directly to another school.
7. Put the return shipping label on the box and use packing tape to secure it.
8. Either take the trunk to UPS or arrange for UPS to pick up the trunk within the time frame.
9. Complete the online form at <http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/about/TC-Corner/Outreach-Reporting.html>. We MUST have the information for grant reporting purposes.



FIGURE 1 TAGE GIANT MAP OF TEXAS (2 SIZES)



FIGURE 2 NGS GIANT MAP OF TEXAS

## What is a Giant Traveling Map?

The Giant Traveling Map is an oversized vinyl floor map that you can rent with a trunk of activities for one week (for schools) to three weeks (for districts). Texas has three types of maps.

- TAGE Giant Map of Texas 12.5 ft x 12.5 ft
- TAGE Giant Map of Texas 25 ft
- NGS Giant Map of Texas 17 ft x 21 ft

## How much does it cost to rent the map?

For 2016-17, rental is free of charge until funding runs out.

## What comes with the map?

TAGE Giant Map includes manipulatives for the TAGE Handbook. The NGS Giant Map includes manipulatives for the NGS Handbook. However, most lessons can be used with either map and many of the same manipulatives are in both trunks.

## What instructional materials are available?

**NGS Handbook** includes the following:

- Overview of Spatial Thinking Research
- What? Why? Wonder!
- Grids
- Physical Features Scavenger Hunt
- Cardinal Directions
- Map Scale and Measuring Distance
- Intro to GIS

**TAGE Exploring Texas with Digital Story Maps** resources:

- [Celebrating Texas' Festivals](#)
- [Texas Settlements](#)
- [Exploring the Texas Cattle Trails](#)
- [Instructional Guide for Exploring Texas with Digital Story Maps](#)

**TAGE Handbook** includes the following lessons:

- Let's Explore Texas: WalkAbout
- A Shapely State
- Regions of Texas
- Everything is BIG in Texas: Cities and Population
- Legend-ary Skills
- Exploring and Trading Across Texas
- Creatures Great and Small
- Show Me Texas: Cultural Geography
- Wet, Dry, and Wild Rivers of Texas
- Urban Population Patterns in Texas: Using Census Data 2010
- Settlement of Texas Towns
- Texas Treasure Hunt

**Links to all resources are available at**

**<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/teaching-resources/Giant-Traveling-Map.html>**