

# Institute of Texan Cultures

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## WEATHERBUG ONLINE AT ITC

*Tracking station provides real-time video and weather conditions*

SAN ANTONIO – the Institute of Texan Cultures recently completed the installation of a WeatherBug Tracking Station at the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus. Installed on the Northwest-facing entrance rooftop, the camera provides a real-time camera view of HemisFair Park in downtown San Antonio.

One of the iconic sites on the HemisFair Campus grounds, the Zachry flag plaza, is visible in the foreground, a helpful indicator of current wind conditions. The camera's panorama of downtown encompasses the Tower Life Building and the base of the Tower of the Americas, a helpful indicator for current weather conditions as a gauge for low-level fog.

“Texas weather is very much a factor in understanding our Texan cultures,” said Tim Gette, executive director of the Institute of Texan Cultures. “Weather has shaped major events in Texas, from the Great Storm of 1900 that hit Galveston Island, to the Dust Bowl of the ‘30s, and into the modern era with Hurricane Ike and the drought of this past summer. Texans have learned to adapt to hot, cold, wet and dry weather.”

The institute's WeatherBug can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/ycc4ngc>. A

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series of educational materials is available under the “Education” link at [weather.WeatherBug.com](http://weather.WeatherBug.com) and the institute’s Education and Interpretation department is working to adapt the materials into a classroom curriculum.

The WeatherBug station tracks any current weather alerts such as flash flood warnings, provides a seven-day forecast, and lists current conditions: temperature with heat index, humidity, dew point, wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, sunrise and sunset times, inches of rain in the month and moon phase. Also, the station provides its latitude, longitude and elevation coordinates.

WeatherBug, the leading provider of weather information services, manages and operates a proprietary network of over 8,000 WeatherBug Tracking Stations and more than 1,000 cameras that are strategically placed at schools, public safety facilities and television stations throughout the U.S. The local WeatherBug affiliate is KENS-TV and the institute’s camera has been used regularly in their news broadcast since installation. These professional-grade weather stations generate live, neighborhood-level reports every second.

The Institute of Texan Cultures is located on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 801 E. Durango Blvd., a short distance from the Alamo and the River Walk. Regular hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults (12-64); \$7 for seniors (65+); \$6 for children (3-11); free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification. For additional information, call (210) 458-2300 or visit [TexanCultures.com](http://TexanCultures.com).