

RootsTech 2017 Preview



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RootsTech 2017: Highlights

RootsTech 2017 promises to be bigger and better than ever, with a full slate of activities and family history happenings. Here's a quick guide to what you need to know for a great experience there.



Events

- Welcome Party: 2/8, 6 p.m.
- Opening Event: Mormon Tabernacle Choir & Orchestra at Temple Square: 2/9, 8 p.m.
- Innovator Showdown: 2/10, 10:30 a.m.
- Free Discovery Day: 2/11, all day
- Closing Event: 2/11, 5:30 p.m.

Classes

- Over 200 sessions, including lecture, lab, and hands-on learning

Expo Hall

- Hundreds of exhibitors (including The Family History Guide, of course)
- Innovator's Alley
- Coaches' Corner
- Discovery Zone

Headliners

- Scott Brothers (aka "The Property Brothers")
- Buddy "Cake Boss" Valastro
- LeVar Burton
- CeCe Moore

Registration

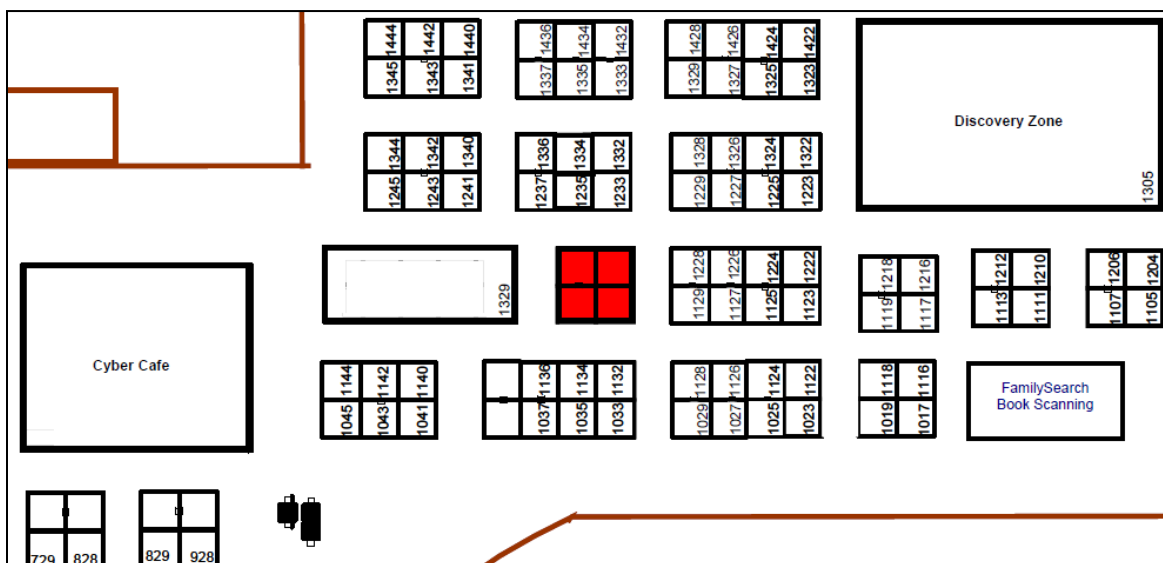
To register for RootsTech 2017, visit <https://rt2017.smarteventscloud.com/portal/newreg.wv>



The Family History Guide at RootsTech

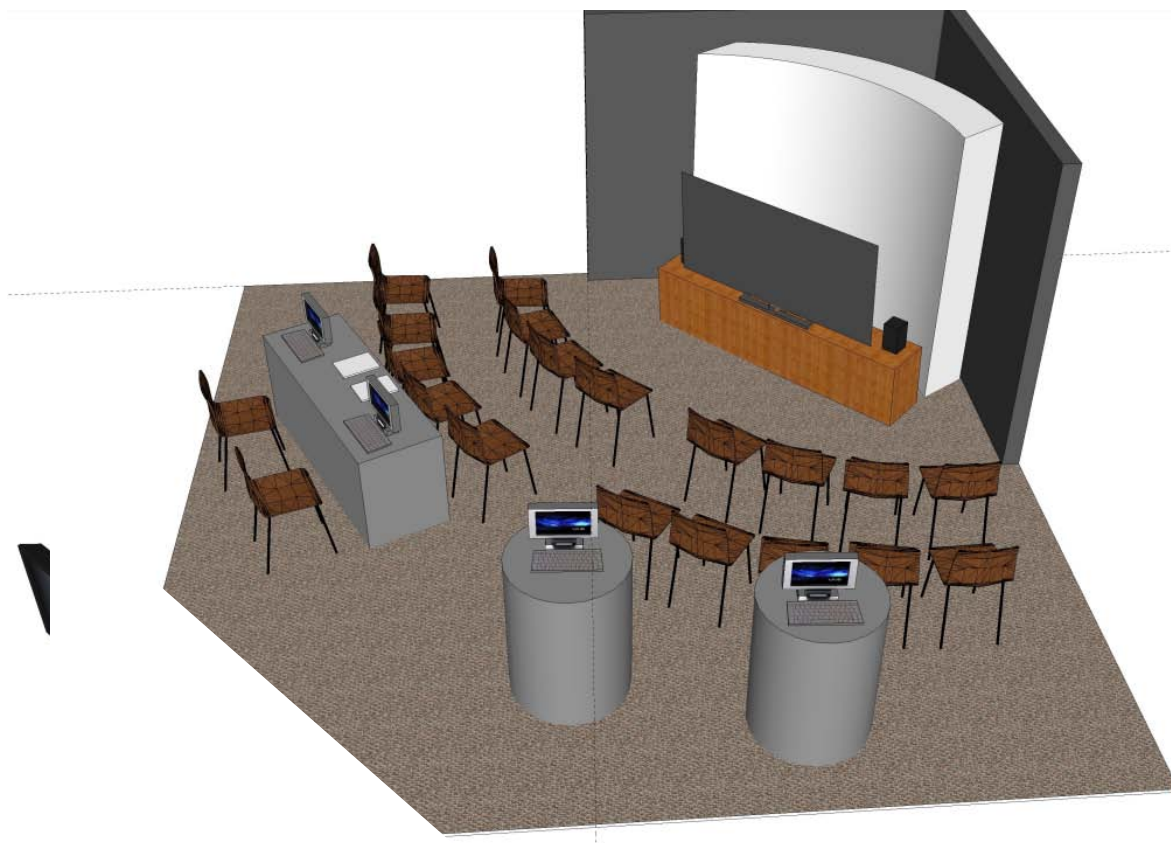
We're looking forward to our second year at RootsTech, and we have some great things planned. (We don't sit around waiting for things to happen!)

If you're at RootsTech 2017, by all means stop by and say hello. This year we are in Booth 1133 in the Expo Hall, and here's a snapshot of where it's located (in red):



And here's a diagram of our booth layout. Notice the theater seating in the back for mini-class presentations, as well as two demo stations on the right and a "do-it-yourself" exploration station on the left.

For more information on the mini-class schedule, see the article below. We're honored to have Dr. James Tanner, noted genealogist and blogger, as one of our featured presenters this year.





Mini-Classes: A Sneak Peek

Here's a look at the current schedule for mini-classes at our RootsTech booth, #1133.

There are 9 different classes and a total of 45 sessions - all free.

All classes are 15 minutes each, with a 15-min. break in-between for Q&A & setup.

The schedule is subject to change based on a number of factors.

Instructor Legend:

BI = Bob Ives

BT = Bob Taylor

JT = James Tanner

LB = Laurie Beardall

GM = Gail Martinez

Thur. Feb 9	Mini Class	Fri. Feb 10	Mini Class	Sat. Feb 11	Mini Class
10:15a	Introduction to The Family History Guide BI	10:15	Introduction to The Family History Guide JT	10:15	Introduction to The Family History Guide JT
Break		Break		Break	
10:45a	World and Ethnic Research with The Family History Guide BT	10:45a	World and Ethnic Research with The Family History Guide BT	10:45a	Involving Youth in Family History using The Family History Guide GM
Break		Break		Break	
11:15a	The FamilySearch Family Tree and The Family History Guide JT	11:15a	The Family History Guide for Consultants, Teachers, and Trainers LB	11:15a	The FamilySearch Family Tree and The Family History Guide JT
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12:15p	The Family History Guide for Consultants, Teachers, and Trainers LB	12:15p	Tips and Tricks to using The Family History Guide BT	12:15p	The Family History Guide for Consultants, Teachers, and Trainers LB
Break		Break		Break	
12:45p	Involving Youth in Family History using The Family History Guide GM	12:45p	U.S. Research with The Family History Guide BT	12:45p	The FamilySearch Memories and The Family History Guide BT
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1:15p	Introduction to The Family History Guide BI	1:15p	Introduction to The Family History Guide BI	1:15p	Introduction to The Family History Guide BI
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		Break			
		5:45p	World and Ethnic Research with The Family History Guide BT		
		Break			
		6:15p	Tips and Tricks to using The Family History Guide BT		



Inside the Guide: Context-Sensitive Help



Sometimes you need more than just an instruction when you're learning about FamilySearch; you need to see what place on the screen the instruction is talking about. The typical approach is to add large screen shots after every step or two. The problem with that is the amount of space it can take up: a process with ten steps could span several pages. So what to do?

Project 1 of The Family History Guide now has small popup windows linked to the bold words in the instruction steps. When you click a bold word, the popup screen appears so you can see the FamilySearch screen location that the step refers to. This hides the help information until you decide to display it. The relevant information is marked with a red arrow.

Try the example below: click "Family Tree" to open a popup window with the help screenshot. (Note: in this newsletter the popup opens as a complete browser tab, but on the website it's a small popup window in the upper-left corner of the screen.)

menu click **Family Tree**. You will see
) with your ancestors' information.
v type in the second menu bar.
where on the Family Tree screen to

Check out the context-sensitive help popups in Project 1 of The Family History Guide. Popups for Project 2 will be available soon.

On the Horizon

We will be at all Family History Fairs and events listed below. For details, see the Events link on the website for details (www.thefhguide.com/events.html).

Jan. 24—BYU Webinar: Getting Started with Research with The Family History Guide

This free webinar will help you learn about solid research techniques, using The Family History. It begins at 6 p.m., and signup information is available [here](#).

Feb. 9-11—RootsTech 2017 Conference, Salt Lake City

Stay tuned for announcements in our newsletter and on our Facebook page for The Family History Guide at RootsTech 2017.

Feb. 24—February 24 Kaysville Utah Family History Center Discovery Day

Bob Ives will present The Family History Guide. Stay tuned for details.



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