Texas A&M Tradition Website Information

Name of Tradition: Bonfire Memorial

Creators of Tradition: Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University Students

Date Tradition was established: November 18, 1907. Where the first bonfire occurred.

Time of Year Tradition occurs: Annually on November 18th at around 2:42 a.m.

Detailed Explanation:

Aggie bonfire was originally a scrap heap in 1907 where it was originally used to showcase a drive motivation to defeat University of Texas in a football game. The Aggie bonfires were created and burned every year for the next decades. However, on November 18th, 1999, before the bonfire was burnt, it collapsed and killed 12 students while injuring 27.

As a result, Bonfire Memorial became an annual tradition to commemorate those who have been involved in the incident, located at the same location where the tragedy occurred. Today, thousands of Texas A&M students and even Non-Texas A&M students visit the bonfire memorial, experiencing the Aggie spirit and bringing a sense of unity and belonging to the University.

Source: <https://www.tamu.edu/campus-community/traditions/remembrance/bonfire-memorial.html>