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Teacher Annie Mogford, center, is shown with students in front of the log cabin school at Cherry Mountain in Gillespie County. This photo is from the early 1900s.

Open house, tour on tap Saturday at historic school

FREDERICKSBURG — Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools invite the public to celebrate the history of Cherry Mountain School. The Cherry Mountain is located on the year-round Gillespie County Rural Schools Trail at 2866 Cherry Mountain Loop.

The Cherry Mountain Community Club will have an open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Following the open house there will be an old-fashioned country

picnic on the grounds with a live auction followed by a barbecue with all the trimmings. All proceeds go toward improving the school grounds and facilities.

The original school was built in 1883. The present school building was built in 1926. It has been restored and now is a mini museum, featuring the old teacher desk, student desks, the original bell that called students to class and a piano among other period items.

In 1993, a Texas Historical Commission Marker was dedicated.

Docents will be available at Saturday's event to share history of bygone days and answer questions. Banners will identify the school.

Call 830-997-5703 for more information or go to www.historic-schools.org.

Driving maps for the trail are available at the Fredericksburg Visitors Center, 302 E. Austin St., Fredericksburg.