



School Group Field Trips Hands-on-History Center with House and Grounds Tour

Purpose of the Hands-on-History Center

The Hands-on-History programs are designed to give students the opportunity to experience various aspects of daily life within the plantation community and Thomas Jefferson's time at Poplar Forest. Led by the Hands-on-History Leader, students will have a chance to interact with docents, participate in hands-on-activities and use critical thinking skills to interpret, analyze, and evaluate history.

General Information

When: Teachers and home school educators can schedule a field trip mid-March 15 through June, and August through October.

Who: The program is suitable for students from K-5 students and up, with a **minimum of 15 students**. The ideal number of students for a program rotation is between 15-22 students. Large groups will be divided into smaller groups. We require one teacher/chaperone for every group of students.

Cost: \$5.00 per student

Teachers, aides, and bus drivers are free.

\$12.00 per adult **prepaid to the school**.

The group admission rate is applicable to late arriving parents if they have notified the teacher they will be arriving late. Teachers, please let the Museum Shop know there will be late arrivals.

All teachers, parents and aides need to have ID badges or name tags indicating they are with your group.

Activities:

Select two of the following Hands-on-History activities for the primary class focus:

Included in the selection will be an orientation that will cover particular items of the Plantation Community

Literally Fun (Quill- Pen Writing at Poplar Forest) Grades 2 and Up

Dig the Past (Archaeology) Grades 3 and Up preferred

Build a Dream (Architecture/Brick Making) Grades first and Up

Hidden Lives (The Plantation Community at Poplar Forest) Grades 5 and Up preferred

Format for Hands-on Activities

- The Hands-on-History Leader will introduce the students to Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson and the plantation community.
- Students need to be divided by classes, or into groups for Hands-on-History activities and a tour of the main house, lower level, service wing, and slave quarter site—weather permitting.

You may also schedule time and reserve our picnic tables if you plan on having your lunch on the grounds. **For the entire program, which includes Hands-on-History activities, a House and Grounds tour, Archaeology site, Slave Quarter site, and lunch, please allow 3 hours for your visit.**

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Confirmation

Once your field trip is scheduled, you will receive a confirmation packet containing a schedule, guidelines and pre- and post-visit materials. Also included will be written directions and maps, which will guide you to the Poplar Forest Service Entrance. Please be on time. For late arrivals, programming time may need to be adjusted based on our schedule for the day. Your lunch and departure time may need to be adjusted as well.

For more information or to schedule a field trip, please contact
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