Fort Necessity

National Park Service
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Fort Necessity
National Battlefield

Education Program for 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Classes

Activities during tour of Fort Necessity

Three Cultures in Conflict at Fort Necessity

Three very different cultures came into conflict over trade and land, sparking the Battle at Fort Necessity which had important ramifications on our nation's history. This half-day program helps students learn about the French, the British and the American Indians; and the circumstances that led to war. The program includes a workshop in the learning lab where students learn about the three cultures through hands-on activities, a guided tour of the reconstructed fort, a tour of the exhibits, viewing the 20- minute film, visiting the bookstore and access to picnic tables for lunch.

Tour of the Reconstructed Fort

Your students are guided on a journey to historic Fort Necessity. They will explore Fort Necessity's weakness with a mapping exercise. Through a hands-on activity they discover why the British were vulnerable. They also look at the difficult decision the French had to make and decide how they would have acted.

Learning Lab Workshop with hands on involvement

In the Learning Lab, students do what American Indians of the 1700's did. They try their hand at planting gardens, grinding corn, tracking and identifying animals. The American Indians could grow or make some of what they needed to survive, but traded for other necessities. Through hands-on activities, students learn about how the British, French, and American Indians interacted and came into conflict

Learning Lab Workshop

Fort Necessity/National Road Interpretive and Education Center

Exhibits

The interactive exhibits will engage the students in the history of the area. Exhibit guides will help you and your class get the most out of the exhibits. The exhibits highlight the clash of several cultures struggling for control of the North American continent and how this struggle ultimately led to the birth of the United States as an independent nation.

Orientation Movie

The orientation movie shown in the seventy seat theater links the events of the French and Indian War and the National Road to the world we live in today. This is a good introduction to the history of the events of the battlefield.

Bookstore

To help students remember and expand on what they learned during their visit, a greater selection of books and theme related souvenirs is available at the bookstore.

Historic figures welcome visitors to the Fort Necessity/National Road Interpretation and Education Center.

Curriculum Based Program

This program was developed to meet the Pennsylvania academic standards for history and geography at the fourth through sixth grade level. While your students are enjoying themselves they are learning things they need to know. Your field trip won't be a day lost from accomplishing your lesson plan.

Classroom Materials

The "French and Indian War: 1754-1763" is a complete teacher's education kit for 4th -6th grade teachers. The kit includes a 156 page teacher's guide, background information for teachers, student readings and numerous activities. It also includes 27 biography cards, a color wall map and three reproduction artifacts. The kit is available for $40.00 through the Fort Necessity bookstore. Two free lessons are accessible on the Fort Necessity web site.

"So pertinent to our studies."

4th grade teacher

Make your reservations now

"Three Cultures in Conflict at Fort Necessity" is offered Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in the spring and fall. The cost is $5 per student. Financial assistance or grants may be available. Call 724-329-8124 for information and reservations. Let your students immerse themselves in history.

"The students stayed very active."

6th grade teacher

"The students really enjoyed the day."

5th grade teacher

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