

Fort Scott National Historic Site – Education Programs Previsit Information

The Sweep Through History Program will consist of three of the following stations, with each station representing a different era of Fort Scott's history.

Indian Removal/Trail of Tears- Relive the tragedy of the Trail of Tears. This program discusses the reasons for Indian Removal to Kansas and Oklahoma in the 1830s and focuses on the hardships that American Indians endured as they were driven from their homes in the East. Participants reenact the journey they made to Indian Territory.

Westward Expansion/Trails of the Dragoons- Explore the West with the dragoon soldiers at Fort Scott. This program takes a look at the dragoon and his role in 1840s westward expansion. Students will dress as characters of that period and create a living map showing territorial acquisition during the era of Manifest Destiny.

Bleeding Kansas/Your Day in Court – Students become judge, jury, attorneys, and witnesses in this courtroom drama that reenacts the case of a land squabble involving a proslavery man and a free state advocate.

Bleeding Kansas/Scenes from 1858- Relive some of the most traumatic events related to Bleeding Kansas that took place in Fort Scott during the year 1858. Students stage the scenes while the narrator tells the dramatic story of these episodes.

Civil War/Saws and Scalpels –Fort Scott played several roles in supporting Union troops during the Civil War. One of the more important functions was housing an Army general hospital. In this program, students will experience the surgical procedures and medical treatments of the time.

Civil War/A Most Diverse Army- Fort Scott was actively involved in the recruitment of African American and American Indian soldiers. In this program, students will discover the challenges faced by both of these groups as they became soldiers in the army to fight for the freedom of their people.

Each of these programs is hands on and interactive for the students.