

Plan a Sandburg Home NHS Education Visit

National Park Service
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Carl Sandburg Home
National Historic Site



- Education reservations are recommended for groups with a minimum of 10 persons, see grade levels below for maximum numbers.
- All visits are offered with curriculum-based lesson plans including pre and post visit activities. Please visit www.nps.gov/carl/forteachers to access curriculum materials.
- Please submit the request form at least three weeks before your visit. Spring reservations can fill up 6-8 weeks in advance so plan your visit early.
 - Fall reservations accepted beginning August 15.
 - Spring reservations accepted beginning October 15.
- There is a \$5.00 charge for house tours for adults. \$3.00 for adults over age 62 and free for youth 15 and younger. Fee waivers for house tour may be granted for your group if we receive a waiver request. Instructions are on the third page.



Elementary School, Grades K-2 *Life on the Farm*

Tour Connemara farm and learn what it was like raising goats with Mrs. Sandburg. Activities include goat breed and anatomy identification, interaction with real dairy goats, and a poetry exercise based on what they experienced at the farm.

Group size: max 80 persons including adults (groups will be split into groups of 20 and then scheduled in rotations). If your group is larger than 80 please call before submitting your request.

Time requirement: 10-40 persons = 2 hours
41-80 persons = 2.5 – 3:0 hours

Grades 3-5 *Sandburg Through Time*

Students will explore Sandburg through autobiography and poetry. Visit includes a tour of the Sandburg Home and barn. Activities include poetry writing, biography exercise, reflections on Sandburg's writings and making connections between past and present.

Group Size: Max 80 person including adults (groups will be split into groups of 20 and scheduled in rotations). If your group is larger than 80 please call before submitting your request.

Time requirement: 10-40 persons = 1.5 hours
41-80 persons = 1.5-3.25 hours

Middle School, Grades 6-8 *Through the Eyes of a Poet*

Students explore the Sandburg family through artifacts, literature and science! Visit includes a tour of the Sandburg home, exploration of genetics during a barn visit, acting out poetry, and a writing activity.

Group size: max 60 persons including adults (groups will be split into groups of 20 and then scheduled in rotations). If your group is larger than 60 please call before submitting your request.

Time requirement: 10-60 persons = 2-3 hours

High School, Grades 9-12 *The Sandburg Spectrum*

Students learn how Sandburg was often a voice for those who felt they had none. Activities include a tour of the Sandburg home, journaling and poetry writing exercise, historical analysis and a barn visit.

Group size: max 60 persons including adults (groups will be split into groups of 15 and then scheduled in rotations). If your group is larger than 60 please call before submitting your request.

Time requirement: 10-60 persons = 2.25 hours

EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Requestors Name:	Today's Date:
School Name:	Grade level:
School Address:	
School Phone:	Secondary Phone:
E-mail:	

Requested Date to visit: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

of students: _____ # of Adults: _____ Total # persons _____

Planned Time of Arrival in parking lot: _____

Does your group have any special needs (needs the shuttle from parking lot, would like to eat lunch on site, etc...) _____

Select your requested activities below for the appropriate grade level:

Select at least as many activities as you have rotations. Example: 60 elementary visitors will need at least 3 activities scheduled; they will be divided into 3 rotations of 20 each.

Grades K-2

Life on the Farm

- Barn visit and adjective activity (30 - 60 minutes)
- Hike (30 minutes)
- Video and Bookstore (30 minutes)

Grades 3-5

Sandburg Through Time

- House Tour (30 minutes)
- Barn visit (30 minutes)
- Hike (30 minutes)
- Prairie Town Boy*, Ranger or Teacher-led activity (30 minutes)
- Video and Bookstore (30 minutes)

Grades 6-8

Through the Eyes of a Poet

- House tour (30 minutes)
- Writing / Journaling (30 minutes)
- Barn & genetics activity (30 - 60 minutes)
- Sandburg Alive! poetry activity (30 minutes)
- Hike (30 minutes)

Grades 9-12

The Sandburg Spectrum

- House Tour (45 minutes)
- Journaling – *Reflections on the Rock* (30 minutes)
- Poetry and Pictures* (30 minutes)
- Barn visit (30 minutes)
- Hike (30 minutes)
- Video and Bookstore (30 minutes)

Please fax reviewed and completed forms to: Education Coordinator at (828)-693-4179

Sample Schedule with 3 rotations:

Group	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	House Tour Guide
A	Arrive in parking lot	Intro	House Tour	Video & Bookstore	Barn Tour	Hike	End of rotations	Ranger
B	Arrive in parking lot	Intro	Video & Bookstore	Barn Tour	House Tour	Hike	End of rotations	Ranger
C	Arrive in parking lot	Intro	Barn Tour	House Tour	Video & Bookstore	Hike	End of rotations	Ranger

Sample Visit Itinerary

based on sample rotation schedule above:

- I. **Arrival**
 - A. 9:45 am in main parking lot
 - B. greeting by volunteer and/or park ranger
 - C. bathroom stop
 - D. trek up hill
- II. **Introduction**
 - A. 10:00 am welcome in amphitheater (house garage, if raining)
 - B. What is the NPS?
 - C. Why does this place exist?
 - D. Leaders assign rotation groups
- III. **Rotations begin**
 - A. 1st rotation starts 10:15 am
- IV. **Conclusion**
 - A. Last Rotation ends 12:45 pm (possibly earlier depending on group size)
- V. **Lunch (optional)**
 - A. carry in, carry out encouraged; limited trash services
 - B. no concessions at park
 - C. no place to store food; busses and coolers suggested
 - D. Picnic area, amphitheater or house garage only, please be careful of litter

How to Apply for a Fee Waiver

To apply for a fee waiver you must be a qualified education or therapeutic organization. You may write a letter on your organization's letterhead. Please state the learning or therapeutic objectives of your visit. For example, "*Students will be able to name two issues which permeated Sandburg's poetry after touring the home of Carl Sandburg.*" Your letter must be received and approved **before** visiting the park.

If approved, the house tour fee will be waived for any adult and youth who visit with your group. You will be notified by e-mail, mail or phone as to the approval or denial of the fee waiver and in some cases the need for more specific objectives before the fee waiver can be approved.

You may fax your fee waiver request to: (828) 693-4179

or mail it to:

Carl Sandburg Home NHS
Attn: Fee Waiver Request
81 Carl Sandburg Lane
Flat Rock, NC 28731