Independence Park Institute

Professional Development for Teachers

Program duration: 7 hours
Program Cost: $5,000.00
Participant Limit: 30 teachers

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Orientation to the Day's Events and Sights**
The workshop will start at 9:00 am in the lobby of the Independence Living History Center. This modern brick building is located at the corner of 3rd and chestnut Streets in Philadelphia. There is a bus unloading area on Third Street in front of this building.

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Teaching with Historic Sites and Primary Documents Benjamin Franklin and 18th Century Life (Teacher materials provided.)**
This session provides teachers with many helpful and practical ideas for lesson plans, engaging classroom activities, and assessments that can be done using primary source materials related to Franklin's life and achievements, and daily life in the 18th century. Good teaching resources, such as books and web sites, will be shared. Teachers will be visiting the Independence Park Institute Learning Labs.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Franklin Courtyard**
Time will be provided to walk around the courtyard, where teachers can view the actual foundations and privy pit of Franklin's home.

11:15 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. **Franklin Court Printing Office**
In this session, teachers will get to see a demonstration of how Franklin's printing press actually worked. Franklin printed newspapers, almanacs, and money, as well as contributing to many of these publications through his own writing.

11:40 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. **President's House Exhibit**
In this session, teachers will tour the new President's House exhibit where we will explore freedom and slavery in the making of our new nation. On this site George Washington lived, along with a large staff including nine enslaved people. This interactive outdoor exhibit brings to life this often overlooked story.

12:20 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
Teachers will have time to take a break and get something to eat before starting the second half of the day.

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Liberty Bell**
During this time, teachers get to visit the Liberty Bell and learn how an old cracked bell became an internationally recognized symbol. They will get to view exhibits and see a short film about the evolution of the State House Bell from working bell to symbol.

1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Independence Square**
Teachers will proceed to Independence Square where they will tour Independence Hall. This tour takes a look at the struggle to establish American Independence from Great Britain and then create a new government and a new nation. Tours discuss the people and events surrounding the founding of our country.

Teachers will get to explore Congress Hall (where the Congress when Philadelphia was the capital of the United States from 1790-1800), and Old City Hall (home to the U.S. Supreme Court from 1791-1800).

Finally, teachers will visit the Great Essentials Exhibit which houses an original broadside copy of the *Declaration of Independence*, George Washington's final draft of the *United States Constitution*, a draft of the *Articles of Confederation* belonging to Eldridge Gerry, and the Syng Ink Stand that was used to sign both the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution of the United States*.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Wrap-up**
Rangers and teachers will share final thoughts about the day and ideas about incorporating the stories explored throughout the day into their teaching.

This tour can be adjusted for your group's interests and needs. For more information, or to make a reservation, please call (215) 597-2760.

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