

Shenandoah National Park

Shenandoah In Your School 4th-5th Grade Programs

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Overview

Shenandoah National Park is now offering two *Shenandoah In Your School* classroom-based education programs for elementary schools within one hour's drive of the Park. The programs are designed for 4th and 5th grade classes and align with multiple Virginia Standards of Learning. Through these programs, students investigate the park's natural features and cultural history, and learn how to become better stewards of our local environment. A Park Ranger from Shenandoah National Park will come to your classroom and lead learning activities within a 50 to 60-minute class period. The programs include teacher-led pre-visit and post-visit activities that enhance the Ranger presentation.

Programs

4th Grade: *The Changing World of the Shenandoah Salamander* focuses on how climate change is affecting the survival of Shenandoah's federally endangered animal species, the Shenandoah salamander. Students will learn about the environmental threats to the Shenandoah salamander and determine ways people can help protect animal species and care for their national parks and the environment.

Virginia Science Living Systems Strand SOL 4.5; Earth Resources Strand SOL 4.9

5th Grade: *Shenandoah National Park: Gem of the Blue Ridge of Virginia* will help students discover the natural and historic resources of Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge geographic region of Virginia. Students will learn about the National Park Service mission and Shenandoah National Park with ranger-led activities such as modeling park careers, analyzing artifacts, and investigating geologic samples while gaining essential classroom knowledge about Virginia's history, geology, and geography.

Virginia Science SOLS 4.9 and 5.7; Virginia Social Studies SOLs VS.2 and US1.2

Scheduling

Shenandoah In Your School programs are free of charge. The maximum class size is 25 students, but multiple one-hour programs may be presented in a school day. Programs will be offered January 30 through April 14, 2017. You can make reservations by phone through Wednesday, November 23, 2016 and after January 23, 2017. For more information or to schedule a program call 540-999-3500 ext. 3489.

Shenandoah National Park offers a variety of educational opportunities for students of all ages from field trips to ranger-led curriculum-based programs or self-guided adventures to internet-based programs and professional development workshops. The Education Staff will help you make the best use of the Park's programs and resources. For more information visit <https://www.nps.gov/shen/learn/education/classrooms/classroom-programs.htm>