

Home School Day

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Valley Forge
National Historical Park



Home School students are invited to visit Valley Forge National Historical Park for a unique educational experience. Students begin their day in the Valley Forge Education Center where they will pick up their registration packet, park map, and activity page. Arrive fifteen minutes early and craft your own tricorne hat with matching cockade for the march to the Muhlenberg Brigade huts, which will be led by an interpreter in 18th century military dress.

Activities

Visit multiple interactive learning stations at the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts, including:

- Military Rations and Bake Oven Operation
- Continental Clothing and Games
- Deer in the Park
- Medicine During the American Revolution
- Artillery Operation and Demonstration

Visit the historic house and train station at Washington's Headquarters:

- Meet Commander-in-Chief, General George Washington, in the original house that he used as his command center during the 1777-78 winter encampment

Complete your day at the Visitor Center

- Show your completed activity page to staff at the front desk and receive your Certificate of Participation.

Registration & Logistics

Registration is required for this program to determine staff requirements, and **must be made by Wednesday, May 8.**

Registration will be capped at 350 students. This program is designed for Home School Students only.

To prevent overcrowding on the day of the event, we ask that charter, virtual, and/or traditional schools register for our other ranger-led education programs during the academic year, October-May, and refrain from attending Home School Day.

Registration will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Registered students will be assigned a program time (10am, 11am, or 12pm) and brigade color (red, white, or blue) for their march with a soldier. Please arrive at the Education Center (adjacent to the Visitor Center) 15 minutes prior to your program time with your completed confirmation from the park. Brigades will depart from the Education Center with their Continental Soldier leader at the designated program time and "march" to the Muhlenberg Brigade huts.

A full educational experience may take up to two hours, please plan accordingly. We recommend that you dress appropriately for outdoor weather and wear sturdy shoes. If you are attending over the lunch hour we suggest packing a picnic lunch, as there are no full-service concessions on the premises. Soft pretzels, hot dogs, and assorted beverages will be available for purchase in the Encampment Store, located inside the Visitor Center. **In case of rain, programs will take place in the Education Center and Park Theater.**

Registration

Please e-mail or fax this completed form by **Wednesday, May 8 to:**

E-mail: vafo_education@nps.gov or **Fax:** 610-783-1038

Questions about filling out or submitting the form or additional logistical/programmatic questions please call 610-783-1066. Please leave a detailed message with your question (s) and your contact information and we will promptly respond.

To be completed by parents or group leaders

Parent/Teacher Name

Mailing Address

Primary Phone

E-mail

Secondary Phone

Student Grade(s)

Number of Students

Number of Chaperones

To be completed by NPS Staff

Program Time

Brigade Color