

At the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation the 18th century is brought back to life through our weekday field trip programs and other educational offerings. Our on-site programs depict life on a farm during the 18th century through hands-on “living history” demonstrations and tours. Our programs are appropriate for groups of all ages from pre-kindergarten to college. Programs can be designed to fit any group size, age, or interest.

Academic Standards

Our programs support the following Pennsylvania Social Studies Education standards.

History K-12

- 8.1 Historical Analysis and Skills Development
- 8.2 Pennsylvania History
- 8.3 United States History
- 8.4 World History

Geography K-12

- 7.3 The Human Characteristics of Places and Region
- 7.4 Interactions Between People and Places

Environment and Ecology K-12

- 4.1 Watersheds and Wetlands
- 4.2 Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources
- 4.4 Agriculture and Society
- 4.8 Humans and Environment

Scheduling and Availability

Programs are available from early April through mid-November, dependent upon weather. 3 FREE chaperones are admitted with every group as well as all nurses and aides. All other adults are charged full price. All programs must be scheduled through our office which is open Monday through Friday year round. Reservations should be made at least four to six weeks in advance. Afternoon and evening programs are available. Payment must be made by cash or check and received in our office 30 days prior to your scheduled visit. We do not take credit cards.



Scholarships

We have a limited number of scholarships for visits to our site. To be eligible for scholarships, schools or groups must serve economically disadvantaged children. Application for financial assistance should be made as soon as possible after making your reservation. Funding is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is not guaranteed.



Educational Field Trips and Programs

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation

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Sampler Workshop

The 3 1/2 hour Sampler Workshop is the ultimate hands-on experience! Participants cook several colonial foods over the open hearth, complete farm chores and participate in a 3rd hands-on activity chosen by you. A list of these programs is below. Some activities include a take home craft component, and full activity descriptions are available upon request from the Plantation office. Due to the skills needed for the program, participants must be at least in the third grade.

3rd Activity Options include:

- ◆ Candle-making
- ◆ Carding and Spinning Wool
- ◆ Colonial Toys
- ◆ Blacksmithing
- ◆ Papermaking
- ◆ Colonial Country Dancing
- ◆ Farming

Cost: \$14.00 per participant

Minimum number of participants: 18

Maximum number of participants: 30

Minimum charge: \$252.00

Quad Sampler Workshops

In order to offer larger groups the same experience, groups of 30-40 may choose the Quad Sampler Workshop option. In this program, participants still cook deserts and perform farm chores. However, 2 additional activities are chosen.

Cost: \$18.00 per participant



Colonial Farm Workshop

This workshop is a farming based counterpart to our sampler workshop. The 1 1/2 hour program teaches a variety of farming activities and skills through hands-on participation. Activities may include but are not limited to plowing; fence rail splitting, split rail fence construction, sheep shearing and planting and harvesting. Due to the nature of this program actual activities are decided by the farmer based on group size, seasonality and plantation needs. The result is a unique and individualized program for each group.

Cost: \$8.00 per participant

Minimum number of participants: 10

Maximum number of participants: 30

Minimum Charge: \$80.00



Farm Tour

The 1 1/2 hour Farm Tour can be adapted to any age group from kindergarten to senior citizen. The outdoor portion of the tour may include stops at the pig pen, barnyard, springhouse, well and kitchen garden. Indoors, historic interpreters demonstrate spinning and carding and show examples of period clothing. Visitors go upstairs to view the bed chambers and return downstairs to see a collection of colonial toys. In the kitchen, they learn about 18th century foodways.

Cost: \$7.00

Minimum number of participants: 10

Maximum number of participants: 50

Minimum charge: \$70.00

Mini Sampler Workshop

The 1 1/2 hour Mini Sampler Workshop is an ideal solution for groups who want the Sampler Workshop experience but have more than 30 participants or less than 3 1/2 hours to visit. The program includes farm chores and candle making. Each participant makes a pair of hand dipped candles and typically chores include sawing wood and drawing water from the well.

Cost: \$8.00 per participant

Minimum number of participants: 10

Maximum number of participants: 90

Minimum Charge: \$80.00

Workshop Tour Combo

The ideal program for larger groups! The Workshop Tour Combo is a 3 1/2 hour program combining a Farm Tour and either a Colonial Farm Workshop or Mini Sampler Workshop. Typically participants participate in one of the workshops, have a 1/2 hour lunch break, and then take a Farm Tour.

Cost: \$13.00

Minimum number of participants: 10

Maximum number of participants:

With Mini-Workshop: 160

With Farmer's School: 60

Minimum charge: \$130.00



Large Groups

The Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation can accommodate groups up to 160 participants at one time depending on program type. Larger groups can easily be accommodated but may need to visit on a series of days. In order to accommodate numbers, large groups will be divided into smaller groups for their programs. Please contact the Plantation Office for further details.