



The Hermitage MUSEUM

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS

School Programs are offered Monday through Friday during regular school hours, and generally last one and a half to two and a half hours. Cost is \$10 per student and adult. Off-site programs are available for \$150 per class. Please call, or visit www.thehermitage.org, for more details.

PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOL TO KINDERGARTEN

Lenape

Children will learn about the native people, who lived in New Jersey, called the Lenape. Students will hold objects, make a pinch pot using clay, learn a Lenape legend, and create a headband.

Colonial Kids

The Hermitage was a working farm during colonial times. Students will find out about family life on a colonial farm, touch artifacts, create crafts to take home, and hear a story. Your class will also tour the colonial rooms of The Hermitage and learn about its most famous visitor, George Washington, who visited in 1778. (Tour is limited to colonial era rooms, not full house.)

Victorian Times

The Hermitage is known for its Victorian architecture, furniture, and history. Our historic home is our biggest artifact! In this program, your students will take a tour of The Hermitage, hear a Victorian era story, see Victorian clothes, toys and games, and do an arts and crafts activity.

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Colonial Life During the Revolutionary War

The Hermitage was a large farm during colonial times, when Bergen County was at the crossroads of the Revolution. Discover how Theodosia Prevost, who was married to a British officer, saved The Hermitage during the War. Learn about the home's famous visitors, including George Washington, Aaron Burr, Alexander Hamilton, and the Marquis de Lafayette, and the life of soldiers who camped on the property. Students will tour the colonial rooms of The Hermitage, examine objects and clothes to make comparisons between the past and today, and learn about the life of a family on a colonial farm. Tour of Revolutionary exhibit may be included.

The Civil War in New Jersey

Learn about the Rosencrantz family's sympathies towards the South during the Civil War, the cotton mill they owned, and slavery at the Hermitage from colonial times until the 1830s. Students will tour The Hermitage, view artifacts, and experience what life was like in Bergen County during the Civil War.

Water, Mills, and History of The Hermitage

Why was water so important to the Prevost and Rosencrantz families who lived at The Hermitage? Come discover more about their lives, the mill, and how water helped them to prosper. Students will touch items from the past, get a full house tour, and use primary documents to learn about the past.

Mills and Machines

The Industrial Revolution brought big changes for both mill owners and mill workers in this area. Students will learn about the Rosencrantz cotton mill and how it worked, and compare the lives of its owners and workers. Students will touch items from the past, and tour the historic Hermitage home.

Local History: Life During the 19th Century

Experience what life was like for the Rosencrantz family during the 19th century by learning about their clothes, home, toys and games, and more. Students will examine artifacts from the family's daily lives, and take a full house tour of the historic Hermitage home.

Primary Documents

Explore The Hermitage and its past through primary documents from the Prevost family, who lived on the property during the Revolutionary War when George Washington visited in 1778, to the Rosencrantz family who lived there from 1807—1970. Discuss why primary documents are so important and what can be learned from reading them. A full house tour is included.

The Friends of the Hermitage offers tours of The Hermitage, exhibitions of the collections, and diverse educational programming at the Hermitage Education & Conference Center. The Friends received a General Operating Support Grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.
