



NEWPORT RESTORATION FOUNDATION

Education Programs for School and Youth Groups

Prescott Farm • Rough Point • Whitehorne House • Walking Tours

Our Programs Feature:

- Hands-on and interactive components
- Inquiry-based learning with museum objects
- Connections to school curricula and learning standards
- Activities for all ages from toddlers through high school

Program Details:

- Programs can be adapted to focus on your curriculum needs in the areas of art history, history, writing, architecture, decorative arts, and more.
- \$5 per student; teachers and adult chaperones admitted for free. Pre-museum visit classroom programs are available for a flat fee of \$125 (additional mileage charges may apply to schools off Aquidneck Island.)
- One adult chaperone is required for every 10 students
- Programs are typically 1 to 1½ hours long, but can be adjusted to meet your needs.

For more information or to register:

Contact Liz Spoden, Education Assistant at (401) 846-4152 or Liz@newportrestoration.org

Program Descriptions

Keeping Christmas with the Whitehornes

Students will engage with costumed first-person interpreters and take part in art making activities. They will learn about Christmas in the 1820s and discover how simple holiday traditions were compared to present-day customs. Older students will also make connections to Rhode Island's legacy of religious tolerance.

Grades: Pre-K through 6th
Location: Whitehorne House
416 Thames Street, Newport



History Detective Tour

Discover Newport's colonial history, its religious and racial diversity, its role in the American Revolution and its extraordinary architecture on a guided walking tour. Participants work in pairs to complete a worksheet, recording their observations and conclusions in words and drawings.

Grades: 3rd through 6th
Location: Historic Hill Neighborhood, Newport



Museum Visit to Rough Point Mansion

On a tour of Rough Point students are encouraged to build critical thinking skills through close observation of the collection of European fine and decorative arts. Using visual thinking strategies, an open-ended inquiry for exploring artwork, students will become comfortable looking at, engaging with, and discussing art. Part of the tour will include the special exhibition for 2010, *Doris Duke's Extraordinary Vision: Saving 18th Century Newport*, which will celebrate the preservation legacy of Doris Duke. Field trips may also include an optional pre-visit component, in which a museum educator comes to the classroom and introduces students to Doris Duke's Rough Point mansion and its art collection. Time for free-form sketching can be included in your visit.

Grades: 3rd through 12th

Options: Classroom pre-visit, Rough Point visit, or both

Location: Rough Point
680 Bellevue Avenue, Newport



Colonial Living on Aquidneck Island

At Prescott Farm, students will learn about rural life on Aquidneck Island in the colonial period and/or about the American Revolution as it happened here. Select from a menu of activities for your visit based on the age of students and curriculum needs:

- windmill tour with optional johnnycake making demonstration
- age-appropriate scavenger hunt
- student-performed reenactment of General Prescott's capture
- colonial crafts and games
- interactive tours of the gardens
- historic beverages and colonial trade talk
- introduction to colonial architecture
- a program about the everyday life of a soldier in the Revolution
- story time in the Guard House

Grades: 1st through 12th

Location: Prescott Farm
2009 West Main Road, Middletown



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Windmills- Simple Machines in Action

An out-of-classroom extension of the standard second grade curriculum unit on simple machines. This program explores the inner workings of the c.1812 windmill, illustrating the principles of simple machines in action. This windmill tour will feature engaging questions and an activity packet.

Grades: 2nd-3rd

Location: Prescott Farm
2009 West Main Road, Middletown



Introduction to the Practice of History and Historic Preservation

By using the complex history of Prescott Farm's moved and restored buildings students will be introduced to 18th century architecture and modern principles of historic preservation. Through the study of historic maps, aerial photos and architectural analysis, students will act as historians to uncover the history of the site, including its role in the American Revolution.

Grades: 8th-12th

Location: Prescott Farm
2009 West Main Road, Middletown



These activities are also well suited for Girl or Boy Scout badge projects or Birthday Parties.

