The Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation
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The Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation is an authentic living history site with the purpose of enhancing understanding of 1760-90 farm life in Southeastern Pennsylvania by providing high quality, research based experiences to the public.

Astride Ridley Creek in Edgemont, PA., the 112 acres of the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation provide the context of early American history, the setting where the impact of King George’s taxes was felt, the American melting pot began to simmer, and American ingenuity took root.

While the decisions of military and political leaders may set the course of history, it is left to the average people, the foot soldiers of history, to carry themselves and their nation to the future.

At the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation we interpret daily life on a typical Pennsylvania farm, rather than portraying any specific individuals. This gives us the ability to discuss 18th century farm life from a variety of perspectives—the family dynamic, the women, the indigenous population, the indentured servants and the enslaved men and women that lived and worked in colonial Pennsylvania. To do this, we rely on religious and tax records, wills, letters, diaries, and archeological material to frame a way of life that existed in the mid-to-late 1700s.
ON-SITE FIELD TRIPS

At Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, the past is your present! The 18th century is brought to life for students as they discover how colonial farm families lived and worked through an immersive learning environment and hands-on living history activities. Field trips are available weekdays from April through November. Reservations should generally be made at least four weeks in advance to ensure date availability.

Colonial Experience
The Colonial Experience is a 4-hour program divided into rotations of up to seven colonial activities to introduce students to 18th century life in Pennsylvania. A typical program includes candle dipping, farm chores, toys and games, and spinning. Each activity is designed to be hands-on and may change to reflect the age of your group and the needs of our farm – just like they would have in 1770! This program features a 30-minute lunch break.

Minimum number of participants: 20
Maximum number of participants: 160
Cost Per Person: $16.00
Grades 2 and up

Mini Colonial Experience
The Mini Colonial Experience is a 2-hour program that features two hands-on activities: candle-dipping (our most popular activity) and chores. Participants will get to take their candles home with them.

Minimum Number of Participants: 20
Maximum Number of Participants: 90
Cost Per Person: $12.00
Grades 2 and up

Little Farmers
A 1.5-hour interactive colonial farm experience for our youngest learners. Participants meet our barnyard animals and learn about the important roles they play on the farm, play with colonial toys as their historical counterparts did, and listen to the story Charlie Needs a Cloak accompanied by appropriate activities.

Minimum number of participants: 10
Maximum number of participants: 45
Cost Per Person: $12.00
PreK-1st grade
On-site Field Trips cont.

Sampler Programs
Perfect for the group that wants a more in-depth learning experience, Samplers include a more intensive exploration of colonial activities. Both Sampler programs feature hearth cooking in our historical kitchen and include the opportunity to meet many of our heritage breed animals. Please Note: Due to the more complex nature of the hearth cooking activity, Samplers are restricted to Grade 3 and up.

Trio Sampler
The Trio Sampler Workshop is a 3.5-hour program featuring three in-depth activities: hearth cooking, chores, and a third of your choice from the Optional Activities List below. At the end of the Trio Sampler, you will get to taste what your group has cooked in the kitchen that day.

*Minimum Number of Participants: 18
Maximum Number of Participants: 30
Cost Per Person: $16.00
Grades 3 and up

Quad Sampler
Similar to the Trio Sampler, the Quad Sampler is a 3.5-hour program. It features four in-depth activities: hearth cooking, chores, and two of your choice from the Optional Activities List below. At the end of the Quad Sampler, you will get to taste what your group has cooked in the kitchen that day.

*Minimum Number of Participants: 18
Maximum Number of Participants: 40
Cost Per Person: $20.00
Grades 3 and up

Activities List:
- Colonial Toys and Games
- Candle Dipping
- Carding and Spinning Wool
- Blacksmithing
- Garden

A Note on Group Minimums: Groups not meeting the minimum number of participants may pay the cost equivalent of the minimum. For example, for the Colonial Experience, the minimum charge would be $320, etc.
If your school or classroom can’t make it out to the Plantation, let us bring the Plantation to you! CPP has skilled crafts people who can come to your school or classroom and give your students an experience of how things were made in the past. CPP crafts people will make every effort to align and tailor the outreach program to the educational needs of your classroom.

Cost: $350 for 1.5 hour program for up to 50 students; additional students $5 per student.

Activities:
- Paper-making (needs easily accessible water)
- Spinning & Carding
- Toys & Games

Travel Fees
For locations that are 20 miles or more from the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, an additional travel fee may be assessed at a rate of $.75 per mile. The need for such a fee will be determined by Plantation staff at the time of scheduling.

Our virtual program is an extension of our very popular Colonial Experience program and it brings our farm right to your classroom. Plantation educators share in depth knowledge about life in colonial times through activities and demonstration of skills people used in the past.

The program includes approximately one hour of prerecorded video, broken up into shorter sections on farm chores, animals, toys, spinning, and house. You also have the option of having one of our educators join you virtually to answer questions and talk more about life in the 18th century!

Cost: $150 for up to 25 students; additional students $5
Up to 60 minute live session with Plantation educator, $50

Once you purchase the program, you will decide what day you want to take your virtual “trip” and you will receive a link to the videos and lesson plans. Those links will only be good for the day that you booked your virtual “trip”.
DEMONSTRATIONS

CPP has skilled craftspeople who can come to your site or event and give your visitors an experience of how things were made in the past. For the most part, in the modern world, we are very disconnected from how things are made. By seeing how much work went into making things during colonial times we not only have a greater appreciation for 18th century life, but also a greater appreciation for the things we have now. CPP also has interpreters who can bring some extra fun to your young visitors by sharing the toys and games that children played with in the 18th century.

Cost Per Demonstration: $150 for the first hour and $25 per additional hour. Minimum one hour.

Choose from Spinning, Bobbin Lace, Flax, Rope Making, Toys & Games or Basketmaking

WORKSHOPS

During the winter months, CPP instructors are available to bring some of our historic skills workshops right to your facility. Learning historic skills gives us the chance to connect with people in the past, connect with how things are made, and connect with our own ability to create. Many of our workshops are geared toward beginners. In those workshops we create a supportive space for people to try new things and maybe find a fun new hobby.

You can choose from a list of workshops selected because they travel well and are less messy than many of our other workshops. We will bring all the tools and supplies needed. You will be required to provide an adequate number of tables and chairs for your participants. The room should also have adequate lighting (decent ceiling lighting is usually enough). A sink is needed for block printing and stenciling. A room or hallway at least 20’ long is needed for rope making. Offered November-March. Discounts available for libraries and public community centers.

Cost: $250 for 3 hours of class of up to 12 people

Skills:
• Block printing
• Booking binding
• Spinning
• Rope Making (ideal for children)
• Stenciling
Scouts and Specialty Groups

SCOUTS

The Scout Colonial Experience
Learn the ropes of colonial life in this hands-on style program. The program takes two hours and consists of three activities chosen from the list below. Each program also includes meeting many of the site's heritage breed animals and the opportunity to explore the colonial house.

Scout programs are offered **Sundays, April through November***. Must be booked at least 5 weeks in advance.

*Programs will not be booked during special events. Please visit the Events & Programs page for event dates.

**Activities**
- Candle Dipping (ages 7 and older)
- Chores
- Carding and Spinning Wool
- Colonial Toys and Games
- Blacksmithing
- Papermaking (May-September)
- Ropemaking
- Quill Writing
- Tin Punching

**Cost:**
- $15.00 per scout
- $5.00 per adult chaperone
Minimum number of participants: 10
Minimum charge: $150.00

The Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation may be able to work with scouts to design and complete projects to help them earn various levels of achievements. Please contact the office for more information.

SPECIALTY GROUPS

We are pleased to be able to offer customized programs for our homeschool communities and other specialty groups. Please contact the office to discuss your specific needs and we will determine if your group can fit into one of our standard programs or if we will need to work with our Program Director and Education Coordinator to develop a program tailored to the needs and abilities of your group.
Reduced fees may be available for outreach programs if you book two or more programs in a single day, either at the same location or at multiple locations within close proximity to each other or for Outreach programs booked in conjunction with a site visit.