



Explore Chesterfield County History with your Students!

The Chesterfield County Museum Complex, located off Iron Bridge Road in the county government center, offers a

variety of educational programs to stimulate young minds. Through tours and specialized programs, students learn about the historic events that happened right in their own backyards.

We focus on “then and now” concepts relating to rural life in the county, Colonial history, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and more. Content is covered for SOLs in history, geography, civics, economics and geology. We can even bring hands-on learning to the classroom through our unique outreach programs.



All On site and Outreach programs address cross curriculum guidelines and Outreach programs are designed to reinforce problem based learning initiatives.

Cost of Outreach: Pilot program for one year at no cost. Outreach programs are 1 hour in length and are designed for individual classes to maximize students learning and hands on opportunities.

Cost of On-site Programs: \$3/student, \$75 minimum for on-site programs at the Historic Museum Complex. Teachers, chaperones and bus drivers are admitted free with student groups.

Tour Length: All tours at the Chesterfield Museum Complex are 2 hours and include the 1892 Historic Jail, Chesterfield County Museum and Magnolia Grange House Museum.

Facilities at Museum Complex: Restrooms located at 1892 Jail, County Museum and Magnolia Grange. Picnic area is available on grounds at Magnolia Grange. Please bring trash bags to pack up trash.

Handicap Accessibility: The County Museum is the only site that is handicap accessible.

Reservation Requirements: To reserve a tour for one of our on site or Outreach History programs or for more details, call Bryan Truzzie at 751-4946 or email truzzieb@chesterfield.gov.

Museum Complex Hours:

On site field trip visits are available Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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HISTORY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS GRADES K-4

ON SITE PROGRAMMING

Past and Present: Settling a New Land (Grades 1-2)

This 1 hour program is designed for grades K-2. Students will be able to understand how life changed over 400 years as they learn about the first settlers, Europeans and Virginia Indians. Using artifacts and hands-on reproductions children will be able to appreciate a comparison of life long ago to present day. A visit to a reproduction of a general store allows students to experience early 20th century Chesterfield commerce.

Standards of Learning:

History and Social Science K.2, 1.1, 2.2, 2.3/ Geography: 1.6/ Civics: K.8, 1.10/ Economics: K.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.9

English Colonization: Chesterfield at War (Grades 3-4)

This 1 hour program emphasizes the importance of the first settlements in the New World at Jamestown and Henricus. The importance of industry will be addressed in the development of Chesterfield focusing on coal and iron. In addition, military campaigns during the colonial period and the American Civil War will be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to experience military drill and be exposed to the training that Continental troops received on the Courthouse grounds.

Standards of Learning:

History and Social Science 3.3, VS.3, VS.4, VS.5, VS.6, VS.7, VS.8/ Geography: 3.5, VS.3/ Geology: 4.8, 5.7

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Life in Rural Chesterfield (Grade 1-2)

This program will allow students to experience what life was like in Chesterfield long ago, focusing on past and present and appreciating the hardships that families faced. By utilizing reproductions and photos, students will be engaged in hands on activities and learn what life was like.

Standards of Learning:

History and Social Science K.2, 1.1, 2.3, VS.8/ Geography: 1.6, Civics: K.8, 1.10/ Economics: K.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.9

A Call to Arms: Chesterfield in the Revolution (Grade 4)

This 1 hour program is designed for 4th grade students and will address the issues that faced residents prior to and during the American Revolution. Students will learn how the war impacted the local population, the reasons for the rebellion and understand accomplishments of famous patriots such as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Patrick Henry.

Standards of Learning:

History and Social Science 2.11, VS4a-d, Civics 3.10, 3.11a-c, 3.12, Geology 4.1, 4.8b-d



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