

Historic Alexandria SCHOOL PROGRAMS

DETAILS

All activities are free to ACPS!

Cost: \$3 per student per program, \$40 minimum. Up to five free adults per program, additional adults \$3 each. Payment is due at the time of arrival.

Time: All programs are approximately 50 minutes long unless otherwise noted.

Group Size: 24 students unless otherwise noted. Our Youth and Family Program Coordinator can plan a rotation between programs to accommodate larger groups and design a field trip that fits your needs.

Off Site: Programs marked with * can be brought to classrooms. Contact for cost.

PREK-2ND GRADE

Science Underground *

How do archaeologists study the past? Learn about the clues beneath your feet and the archaeological methods used to find, sort, and identify artifacts. Alexandria Archaeology Museum. PreK-1.



Being Brave in Alexandria

Come learn about the power of children to improve their communities through a story about a real child of the Civil Rights Movement and how children in Alexandria participated in that movement. Alexandria Black History Museum. PreK-2.



Getting a Feel for Long Ago: Hands-On History *

Learn about the 18th century through reproduction artifacts and images and discuss life in early Alexandria compared to today. Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum. PreK-2. (Limit 40 students.)



Citizen Firefighter

Explore the idea of citizenship through volunteer firefighters in early Alexandria. Includes learning how they fought fires and examining their role in the community. Friendship Firehouse Museum. PreK-3. (1 hour. Limit 24 students and adults.)



Our City

Learn more about early Alexandria as a community while comparing life in early Alexandria to life today through the lens of the tavern business. Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 1-2.

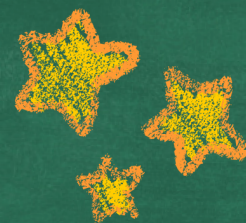


The Sugar Trade in Alexandria

What is a Sugar House? Examine artifacts from a site in Alexandria to learn how sugar was made in the 19th century. Learn how archaeologists identify and classify artifacts. Alexandria Archaeology Museum. 2-3



3RD-5TH GRADE



The Historic Apothecary and Medicine

How has medicine changed over time? Learn about past practices and tools of the trade through a guided, hands-on tour of the museum.

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum. 3-5.



Archaeologists Set the Tavern Table

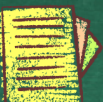
How do archaeologists relate artifacts to historic documents? Use tavern keeper Mary Hawkin's 1777 inventory and artifacts excavated from Gadsby's Tavern courtyard to bring an 18th century tavern to life.

Alexandria Archaeology Museum. 4+



A Tavern at Work

Ideal for students studying Colonial and Early America, students use primary sources to understand urban slavery and the challenges faced by 18th c. residents and travelers through the lens of the tavern business. Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 4+.



Old Town Walking Tour

Explore the streets of Old Town to learn about the founding of the city, early business and government, and Alexandria's role in the War of Independence and the new nation.

Six-eight blocks around King and Cameron Streets. 4-5.



Scavenger Hunt for History

Using clue sheets, explore the exhibit overview of Alexandria's history and conclude with a museum staff-led discussion about artifacts and documentary sources.

Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum. 4-5. (Limit 30 students.)



Ship Science *

Why would a ship be found underground? Use dendrochronology and other scientific methods to uncover the mystery behind Alexandria's 18th century ship discovered along the waterfront. Alexandria Archaeology Museum. 4-5.



Hayti: Uncovering an African-American Neighborhood *

Weave together maps, census records, and artifacts from a free Black site to understand the people who lived there.

Alexandria Archaeology Museum. 5+ (Limit 12 students.)



Studying the Past

Are museums primary or secondary sources? Students examine sources and evaluate perspectives to uncover what it means to be a historian.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 5+.