# SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS

At Historic Kenmore and George Washington's Ferry Farm!

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The George Washington Foundation

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## **Revolutionize Your Learning Experience!**

The George Washington Foundation offers a variety of one-of-akind experiences to fit the needs of teachers and their students. These interactive, SOL-aligned programs may be scheduled at either Historic Kenmore in Fredericksburg, VA or George Washington's Ferry Farm in Stafford County, VA. The picturesque grounds of Kenmore and the spacious fields of Ferry Farm provide the ideal setting for a truly unique field trip or group outing!



In addition to the programs listed in this guide, the Foundation offers a variety of summer camps, special events for families and homeschoolers, and much more! Visit: kenmore.org/ events/ and kenmore.org/education/

All programs in this guide may be adapted for individual groups.

## **SCHEDULING A PROGRAM**

To schedule a program, please fill out our online program request form or contact Ethan Knick, School & Youth Programs Manager at knick@gwffoundation.org or (540) 370-0732 Ext. 22

We ask that programs are scheduled with a minimum of two weeks notice.

"This is the best field trip experience. The children were totally engaged. They were given age appropriate activities which enriched their understanding of the content we learned. I have been to many, many field trips. Ferry Farm should write a manual on how to put on an excellent, childcentered field trip. You are a hidden gem."

-Teacher, 2022



HISTORIC KENMORE



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FERRY FARM

Pricing for onsite programs is as follows:

Student, \$6 - Chaperone \$4 - Teachers/ School Staff: FREE

Please inquire for in-school program pricing.

## HISTORIC KENMORE PROGRAMS



#### **ABOUT HISTORIC KENMORE**

Built for George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis, and her husband, Fielding Lewis, this beautiful, Georgian-style brick mansion reflects the wealth and status of a Virginia merchant. The house and landscaped grounds sat above the important seaport of Fredericksburg at the beginning of the American Revolution, a cause which Fielding and his family supported at great personal loss. In 2001, architects, historians, and tradespeople worked to restore the home to its Revolutionary War-Era appearance. All those who lived and worked at Kenmore - the Lewis family, their children, and the enslaved community - played an important role in the birth of the United States.

#### VIRGINIA: CROSSROADS OF REVOLUTION

#### GRADES: 4-8 (NEW PROGRAM! STARTING SEPTEMBER 2023!)

Students use physical evidence and practical skills as tools for understanding the past, particularly Virginia's turbulent transformation from British colony to American state. By trying their hands at historic trades, analyzing original furnishings inside Kenmore House, training in the maneuvers of Revolutionary soldiers, and practicing navigational techniques used on the high seas, students gain broader insight into the stories of both the Washington-Lewis family and the free and enslaved tradespeople who forged American independence at the Fredericksburg Gunnery or on Fielding Lewis's river fleet. **Perfect for classes studying Virginia History & Geography or U.S. History to 1865!** 

#### FREDERICKSBURG, 1776

#### GRADES: 1-3

Experience the science and hands-on practice of history in George Washington's own hometown! Through games, activities, and historic trades, students explore the globallyinterconnected world of Revolutionary Virginia through the lens of Fredericksburg, the home of many influential patriots and a place where colonial Americans like Fielding Lewis imported and exported goods across the world. Participants make connections and comparisons between past and present in order to develop skills for historical inquiry.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL TOUR OF KENMORE**

#### GRADES: 9-12

In this hour-long interactive tour of the Kenmore house and grounds, students engage with history by learning about the residents of Kenmore, the American Revolution, historical forensics, and more.

### FERRY FARM PROGRAMS



#### **ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FERRY FARM**

George Washington's Ferry Farm is where young Washington spent his formative years and became an extraordinary man. The future general and first president was 6 years old when his family moved here. Ongoing archeological investigations have allowed the Foundation to reconstruct the Washington House to better tell the stories of George's mother Mary, Washington family members, and the enslaved community.

#### **GEORGE WASHINGTON: BOY BEFORE LEGEND**

#### **GRADES: K-5**

Students learn about George Washington's life, starting from his childhood at Ferry Farm. This multi-disciplinary program examines the important roles that math and science played in his work—first, as a surveyor, and later, as a farmer. Various activities on the site's beautiful grounds teach Washington's historical significance as a soldier, a president, and a leader.

#### I DIG GEORGE

#### **GRADES: K-5**

Applying critical thinking skills, primary sources, and historical research, Ferry Farm archaeologists regularly make new, exciting discoveries about George Washington. Through hands-on learning, students conduct a simulated archaeological dig by digging, sifting, and mending. They also tour the reconstructed Washington House. Students are challenged to think critically about artifacts they uncover.

#### HIGH SCHOOL TOUR OF FERRY FARM

#### **GRADES: 9-12**

In this hour-long interactive tour of the reconstructed Washington home and grounds, students engage with oftenoverlooked aspects of American history and Washington's early years by learning about groundbreaking (pun intended!) discoveries archeologists and historians have made at Ferry Farm.

#### IN SCHOOL PROGRAM:

#### I DIG GEORGE

#### GRADES: 1-5

Students explore the process of learning about the past through archaeology. Participants examine real and reproduced artifacts and practice hands-on activities such as mending in order to better understand how archeologists and historians have made exciting new discoveries at George Washington's Ferry Farm.

## About the George Washington Foundation

The mission of the Foundation is to enhance the public understanding and appreciation of the lives, values, and legacies of George Washington, Fielding and Betty Washington Lewis, and their families.

Each site is open 7 days a week from March through December, hours vary. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information: kenmore.org.



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