

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 to Ferry Farm in 1738. Ongoing archaeological investigations have allowed the Foundation to reconstruct the Washington House and other outbuildings to better tell the stories of George's mother, Mary, Washington family members, and the enslaved community.

Student Programs at Ferry Farm

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. In addition to a tour of the reconstructed Washington House, 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. In *I Dig George*, students become archaeologists and conduct a simulated dig to learn more about the archaeological process. Students are challenged to think critically about the artifacts they uncover, and they learn how artifacts helped Ferry Farm archaeologists rebuild the Washington House.

Historic Kenmore

Built for George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis, and her husband, Fielding Lewis, this Georgian-style brick mansion reflects the wealth and status of a Virginia merchant. The house overlooked the port 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.

Student Programs at Historic Kenmore

Virginia: Crossroads of Revolution (Grades 4-5)

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, and training in the maneuvers of Revolutionary soldiers, students gain broader insight into the stories of both the Washington-Lewis family and the free and enslaved tradespeople who helped forge American independence here in Fredericksburg.

Fredericksburg, 1776 (Grades 1-3):

Experience the science and hands-on practice of history in George Washington's own hometown!

Through different games and activities, students learn about life in 18th-century Virginia through the lens of Fredericksburg, the home of influential patriots like Fielding Lewis and George Washington. Students explore the Kenmore house and grounds, making connections and comparisons between past and present to develop skills for historical inquiry.

Not Finding the Program That Fits Your Classroom's Needs?

The Education team is happy to work with teachers to create programs that fit their classroom and their students' needs.

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Prices:

Students: \$6:00

Chaperones: \$4.00

Teachers & School Staff: FREE

15 students minimum / 2 chaperones (per class not including teachers) maximum

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