

## **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 six 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):***

*SOLs:*

- *History and Social Science (2023): Skills Ka, c, e, h; K.1b, c, e; K.3a, d; K.4a; K.5b; Skills 1a, c, e, h, i; 1.1a, b, d; 1.3b, d; 1.5c; 1.8b, c, d; Skills 2a, c, e, i; 2.1f; 2.4b, c; 2.7h; 2.8b; 2.13a; Skills 3a, c, h, i; 3.9a; 3.10a, c; Skills VSa; VS.3e; VS.4a, c; VS.5a, b; Skills US1a; US1.5e; US1.6a, b, c, d, e*
- *Mathematics (2023): K.MG.1ai; K.MG.2a; 1.MG.1ai, b; 1.MG.2d; 2.MG.1ai, bi; 3.MG.1a, bi; 3.MG.2bi; 4.MG.1i, bi; 5.MG.1ai, bi*
- *Physical Education (2022): K.1h; K.4a; 1.1f; 1.4a, b, c, e; 2.1c; 2.4c, d; 3.1a; 4.1a; 5.1a*
- *Science (2018): K.3c; K.5b; K.7a, b; K.9b; K.10a; 1.4a; 1.7b; 2.4b; 2.5a; 3.6a, b; 4.2a; 4.8b*

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.

Maximum of 120 students per day.

#### ***I Dig George (Grades K-5):***

*SOLs:*

- *History and Social Science (2023): Skills Ka, c, d, i; Skills 1a, c, d, i; 1.1 d; Skills 2a, c, d, i; Skills 3a, c, i; Skills 4a, c; VS.2 a; Skills 5a, c; US1.2 a; US1.5c*

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.

Maximum of 50 students per day.

## **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)***

*SOLs:*

- *History and Social Science (2023): Skills VSa, b, c; VS.1c; VS.4a, c, d, f; VS.5b; Skills US1c; US1.4d; US1.5b, c; US1.6b, c, d*

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.

Maximum of 90 students per day.

#### ***Fredericksburg, 1776 (Grades 1-3):***

*SOLs:*

- *History and Social Science (2023): Skills 1a, b, c, e, h, i; 1.1b, d; 1.4b; 1.5c; 1.7a; 1.8b; Skills 2a, b, c, e, h, i; 2.7a, h; 2.8b; 2.13a; Skills 3a b, c, h, i; 3.10a, c*
- *Physical Education (2022): 1.1f; 1.4a, b, c, e; 2.1c; 2.4c, d; 3.1a*

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 18<sup>th</sup>-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.

Maximum of 90 students per day.

### **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.

#### **Contact:**

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**Prices:**

Students: \$6.00 single site, \$9.00 combo

Chaperones: \$4.00 single site, \$7.00 combo

Teachers & School Staff: Fee-free

*15 students minimum / 3 chaperones per class maximum (not including teachers/school staff)*

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