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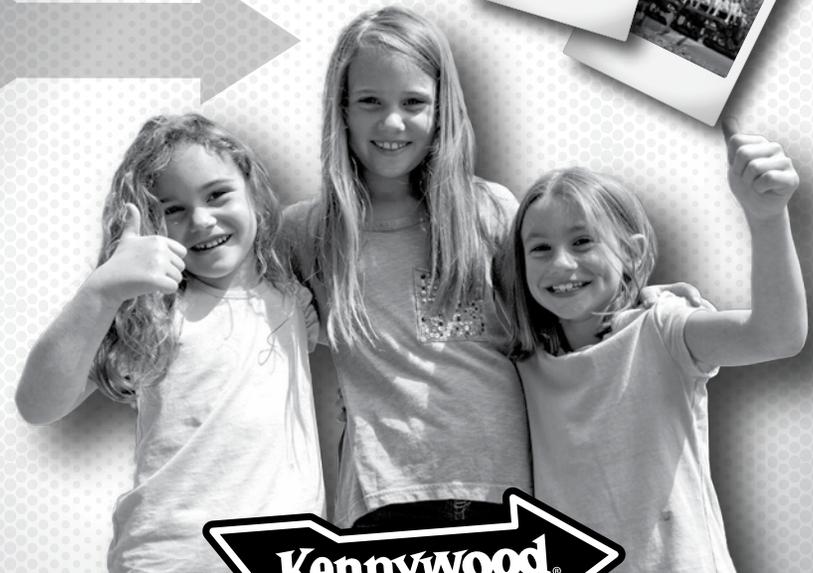


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Jimmy Stewart. A museum is dedicated to his film, radio and military career. It showcases his involvement in 81 movies including the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life", and his last movie "An American Tale: Fievel Goes West." Tucked away in a secluded section of Northern Indiana County is the community of Smicksburg, home to over 300 Old Order Amish families. Students



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Gettysburg truly brings history books alive and the popular small town provides its visitors with a variety of ways to tour its hallowed grounds making history both interesting and engaging. Homeschool students and their families can be part of the cavalry with horseback rides through the farms and fields that became the center of the continent's largest – and most tragic – battle.

Spring is also a great time to take a bus, bicycle or Segway tour through Gettysburg National Military Park's 26 miles of roadway, or walk the numerous trails and walkways that run through the park and nearby Soldiers' National Cemetery where President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

Just a few miles outside of historic Gettysburg, visitors this spring will find 20,000 acres of fruit trees in full bloom as farmers begin the season in one of the country's largest apple-growing regions in the United States. Farmer's markets open their doors for visitors to learn the great taste of food fresh from the farm.

At nearby Strawberry Hill Nature Center, homeschool students can learn about some of the most sensitive ecologies through close looks at vernal pools, hikes along the preserve's 10 miles of trails and a hands-on nature center which brings visitors up-close with nature.

Gettysburg, Pa., teaches students that history isn't boring. It is relevant, it's engaging and important to understanding the country we live in today. Gettysburg does this through captivating tours, hands-on learning and great story-telling that captures the imagination.

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Mark your calendars for these upcoming workshops:

March 12 – Your Brain

Your brain is always changing. Test your powers of recall, challenge your multi-tasking skills, and touch a real, dissected sheep’s brain! You’ll never think about your brain in the same way again.

April 16 – LEGO®: The Art of the Brick

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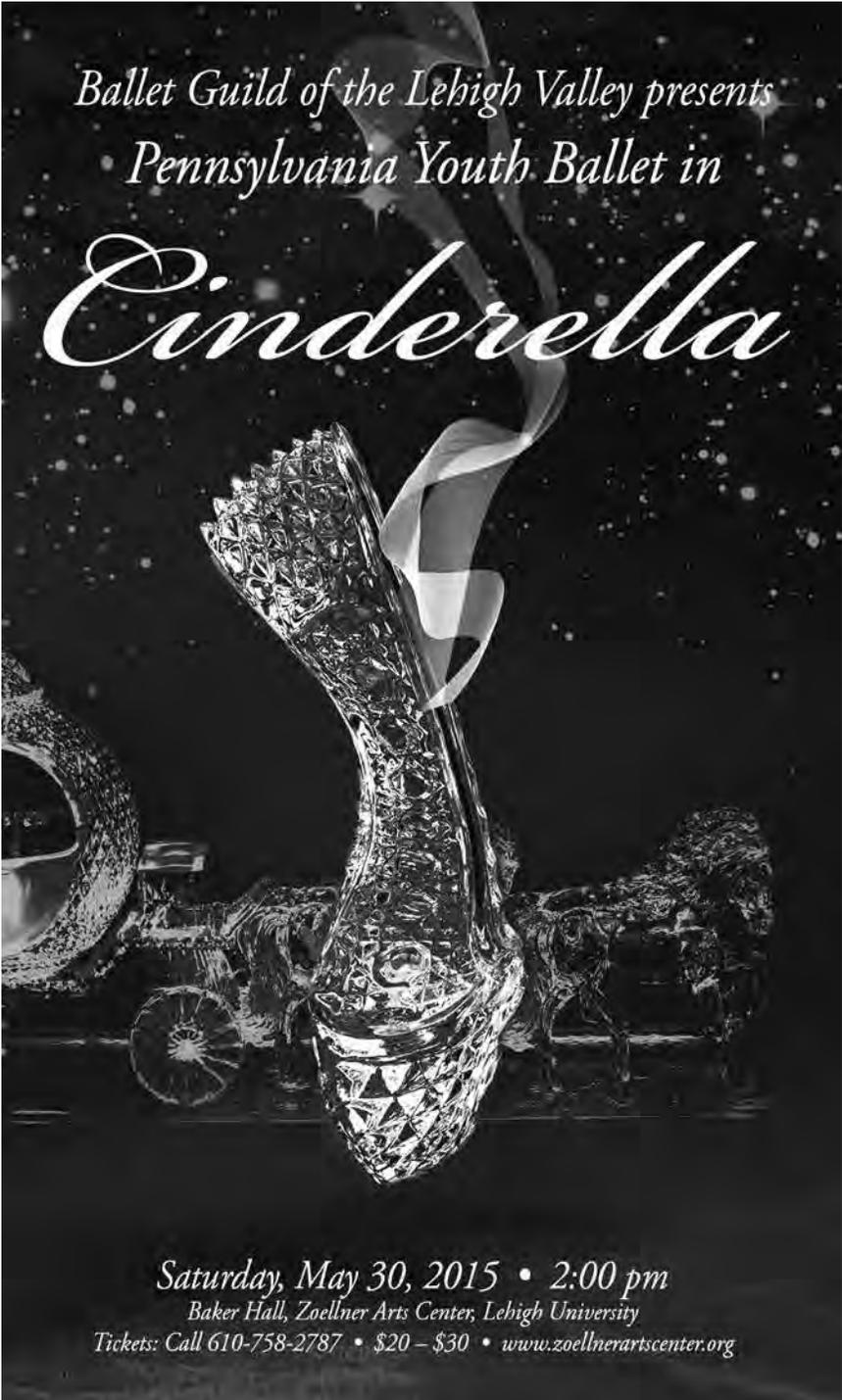
May 14 – Water Warriors

The Earth has been undergoing changes since the beginning of time. As it changes, our perspectives and technologies change along with it. Learn about changes specific to our urban watershed and discover practical ways to handle these challenges like storm water runoff, urban heat islands, and super storms.

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Cinderella Ballet

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Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, founded in 1958 by Marjorie Berlin Fink, is dedicated to fostering the art of theatre dance, primarily classical ballet, through education and performances. Our first production of the full-length, three-act ballet, *Cinderella*, will feature approximately one hundred cast members composed of guest artists, dancers from Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, and adult community volunteers. This timeless ballet with music by Sergei Prokofiev, is choreographed by BGLV/PYB Artistic Director, Karen Kroninger Knerr. Prokofiev was guided by Charles Perrault's fairy tale of "Cinderella" and was so influenced by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet scores that he dedicated his composition to Tchaikovsky.

This romantic tale contains some comedic tones – in particular, the roles of the ugly stepsisters traditionally played by men – and is sure to enchant the audience with its beautiful dancing, glorious costumes, and haunting music. In the ballet, Cinderella's traditional glass "slipper" is actually a pointe shoe!

The performance will take place at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Tickets are available at Zoellner Arts Center Box Office 610-758-2787, www.zoellnerartscenter.org. A party for children and adults will follow the performance at Zoellner Arts Center. Tickets are available by calling 610-865-0353.

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The Village is a “put-together” museum of both authentic buildings procured from surrounding towns as well as appropriate buildings constructed on site. The Grove School House and the New Milford Post Office are examples of historical buildings; the Threshing Barn is original to the property; while the Blacksmith Shop was built on site. In addition to these thirteen buildings, there is a large and interesting Museum housing artifacts from the 1800's through 1950, most donated by citizens of the county.

The museum grounds encompass the site of an early sawmill (circa 1830) on the old Newburgh-Great Bend Turnpike, one mile from New Milford, an easy exit from Route 81. Each summer and fall volunteers present a variety of program events portraying “the hardscrabble life” of Pennsylvania's northeastern counties.

School tours for both public and home school groups reflect this theme as well, focusing on activities in which children of different ages would have engaged – namely, chores, education, entertainment, apprenticeships, and historical events. Children and youth are encouraged to participate in hands-on activities ranging from washing clothes to gardening in the “chores” category; the three R's in the one-room school; storytelling and group games for entertainment; spinning and blacksmithing as apprenticeships. Learning about the county's historical events depends on the age level of those touring, but have included, at various times, involvement in the Underground Railroad, military drills for the local Militia, transportation opportunities, rolling bandages to support the Soldiers' Aid Society, etc.

All activities offered depend on the number of visitors, their ages, and the volunteers available. At least 2 activities are engaged in each of 4 categories for 15 minutes each. “Education” is the exception, spanning 30 minutes. This arrangement gives a hint of what is offered at Old Mill Village Museum; it is not intended to be a concentrated workshop. [Workshops, on the other hand, may be arranged as an alternative to the traditional tour, if desired, but may entail additional charge.]

All school tours schedule a half hour for lunch. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lunches and bottles of water; or arrangements can be made for purchasing such on site. The Village also boasts a well-stocked Mercantile offering souvenirs, hand made goods, hard candy, etc., in the style of an old-time store. A visit to the Mercantile can be scheduled as part of “Entertainment” or as an activity at the end of the tour.



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HOME TEXTILE TOOL MUSEUM

For those Homeschooler families unfamiliar with the Home Textile Tool Museum (HTTM), it is located in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, in the hilltop village of Orwell. Founded in 1999, HTTM was created to preserve the tools and heritage of textile production in American homes in the 1800s. The museum offers informative displays and demonstrations with particular attention to children and families.

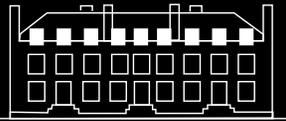
This year we are continuing a special program for children called "No Idle Hands –They Never Took Their Clothing For Granted." HTTM will provide a limited number of free kits (Drop Spindle Spinning, Sewing, Felting, Knitting and Lucet Braiding) on the Saturdays these topics are presented.

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Three "No Idle Hands" Saturdays follow. Sheep Shearing Day is a family oriented event. On Natural Dye Day, a museum demonstrator will explain the dyeing process. Children can place small hanks of yarn into the dye pot. Rug Day shows the making of braided, hooked and rag rugs.

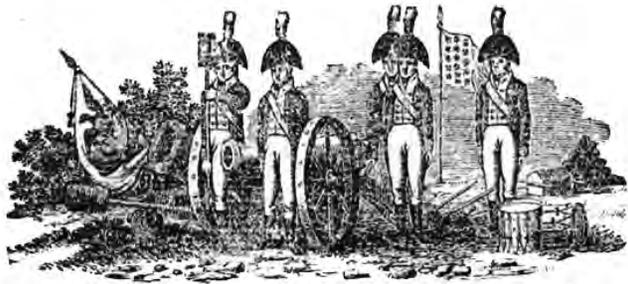
Three more special days continue our theme. Antique tape and lucet looms keeps hands busy on another Saturday. Embroidery and learning about old samplers is a new event this year. Youth Day is a festival of fun for children with "Hands On Activities" featuring plant dyeing, carding, making felt, and spinning on a drop spindle.

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Field trip activities include using a seine net to observe fish and other marine life or deploying a plankton net to collect microscopic organisms. Shovels and sieves are used to uncover bottom dwelling animals from the sediments of Sandy Hook Bay. Each group will work with an experienced NJS GC instructor and all sampling equipment from nets and test kits to chest waders are supplied.

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The Battleship New Jersey MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL



The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial on the Camden Waterfront, NJ, offers guided group tours for student groups. However, this museum and memorial is more than just tours

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Battleship New Jersey's knowledgeable, trained tour guides, many of whom served in the Navy, lead groups on the Battleship's newest tour option – the Turret II Experience. Guests can climb five decks down to the bottom of the massive 16-inch gun turret. Along the way, guests will hoist a projectile, load the powder bags that fire these giant projectiles up to 23 miles, plot a firing solution on the Mark 8 analog computer and even pull the trigger to simulate the firing of this legendary gun. Coming this summer, the Turret II Experience, which can be reserved at the Ticket Office, will add a "stroll down Broadway," where guests can experience the longest and most impressive passageway on the ship.

The popular Fire Power tours are available every day at the Battleship. These audio tours include a walk through of the Combat Engagement Center, where you can participate in

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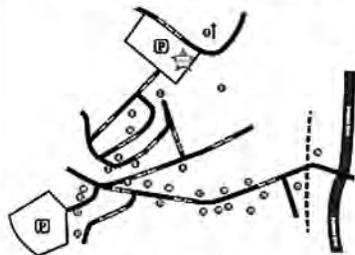


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For 2015, HCHS is expanding its educational programming to include the following: Education Trunk Programs, Walking Tours of Historic Ellicott City, and our Passport to History program.

The *Education Trunk Programs* are designed for up to 30 children between the ages of 7-12 and focuses on one of three history topics: Archaeology and Native Americans, The Civil War, and Early America. The Trunk Programs use reproduction artifacts, clothing, activities, games, and a fun interactive quiz at the end of the program to teach children local history and what it was like to live during these eras. Trunk Programs are administered at either the Miller Branch Library or the HCHS Museum in Howard County. We require advance notice to schedule a trunk program and the cost is \$5 per student, 10 student minimum.

The *Historic Walking Tour of Ellicott City* is a 2 hour tour of 26 sites, including Mt. Ida, Lawyer's Row, Emory Street Jail, Tonge Row and Main Street. This tour is suitable for all ages and is available upon request and the cost is \$10 per person.

The *Passport to the Past* is a free booklet that highlights historical sites throughout the county that families can visit for a summer project. They can be picked up at Miller Branch Library or the Howard County Historical Society Museum, the kickoff will be on May 30th, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the research room on the second floor of Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Road Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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The For The Kids, By George! Children's Museum is housed in the historic Caperton Train Station in downtown Martinsburg, WV. With over 6,000 square feet of unique Museum space within the train station, the museum offers a detailed and engaging journey through 300 years of American life along the Washington Heritage Trail in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, places where George Washington spent time as a young surveyor under Lord Fairfax and later with his family and as a landowner.

Visitors are given a museum passport as their ticket to begin their journey with a video that highlights our community through time – from the early days when Native Americans were the only inhabitants to early frontier exploration, George Washington's time as a young surveyor through war, industrialization, new technology and transportation. From here, visitors choose a path to begin their journey – green, yellow or red – and their exploration of the museum.

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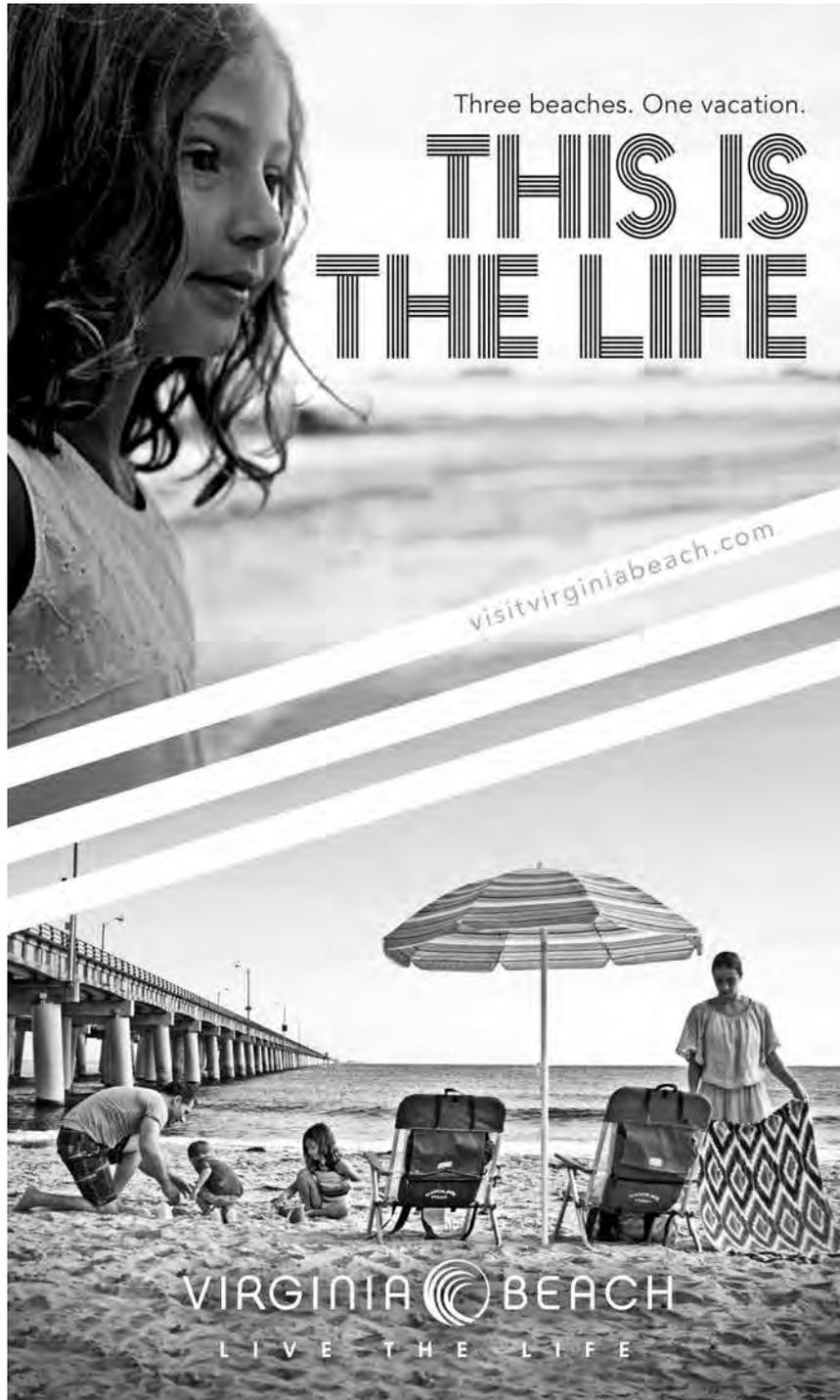
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Nearby, visitors will find the newly opened Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium, the largest aerial park of its kind in Virginia, where visitors can have an adventure high above the treetops through a series of challenging ropes courses and zip lines. Another thrill-seeking activity is the new iFly Virginia Beach, Virginia's only indoor skydiving complex. This brand new attraction includes an iFly wind tunnel that will provide a safe and protected way for individuals to experience the thrill of a free-falling skydive.

Families can also enjoy two other beaches with a local laid back vibe at both Sandbridge and Chesapeake Bay Beach. The Sandbridge area is nestled up against the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge with breathtaking ocean-view rental homes and condominiums. Families can enjoy biking excursions and surf lessons from local outfitters. Chesapeake Bay Beach is preferred by families with young children for its small, gentle waves, ideal for splashing and swimming in the surf along the scenic Chesapeake Bay. On the beach, visitors can rent kayaks and paddleboards, as well as take in an incredible sunset view over the bay.

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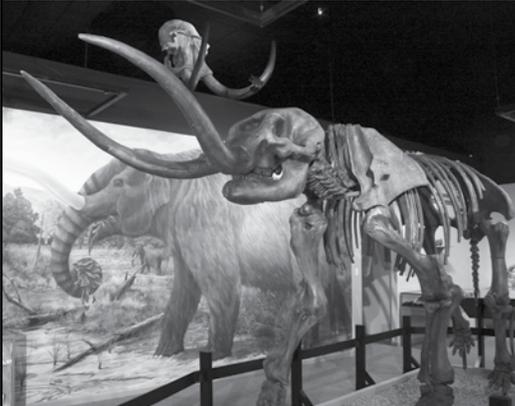
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The Airborne & Special Operations Museum provides an exciting educational experience and preserves the legend of airborne and special operations forces.

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The museum presents the story of the genesis of airborne and special operations forces and their intertwined involvement over the past six decades. From their inception, American airborne and special operations forces have continued to make dramatic and lasting contributions to our national security. Visitors learn how these remarkable soldiers carried out missions of classic strategic and tactical significance behind enemy lines. Time after time the heroic efforts of these airborne units were responsible for turning the tide of history, and those efforts are recounted at the museum.

The museum serves as a premier educational medium for active-duty personnel, their families, veterans and civilians of all ages. It serves Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina, and the entire country. The museum preserves and interprets the unique heritage of airborne and special operations forces for future generations, ensuring that "the legend continues."

The extensive exhibits, large-screen theater production and motion simulator provide an opportunity for visitors to experience the legend. The museum provides special programming to enhance the curriculum of school children, emphasizing values education, and presents targeted educational programs developed for active-duty military personnel.

The museum incorporates core values as part of its educational program, teaching how personal actions and character have direct impact on the course of our society and our world. The museum allows us to realize that history is not something that happened to someone else a long time ago -- it is the story of who we are right now and why we, as Americans, are able to enjoy liberty and freedom.

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The Children's Museum is a powerful tool for parents offering hands on programs and exhibits that link to state standards and complement home studies.

This year, the museum introduces a new monthly **Smithsonian Series for Homeschool families**. TCMU is proud to be the first children's museum to become a Smithsonian Affiliate and now offers homeschool students the opportunity to interact with REAL Smithsonian Scientists via live webcast at 11am and 2pm. The webcasts are designed for children ages 9 and up, however the museum offers programs for younger children at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 3pm. Arrive early to explore the museum and play before encountering workshops and demonstrations throughout the day.

The series is free for museum members and is included with regular daily admission for non-members (\$9 per child; \$10 per adult). Registration is required. Visit www.tcmupstate.org or call 864-233-7755, ext. 2. The museum requires one adult for every five children.

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This academic year, PPIHST is offering three special Homeschooler Days, Sept. 9th, Nov. 11th and Feb. 17th. Each two-hour program focuses on history and science programs. Students will also get to meet Scrapy, the YORKTOWN's historic World War II canine mascot. The original Scrapy was aboard the YORKTOWN in the 1940s and has since returned to share his story.

The PPIHST History and Science Textbooks "Oscar I AM!" and "Harry I WAS!?" are built upon PPIHST's proven method that education is more effective when students learn through stories, web-based activities, live interviews, and a visit to the awe-inspiring YORKTOWN.

The PPIHST is also completing the construction of its Marine Education Center with the addition of a Distance Learning Lab. Additionally, the new Patriots Point Flight Academy is currently open for group bookings. The program is based on a unique, immersive environment and state-of-the-art teaching and gaming technology.

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Visit PatriotsPoint.org for more information or to register for any of the upcoming Homeschooler Days.



For a student, it's one thing to hit books when making the grade. It's quite another to board a space shuttle and blast off into outer space; or travel back in time to the deck of a Civil War Ironclad as the cannonballs start to fly; or trek through the treetops for a bird's eye view of the wetlands and indigenous wildlife of West Central Georgia. Your students can experience all of this and so much more with a visit to Columbus, GA.

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Now that you have an idea of some of the services the Bureau provides, planning your trip will never be easier. But take a look at just a few of the one-of-a-kind attractions that'll enrich your students long after they've returned to home.

The Coca-Cola Space Science Center makes space travel possible. Venture to Mars and beyond where students work together as teams to unlock the mysteries of the universe; nearby is Heritage Park, an oasis in the Historic District that tells the story of how Columbus was built; and, of course, the Pemberton House, where the top secret formula for Coca-Cola was invented.

Is your student more of a drama queen... or king? Then they'll relish the opportunity to take the stage at the Springer Opera House, the State Theatre of Georgia. This 139-year old theatre has been restored to its original grandeur and hosts a full season of productions from September through May. But beware! Ghosts of performers past were so fond of the hall, some chose never to leave!

History buffs will have no shortage of sites to explore here in Columbus, with the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus—the only museum in the country dedicated to telling the story of two navies - North and South - that took place during

the Civil War. The National Infantry Museum is dedicated to the Infantry. The life-size exhibits and galleries tell an all too real story of the sacrifice made to keep the country free. Combining history and art is the Columbus Museum, the second largest art museum in Georgia, with a hands-on gallery that kids of all ages will enjoy!



If you're looking to take it up a notch, Columbus is a city that loves to play outside! It's the perfect location to host a tennis, soccer, softball, baseball or football tournament. Woodruff Farm Road Soccer Complex offers twelve full-sized fields with lighting and is renowned as one of the finest complexes in the Southeast. Cooper Creek Tennis Center is made up of 30 clay courts with lights, a championship court with seating for 500, concessions, and a clubhouse. The South Commons Complex, —a 90-acre sports venue, also site of the 1996 Olympic Women's Fastpitch Softball Competition -- boast an eight-field complex, which includes a five-field hub with roundhouse and a three-field fan with a stadium, concessions, and restrooms.

There is just one thing that Columbus offers that you can't find anywhere else on the planet; it's the stretch of the Chattahoochee River that's become the longest urban whitewater course in the world. If you're looking for an activity that involves team-building, teamwork, or just being in the great outdoors, raft, kayak, or paddle board this 2.5-mile long course for a one-of-a-kind experience. From mild to wild, this whitewater experience will stay with you the rest of your life. "Fun launched here!"

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Are you looking for an exciting field trip for your homeschool group? Explore the Zoo with an official Zoo guide and learn fascinating facts about the animals. Experience up close animal encounters as students meet Education Animal Ambassadors from around the world. Custom design a program tailored to your students with Create Your Own ZOOventure! Tell us what elements you'd like to include, and we'll do the rest. From the smallest insect to the largest land mammal, learn what animals eat, where they live, how they move, and much, much more. Children will be engaged in these interactive programs designed to spark an excitement for the sciences and a compassion for wildlife.

While you're here, enjoy a ride on Champ the Train or the carousel. Play in the Wharton-Smith Tropical Splash Ground or take a walk on the nature trek. The ZOOM Air Adventure course is a playground in the trees as you swing, climb, balance, and zip line in this challenging eco-adventure. Feed a giraffe, experience an up-close encounter with a rhinoceros, take a ride on a camel (February - April), or enjoy fun on the water with WOW (Walk on Water) Balls. Be sure to visit the website for details and prices.

Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Garden annual pass holders receive free admission to the Zoo as well as discount prices on many programs. Ride passes are available for the train and carousel. Become a Zoo annual pass holder today, and your family will enjoy the Zoo for the whole year! For more information regarding the Zoo please visit www.centralfloridazoo.org or call 407.323.4450. The Zoo is located off I-4 at Exit 104 in Sanford and is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Also, homeschooled students can benefit from special offerings at The Straz Center including our field trip performance series, Broadway Family Nights, and student group discounts to the 2015-2016 Bank of America Best of Broadway Series. The season offers a number of performances homeschoolers will enjoy, such as *The Sound of Music*, *Matilda the Musical*, *Newsies* and Disney's *The Lion King*.

The performing arts bring learning to life and often-times provide a life-changing experience for a child at any age. The Straz Center and Patel Conservatory strive to make these life-changing opportunities available for all children, and there are dedicated staff members eager to help you and your child find the best Straz experience possible.



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In addition to the fun exhibits, the Museum offers many free weekly workshops and affordable classes such as S.T.E.A.M. based projects, unique arts and crafts, kindergarten readiness classes, yoga for children and story time that culminates in an art project based on the story.

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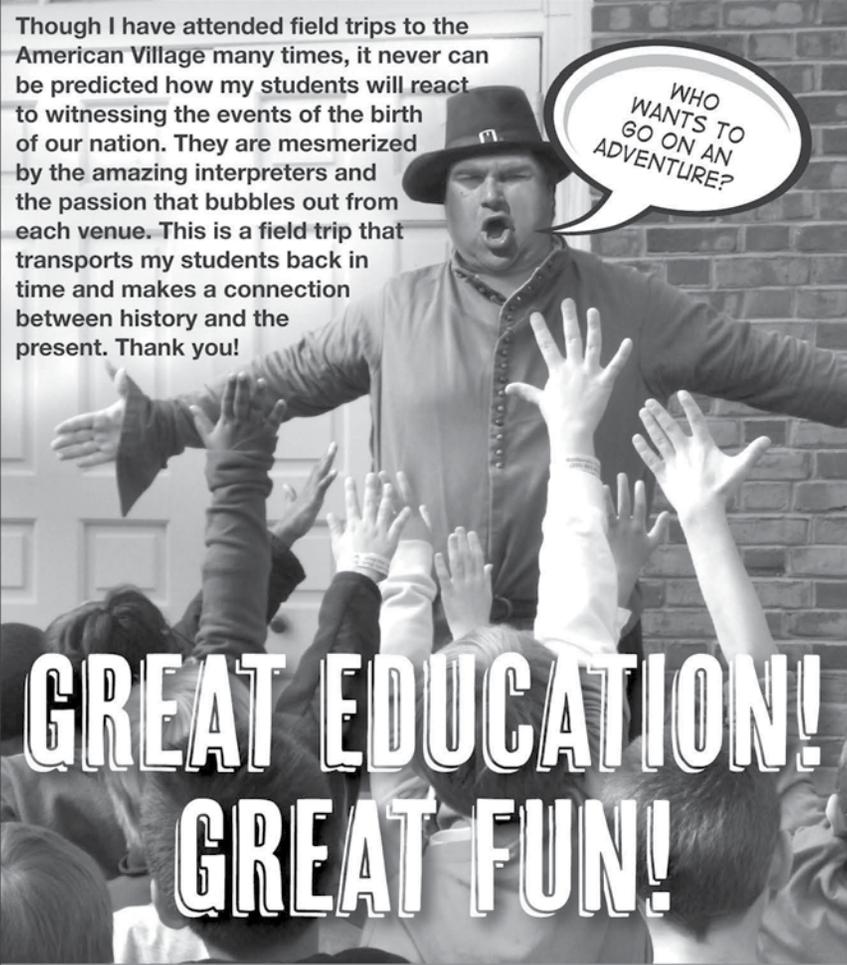
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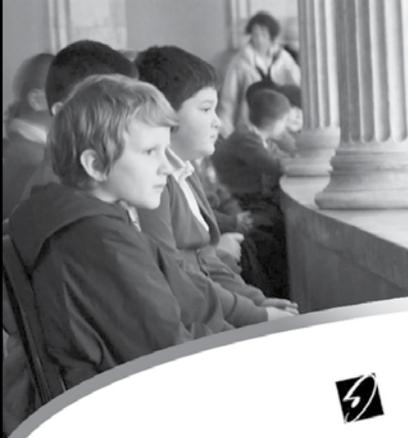
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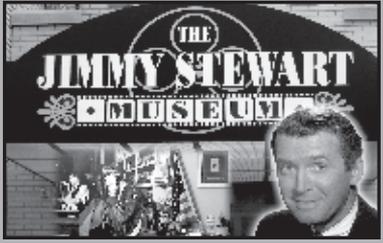
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