

Through the lens of local history, the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) tells the story of America's past. Our collections are the "stuff" of history- letters, diaries, tools, toys, photos and furnishings spanning three centuries.

We teach through the power of objects, bringing you and your students face to face with the past. Whether exploring our museum or welcoming us into your classroom, our programs help you fulfill Pennsylvania curriculum standards and help your students enjoy learning about history.

## Museum Visits

At CCHS, students learn about Chester County's history through exhibits and activities in a museum setting. Lessons include a direct experience with artifacts and/or documents.

## Outreach Programs

CCHS educators will come into classrooms to present specific programs at your school. Lessons include a direct experience with artifacts and/or documents.

## Traveling Trunks

Traveling trunks bring thematic enriching activities into the classroom. Each "trunk" is filled with intriguing materials and activities for student discovery as well as prepared lesson plans for use by the teacher.

## Other Available Trunks

- Women and Reform (S)
- Chester County's Industrial Revolution (S)
- Bayard Rustin: Civil Rights Leader (I & S)
- Horace Pippin: Artist (I & S)
- Improving the Land: The People and Places of Chester County (S)
- Quilted History (S)
- World War II (S)

I= Intermediate S= Secondary



## National History Day

National History Day is a program for middle and high school students that emphasizes original research and use of primary resources on a specific theme. This year's theme is "Conflict and Compromise." The regional competition will be held at the Chester County Historical Society. Visit [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org) and [www.chestercohistorical.org](http://www.chestercohistorical.org) for more information and exact dates. National History Day is generously funded by individuals, corporations and foundations.

## Special Group Programming

This program is specially crafted for Scout troops, day care and summer camp groups. This program provides enjoyable and educational opportunities for students through "hands-on" activities using the unique artifacts from the collection of the Chester County Historical Society. Suitable for participants who may not have yet studied a particular historical event or time period. Call the CCHS Education Department for details at (610) 692-4800 x 203.

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## Planning Your Program

Let our education staff help you plan your program. All groups must have a reservation. Please schedule as early as possible. Call 610-692-4800 x 203 or email: [csamuels@chestercohistorical.org](mailto:csamuels@chestercohistorical.org) or [vmckeefer@chestercohistorical.org](mailto:vmckeefer@chestercohistorical.org). Teachers arranging an educational program are invited to visit the museum free of charge for a preview. Please call in advance for complimentary admission.

### We Need to Know

- Preferred date and time (with two alternatives)
- Program title
- Name, e-mail and phone number of teacher
- School address and phone number
- Grade level and class size (please note maximum number of students that can be accommodated in program descriptions).
- Information about students with special needs
- If you need time to visit the Museum shop

### Museum Visits

1-1 1/2 hr. program, \$5.00 per student

2-2 1/2 hr. program, \$7.00 per student

Payment is due on arrival. If pre-cut checks are used, no refunds can be issued. One chaperone for every TEN students is required for museum programs. Walking tours require one chaperone for every FIVE students. Admission is free for all required chaperones. Extra chaperones are welcome, but will be charged the student fee for their visit. CCHS is handicapped accessible. Space for eating lunch on-site is available with prior arrangement. There is no on-site food service.

### Traveling Trunks

\$40.00 per trunk

Payment is due at pick-up.

Rentals are for a 2 week period. Return on Saturday before noon and pick up on Saturday between 12:30-4:30.

### Classroom Outreach

1-1 1/2 hr. program, \$6.00 per student

2-2 1/2 hr. program, \$8.00 per student

A single program can be repeated up to four times a day to accommodate an entire grade level.

CCHS programs are generously supported by individuals, corporations and foundations. Please contact our Development Office at 610-692-4800 x 267 to learn more about how you can help support CCHS.



# HISTORY CONNECTIONS

## School Programs 2017-2018

Investigating Chester County's past through minds-on, hands-on learning.



CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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 West Chester, PA 19380  
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## EARLY SETTLEMENT

### The Lenape Children (Traveling Trunk)

This trunk introduces students to the lives of Lenape children. It includes reproduction artifacts that focus on the culture of Lenape children, including games and how play is related to daily life, food and religion. Teacher's guide included.

*Primary and Intermediate*

### Growing Up in Colonial Chester County (Museum Visit)

After an introductory video, students discover how children prepared for their life's work in colonial times. As apprentices, students try on reproduction clothing, assemble a Chippendale chair, construct line and berry inlay, churn butter and weigh butter cakes on a balance scale.

*2-1/2 hours | Intermediate | Maximum 60 students*

### Daily Life in Colonial Pennsylvania (Classroom Outreach)

This program explores a day in the life of a colonial boy or girl, using objects and clothing to demonstrate chores, learning and fun.

*1 hour | Intermediate | Maximum 4 classes*

### Then and Now (Museum Visit/Classroom Outreach)

How is a felt hat like a pair of sunglasses? What does a lantern have in common with a flashlight? Students sharpen their skills of observation, comparison and analysis, learning that design and materials change, but human needs stay the same.

*1 hour | Primary | Maximum 4 classes*



Choose the program that fits your curriculum...



## AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### The American Revolution in Chester County (Traveling Trunk)

A basket, a wooden trunk and a portmanteau present the war from three distinct viewpoints: British soldiers, Continental soldiers and Chester County civilians. Rich with objects, this kit provides a five-day series of engaging activities using artifacts and documents. Teacher's guide included.

*Intermediate*

### War Comes to Chester County, 1777-1778 (Museum Visit)

When American and British soldiers converged on Chester County in the fall of 1777, few could imagine the dramatic impact on soldiers and civilians alike. Besides a video introduction, artifact exploration, role-play and practicing a military drill, students also examine and analyze original documents in the CCHS library.

*2 1/2 hours | Intermediate | Maximum 60 students*

### The American Revolution in Your Own Backyard (Classroom Outreach)

What was it like for soldiers as well as the residents of Chester County when war was fought in their backyards? The impact of the American Revolution is seen through the eyes of soldiers and local residents whose stories live on in letters, artifacts, diaries and public documents. Choose from several activities to retell the dramatic experiences of 1777.

*1 or 2 hour | Intermediate | Maximum 4 classes*

## UNDERGROUND RAILROAD/THE CIVIL WAR/THE 1800S

### The Underground Railroad in Chester County (Traveling Trunk)

This trunk documents the County's role in the Underground Railroad, showing the history of slavery in Chester County and the activities of its early abolitionists. A variety of primary sources identify the people, places and organizational network that helped as many as 9,000 fugitive enslaved peoples travel to freedom. The trunk also includes an A/V presentation, photographs and a teacher's guide.

*Intermediate*

### Voices from the past: Chester County and the Civil War (Traveling Trunk)

This trunk focuses on the impact of the Civil War on Chester County, its people and its community resources. The trunk includes reproduction soldiers' gear, photographs, copies of diaries, letters, broadsides, government records and secret decoder Cypher Wheels. Teacher's guide included.

*Secondary*

### Victorian Childhood (Museum Visit)

What was life like for 5-10 year olds at the time of the U.S. Centennial in 1876? Students experience life at that time from dressing in the morning to playing with toys in the evening after chores. They go to school, practice their handwriting and set a table for dinner.

*2-1/4 hours | Primary and Intermediate  
Maximum 60 students*

### Just Over the Line: Chester County and the Underground Railroad (Museum Visit/Classroom Outreach)

Because Chester County is just over the Mason-Dixon line, dramatic enslaved people escapes and kidnappings took place right in this area. An introductory video, role-play activities and a decision-making challenge help students to understand the complexities of the slavery issue in the years leading up to the Civil War.

*2-1/2 hours | Intermediate | Maximum 60 students*

## OTHER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

### A Walk Through History (Museum Visit)

West Chester becomes an outdoor museum for students. The experience includes a 15 minute A/V orientation, which presents six clues to finding the "old among the new" in a suburban environment. Then students use the clues during a 90 minute guided walk through the historic county seat. For this activity, the student/chaperone ratio must be one chaperone for every FIVE students.

*2 hours | Intermediate and Secondary*

### Tall Case Clocks/Time Telling (Museum Visit)

What makes a clock tick? Students learn about the mechanisms that run classic tall clocks in the CCHS galleries and participate in time-related games and activities.

*1 hour | Primary | Max. 30 students*

### Quilts of Many Colors (Classroom Outreach)

People tell stories about quilts and quilts tell stories about people. Colors, shapes, patterns and signs of wear and tear provide clues to the lives of real people who made or owned quilts in Chester County. Students hear a quilt story, examine quilt fragments and design their own quilt square.

*1 hour | Primary and Intermediate | Max. 30 students*

### Quilts Tell Stories (Museum Visit)

A video details the history of quilt making and design. Students listen to a quilt story, examine quilts and quilt fragments from the CCHS collection, watch a quilt-making demonstration and experiment with colors and patterns in creating designs.

*2 hours | Primary and Intermediate | Max. 60 students*

## Government and Citizenship Trunk

The trunk includes five sections in government and citizenship: government structure, major issues, famous people, rights and responsibilities and the role of media in government. Lesson plans, activities and teacher background information are included to make this an easy and interesting resource enhancing the study of government and citizenship for intermediate students through high school students.