Kentucky Historical Society
FIELD TRIP PROGRAMS

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SCHEDULE YOUR SCHOOL VISIT

All guided and self-guided groups must make reservations at least two weeks in advance. Reservations are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please make your reservations as early as possible, keeping in mind that March, April and May are the busiest months of the year.

To make a reservation, complete the reservation form and submit by fax (502-564-4701) or mail (ATTN: Tour Coordinator, Kentucky Historical Society, 100 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601).

FEES AND PAYMENT

Self-Guided Programs: $2 per student, teacher and chaperone. The school admission fee includes a self-guided experience in the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. For all self-guided visits a museum staff member will welcome each group, go over museum rules and then each group will go through the galleries on its own.

Guided Programs: $3 per student, teacher and chaperone. This fee includes a guided Old State Capitol tour and Museum Theatre performances.

Payment is made upon check-in at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. Payment may be made by cash, check (made out to the Kentucky Historical Society), credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express) or purchase order.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If 50% or more of the students enrolled in your school qualify for a free or reduced lunch, KHS will grant a scholarship to cover admission fees to the KHS history campus for all students and up to 10 adults with the visiting group from that school. Teachers must complete the scholarship application prior to their visit and fax it to the attention of Museum Tours at 502-564-4701.

KHS was founded in 1836 and is more than 170 years old.

CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULING

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please contact the Tour Coordinator at 502-564-1792, ext. 4424 or KHStours@ky.gov as soon as possible. Although we will do our best to reschedule your visit, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your first request.

A full refund will be given for cancellations.

PREPARING FOR YOUR FIELD TRIP

Preparing your students for their visit to the KHS history campus will greatly enhance the experience. Resources to help you are available on the Teachers page at www.history.ky.gov/teachers.

We encourage you to use these materials to introduce concepts, vocabulary and historical or other background information to your class prior to visiting the KHS history campus.

MUSEUM GUIDELINES

We encourage you to share examples of good museum behavior with your class before your visit. The most important rule is to not touch the artifacts or glass cases; the touch of a finger can damage artifacts and leave dirt and oil behind. Discuss appropriate indoor voice levels and behavior with your class. Please be respectful if a KHS staff member asks you or your students to move back from an artifact. Food, drinks and gum are not permitted in the galleries.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is allowed in the KHS galleries as long as images are taken using existing light only (no flash) and are for personal, noncommercial use. We request that teachers and students refrain from taking photographs during guided visits.

SCHOOL BUS DROP-OFF AND PARKING

Buses may drop school groups off at the bus ramp on Broadway or on Ann Street. Bus parking is located at the end of Broadway at Riverview Park.

Other parking is available in the parking lot on the corner of Broadway and Ann Street across from the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

LATE ARRIVALS

Please be prompt. Classes that arrive late may receive a condensed tour due to scheduling limitations.

LUNCH

A limited number of lunch facilities are available in the museum. Many groups enjoy eating in the Cralle Day Garden. Please check with the Tour Coordinator for availability.

Over 14,000 students from across the commonwealth visited the Kentucky Historical Society in spring 2011 alone.

SELF-GUIDED VISITS

Note: The Old State Capitol does not accommodate self-guided visits. For all self-guided visits to the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History a museum staff member will welcome each group, go over museum rules and then each group will go through the galleries on its own.

"A KENTUCKY JOURNEY"

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History

Recommended for grades 3-12

Self-guided visits of "A Kentucky Journey" introduce students to 12,000 years of Kentucky history with walk-through environments and interactive displays. Students will examine primary sources from pre-history through the present and gain an understanding of how Kentucky has expanded and evolved over time.

- **60 minutes, up to 100 students**

"KENTUCKY MILITARY TREASURES"

Kentucky Military History Museum at the State Arsenal

Recommended for grades 3-12

"Kentucky Military Treasures" highlights personal stories that exemplify the military experience and the significant contributions and sacrifices that Kentuckians have made in service to the nation at home and abroad. "Kentucky Military Treasures" is thoughtfully presented in a timeline chronicling major U.S. conflicts from the War of 1812 through present engagements in Afghanistan and Iraq. Within the exhibition students can examine primary sources including artifacts, photographs and manuscripts from over 200 years of military history.

- **60 minutes, up to 100 students**

KHS owns, cares for and shares more than 500,000 artifacts and documents relating to the commonwealth's rich history.

GUIDED VISITS

CAPITOL AT WORK

Old State Capitol
Recommended for grades 3-12
Students will analyze artifacts and primary sources through questions and activities and be able to understand how the Old State Capitol was used in the 19th century.

- **60 minutes, up to 35 students per museum educator**

A STATE INVADED: CIVIL WAR AT THE OLD STATE CAPITOL

Old State Capitol
Recommended for grades 4-8
Students will analyze artifacts and primary sources through questions and activities and be able to understand the role the Old State Capitol played in the Civil War.

- **60-90 minutes, up to 35 students per museum educator.**

The Old State Capitol was designed by a 25-year old architect named Gideon Shryock and served as Kentucky's capitol from 1830 to 1910.

MUSEUM THEATRE

Add dramatic flair to your museum visit! KHS offers plays, which are set in the galleries of the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, that transform curriculum-based history content into an engaging and entertaining format.

PLAYS

"Westward into Kentucky: The Journal of Daniel Trabue" interprets Kentucky's frontier era through the eyes of a man who interacted with hunters, settlers and Native Americans and witnessed events from the siege at Logan's Fort to the Treaty of Greenville. (20 minutes.)

"In the Veins: Conversations from a Coal Town" presents multiple perspectives on life in a company town of the 1930s through encounters with three characters: a 13-year-old boy whose father is a miner, an Italian immigrant who has become a grocer after a disabling mining accident and a union organizer fighting for better working conditions for miners. (25 minutes.)

"Look for My Picture: Raising the Flag with Franklin Sousley" commemorates the life of a young Kentuckian who fought in World War II and became part of an American icon when he helped to raise the flag at Iwo Jima. (15 minutes.)

ADDITIONAL THEATRE OPTION

"Westward into Kentucky" and Exploring Perspectives in Frontier Kentucky

Students are challenged to understand life on the Kentucky frontier by observing a short play developed from primary sources and responding to issues of westward expansion and land ownership. Working as a group, they use their imaginations and bodies to gain insight on the complex challenges and differing perspectives of Native Americans and settlers. Teachers who participate in the program will find students are moved and engaged on multiple levels, and excited to continue learning more. (55 minutes, up to 50 students)

The KHS Museum Theatre program has staged more than 40 original productions since 1998.