



# Education Programs

Fall 2007-Spring 2008

## Distance Learning

The Independence Park Institute at Independence National Historical Park offers several ways to explore the park without ever leaving your classroom.

### Electronic Field Trip

*Freedom in America: Some Assembly Required* aired on PBS stations across the country on October 17, 2006.

To watch please visit:

<http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali/story.php?itemID=824>

This electronic field trip to Independence NHP was made possible through a partnership between the National Park Foundation, the National Park Service, and Ball State University.



### Daily Life and Diversity in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Philadelphia Web-based program

Students each take on the role of a person living in 1790s Philadelphia, and then investigate that person's life through the activities on the website. Students explore web content about their families, their houses, and their daily lives. Larger issues of the 1790s such as the yellow fever epidemic and Philadelphia as the nation's capital city are also explored. Lessons and web components can be found at [www.independenceparkinstitute.com](http://www.independenceparkinstitute.com).

## Professional Development for Teachers



Are you looking for professional development opportunities that offer both subject matter content and practical classroom application? If so, professional development at Independence National Historical Park may be just what you are looking for!

The Independence Park Institute (IPI) at Independence NHP offers a wide range of professional development opportunities.

### Teaching American History Grants (TAH)

The IPI will work with school districts applying for Teaching American History Grants and provide them with full day or half day professional development programs as well as assistance in planning their trip to Historic Philadelphia and Independence NHP. More information and sample schedules for these programs can be found at [www.independenceparkinstitute.com](http://www.independenceparkinstitute.com).

### Summer Institutes for Teachers

Each summer the IPI offers a week long summer institute for teachers. The theme changes annually so there is always something new to learn. Applications become available in January and are due in March.

### Upcoming Topics

2007: The Liberty Bell

2008: Archeology

2009: American Revolution

### Special Topic Full and Half Day Workshops

Throughout the year the IPI offers themed workshops and behind-the-scenes tours for educators. Upcoming topics include: A Curator's Look into 18<sup>th</sup> Century Life, the Revolutionary War, and From Paper to the Press. To find out about upcoming workshops please call 215-597-2760.

Here is what one participant had to say about *A Curator's Look into 18<sup>th</sup> Century Life*, a professional development workshop that took place March 3, 2007. "...a very worthwhile experience! The presenters were very knowledgeable and eager to share their work with us. I truly enjoyed this 'behind the scenes' look at 18<sup>th</sup> century life."

If you are interested in learning more about the professional development programs offered by the IPI visit our website or call 215-597-2760.

# Interactive Standards-Based Education Programs

## Archeology: History Found in Pieces ~ Grades 5-12

*How do we learn from what others left behind? What will others learn from us in the future?*



Students get to take on the role of archeologists and piece together the stories of the buried past. They get hands-on experience from replica artifacts and then have the opportunity to see and talk with real archeologists at work processing artifacts from the dig at the National Constitution Center.

## Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia ~ Grades K-12

*Franklin was determined to use his intelligence and ability to make his world a better place. How can you use your talents to make a positive contribution to your community?*



After learning Benjamin Franklin's many contributions to Philadelphia and the new nation with the help of pre-visit lessons, classes use their time in the learning lab to explore more of Franklin's life and work through hands-on activities like playing a glass armonica, setting type for a printing press, and experimenting with electricity.

## Daily Life and Diversity in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Philadelphia ~ Grades 5-8

*How do we know what life was like in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and how is it similar or different to your life today?*



Before their field trip to the park, students use web-based activities to learn about daily life in four households in 1790s Philadelphia. During their site visit, classes use their time in the learning labs to become historians. They examine documents, objects, and images in order to learn about life in the past.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Century House Tour ~ Grades 5-8

Would you like your class to go more in-depth into 18<sup>th</sup> century life? Book a one-hour tour of the Todd and Bishop White Homes to go with your program! In this tour, a ranger will lead you and your class through these two homes and discuss what it would have been like to live there.

## Quest for Freedom: Slavery and the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia ~ Grades 7-12

*What do you think are the most important lessons learned from the stories and leaders of the Underground Railroad and how can you apply them in your life?*

Pre-visit lessons and activities provide important background knowledge about African cultures, the Atlantic slave trade, abolitionists, and the Underground Railroad. During their site visit, classes explore related stories and resources of Independence NHP that focus on Philadelphia's connections and significant contributions to anti-slavery efforts in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.



## Reserve Your Program Today!

Call (215) 597-2760 to reserve a program for your class.

- All groups must make reservations at least one week in advance but can be made up to a year in advance.
- When making a reservation please have the following information ready: Name of group leader, phone number, cell # to contact day of trip, e-mail, school/ organization name, address, grade level, number of students, number of adults, day you would like to visit, program name and what time you would like to reserve, and how did you learn about our programs.
- If you want to expand your experience pair two or three programs together and help students get a greater historical picture.
- All programs are 50 minutes in length. Program start times: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 2:00 PM.
- Please mention any accessibility needs your group has when booking your program.

1 program: \$5.00 per person  
2 programs: \$8.00 per person  
3 programs: \$10.00 per person  
(Minimum group size is 6 students)

One chaperone is required for every eight students. Extra chaperones will need to pay the per person fee.

All programs are curriculum-based and meet state standards of learning. Free teachers' guides with pre- & post-visit lesson plan activities to accompany each program are available at

[www.independenceparkinstitute.com](http://www.independenceparkinstitute.com).

## Free Self-Guided Programs for School Groups and Families

### Drop in Packets

Teachers, chaperones and parents, are you looking for a self-guided tour through Independence National Historical Park? If so, please ask a ranger at the Independence Visitor Center desk for these exciting drop-in packets! (Also available from the IPI website)

- Franklin's Footsteps
- Jefferson's Homework
- Daily Life and Diversity in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Philadelphia
- **NEW!** Historic Preservation

### Second Bank Programs

These fun programs give children, families, and school groups a way to look at the portraits in the Second Bank with new eyes.

- **Hidden History Program**- Kids become detectives as they search for clues and find the answers in this *National Treasure*-like program.
- **Second Bank Portrait Gallery: Questions to Ponder**- In this program, children "read" portraits.

### **NEW!** Junior Ranger Program (ages 5 and up)

Available at the Independence Visitor Center or for download at [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde) in the For Kids section, this new program introduces younger visitors to the stories and resources of Independence NHP.

## Ranger Led Special Events

Special commemoration programs are offered to families throughout the year and are designed to connect with children in a meaningful and inspiring way. Programs include:

### **National Park Week** (April)

Take on the role of NPS historians and archeologist as you learn about the lives of 18<sup>th</sup> century Philadelphians.

### **PA Archeology Month** (October)

Come piece together history in a special hands-on archeology program.

Other programs to be announced. Call 215-597-2760 or visit [www.independenceparkinstitute.com](http://www.independenceparkinstitute.com) for the latest information.

Many other great ranger programs are offered throughout the year. Visit [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde) and click on operating hours for a complete list of seasonal tours, talks, and programs.

## Adult Education

**NEW! Adult Education Series "First Fridays at the Galleries of Independence"** June through November. Programs will take place in the Second Bank Portrait Gallery the first Friday of each month and will include special tours, costumed interpretation, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and more! Programs begin at 7:00 PM. \$10/person/program or \$50/person for the series.

Additional programs will be added throughout the year. For the latest information on lectures, tours, hands-on workshops, and more go to [www.independenceparkinstitute.com](http://www.independenceparkinstitute.com).



## Programs for Families and Children

**NEW! Wednesday Preschool Classes** (Ages 3-5 w/parent) \$120. Young children and their parents will discover history together. October 3- November 28. No class Thanksgiving week (Nov. 21) 1:00-2:30.

**NEW! Friday After School Classes** (Ages 6-8) \$100. The week is now "history", so why not learn some too! Challenging, fun, and age appropriate activities complement short outings into Independence National Historical Park. October 5- November 30. No class Thanksgiving week (Nov. 23) 3:30-4:45.

**NEW! Saturday HisSTORY Time!** (Ages 4-8) \$10 per session. Kids and their parents enjoy a picture book read by a ranger and participate in craft projects in the IPI learning labs. Hear a new story every week! October 6- November 17. 10:00-11:00 AM

**Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required and fees are non-refundable unless the IPI cancels the class. Call (215) 597-2760 to reserve your spot!**



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## Teacher Testimonials

"The guides were great and your learning lab was right on target... I will recommend a trip down to Independence Park to everyone that I run into!!!!"  
-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

"I can't thank you enough for introducing my students to the IPI programs. They really enjoyed learning about Benjamin Franklin, and the online information was extremely useful when visiting Franklin Court."  
-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

