



Independence Park Institute

Professional Development for Teachers

Program duration: 7 hours

Program Cost: \$5,000.00

Participant Limit: 30 teachers

9:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. **Teaching with Historic Sites and Primary Documents
Benjamin Franklin and 18th Century Life
(Teacher materials provided.)**

This session provides teachers with many helpful and practical ideas for lesson plans, engaging classroom activities, and assessments that can be done using primary source materials related to Franklin's life and achievements, and daily life in the 18th century. Good teaching resources, such as books and web sites, will be shared. Teachers will be visiting the Independence Park Institute Learning Labs.

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 p.m. **18th Century Philadelphia: Hands-on History and
House Tours of the Todd House and Bishop White House**

Teachers will participate in a hands-on history activity about life in the 18th century, after which they will have the opportunity to visit two historic homes from the time period: Todd House (where Dolley Madison lived) and the Bishop White House (home of the rector of Christ Church, and chaplain to the Continental Congress and the first U.S. Senate).

11:20 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. **Franklin Courtyard**

Time will be provided to walk around the courtyard, where teachers can view the actual foundations and privy pit of Franklin's home.

11:35 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. **Franklin Court Printing Office**

In this session, teachers will get to see a demonstration of how Franklin's printing press actually worked. Franklin printed newspapers, almanacs, and money, as well as contributing to many of these publications through his own writing.

11:55 a.m. – 12:25 a.m. **Franklin Court Underground Museum**

Teachers will have time to explore the museum exhibits on Franklin's life, and to view a film about his incredible talents and achievements.

12:25 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**

Teachers will have time to take a break and get something to eat before starting the second half of the day.

