

THE CHARLESTON MUSEUM

Programming, Grades 9 to 12

How To Schedule A Visit

Reservations must be made in writing. We cannot book dates and times over the phone. [Register online.](#)

- Reservations are taken on a first come-first serve basis, so please try to make reservations at least two weeks in advance.
- Please indicate if your group has special needs.
- The reservation process is not complete until you receive a confirmation form.
- Please collect all money in advance, to be paid at the time of your visit. The Museum will accept cash, check, or card. Make checks payable to The Charleston Museum.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of your program to allow time for check-in and restroom breaks.
- Written cancellation is required. Groups not canceling in writing at least 10 days prior to the visit will be charged 20% of total due.
- Please contact the Museum Education Department (843-722-2996 ext. 236 or ereagan@charlestonmuseum.org) at least 5 calendar days prior to your visit to confirm the total number in your party and the programs being conducted. Your final amount due will be based on this information. If a guaranteed count is not received, the amount shown on your confirmation will be the minimum charged.
- Late arrival can result in canceling or shortening of your program subject to Museum educator availability. However, the amount shown on confirmation form will still be due.

For questions about education programs and available dates please contact.

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Admission Fees for registered groups' rates are based on 12 or more students. Minimum group fees apply if group brings less than 12 students.

- 1 program or tour \$5.00 per participant
- 2 programs or tours \$10.00 per participant
- 3 programs or tours \$15.00 per participant
- 4 programs or tours \$20.00 per participant
- All teachers are admitted at no charge with their classes.

Chaperones are \$7.00 for a program including a Museum, Dill Sanctuary, or Historic house visit. If chaperone is only attending a program in the Museum classroom they are admitted at no charge. Special pricing applies to our Specialty Programs and all package programs.

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Explorations

A Museum tour is not included with a class. If you would like a Museum tour please check Self-Guided Museum Tour on your reservation form. We also offer scavenger hunts and guided tours.

Students should be divided into groups determined by the number of chaperones/teachers that are available. One chaperone per every ten students is preferred.

A Museum educator will provide instructions and supplies upon the group's arrival. Each group will receive a clipboard, a pencil, and one scavenger hunt. Scavenger hunts can be emailed to the teacher in advance so that they can make their own copies. Please allow at least an hour for your group to complete the general scavenger hunt.

General Scavenger Hunt, Grades 3 to 12

This exploration includes questions for each of our exhibit galleries.

Guided Tours

Travel through the Museum learning about the events, people, and animals that have made the Palmetto State so fascinating. A guided tour is perfect for South Carolina Studies classes and includes information on Native Americans, life on Lowcountry plantations, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, special exhibit galleries, and animals that once roamed the Lowcountry. Maximum group size is 30 students. Students will be divided into groups of 15. Special arrangements can be made for larger groups. All guided tours are \$5 per student and last approximately 1 hour. If you are interested in a curator-led tour of a specific gallery please call the Education Department for pricing.

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Classes

Classes begin at \$5 per student and are approximately 1 hour. A Museum tour is not included with a class. If you would like a Museum tour please check Self-Guided Museum Tour on your reservation form. We also offer scavenger hunts and guided tours. These will be an additional \$5 per student and \$7 per adult chaperone.

Many of our classes can be brought to your school. Fees are \$150 per hour of programming. A mileage fee will be added to the price (mileage fee is based on the current federal mileage rate) for programs farther than 5 miles from the Charleston Museum. If you would like the program brought to your school please check the To-Go box on the reservation form or make a comment on your online reservation.

Amazing Architecture, Grades 3 to 12

Begin this architectural adventure by learning about the different styles of architecture visible in Charleston today--Georgian, Federal, Gothic Revival and Greek Revival. Students will learn about basic architectural features, materials, and terms to prepare themselves for a scavenger hunt through the Mazyck-Wraggborough district surrounding the Museum. Approximately 1 hour with class and scavenger hunt.

Gullah Traditions, Grades 3 to 12

Discover the traditions passed down for hundreds of years from West Africa to modern South Carolina, and how African Americans have shaped the culture, language, food, and music of the Lowcountry. Examine documents, artifacts, and replicas to understand the African American experience in South Carolina from enslavement to the Civil War.

Yesterday's Trash (Archaeology), Grades 3 to 12

Learn how to analyze artifacts and why archaeologists do what they do. Examine potsherds, glassware, bone, and metal to unlock the secrets of humanity's past. This program will cover different types of archaeology as well as the methods and tools involved. A version of this program is also available at the Dill Sanctuary. See The Dill Sanctuary Programs for more information.

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Historic Houses

Step into the Past, Grades 3 to 12

Step back into the lifestyles of early Charlestonians. Students visit the Museum's historic houses to compare and contrast old Charleston with today. The general tour for each house includes site history, architecture, decorative arts, and family and enslaved life. Specialized tours of the houses are also available (see below). Maximum group size is 40 students. Students will be divided into groups of 20. Special arrangements can be made for larger groups.

Joseph Manigault House Tour, 1803

A National Historic Landmark
350 Meeting Street

Located just across the street from the Museum, the site of this Federal style home was once the residence of a wealthy rice planter, a USO post, tenement housing, a dry cleaner, and even a gas station. Explore the varied history of this beautiful three-story brick house built for the Manigault family. The Manigault family came to Charleston from France escaping religious persecution to eventually become a successful rice-planting family. Learn about their daily lives and the lives of their enslaved workers. Choose between the general tour, Architectural, World War II, Women's History, or Black History tour.

Heyward-Washington House Tour, 1772

A National Historic Landmark
87 Church Street

Step back in time to Charleston's golden age in the only Pre-Revolutionary War House open to the public in the city. Located within the original walled city, this 1772 Charleston double house was owned by Thomas Heyward, Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The home is famous for housing President George Washington during his southern tour in May 1791. The Georgian Style architecture and furniture crafted by local Charleston cabinetmakers make this house truly unique. Students will also get the chance to explore the gardens and work yard, as well as the only colonial kitchen building open to the public. Choose between the general tour, Architectural, Revolutionary War, or Black History tour.

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The Dill Sanctuary

Located on James Island, the Dill Sanctuary is a 580-acre site that has been protected for the purposes of preservation, wildlife enhancement, research, and education. The Dill Sanctuary contains three Confederate batteries and prehistoric, colonial, antebellum, and postbellum archaeological sites. Many Museum classes can be taken to the Dill Sanctuary to be combined with any of the following programs. All programs listed below are approximately 1 hour. Students should dress for mess for any Dill Program.

Charleston's Hidden History, Grades 3 to 12

Uncover the Dill Sanctuary's hidden history using maps, artifacts, census records, and oral histories. "The visitor will find no great plantation house or gun-embellished fort at the Dill Sanctuary today. The history is literally hidden." As students walk through the property, they will learn of the Indigenous peoples, Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers, plantation owners and enslaved laborers, and tenant farmers that have made the Dill Sanctuary their home.

War on the Stono River, Grades 4 to 12 -- NEW

Discover the Civil War history of James Island by visiting Battery Pringle located at the Charleston Museum's Dill Sanctuary. Stand in the middle of the earthwork structure and hear the tale of the skirmish with a Union vessel attempting to infiltrate the Stono River. Learn how the battery was built, its daily operations, and imagine what it must have been like during the war. Students will learn about the construction of earthwork fortifications, the importance of James Island and the location of the Dill Sanctuary during the war, and the process of protecting what is left of the battery. Add any of our recommended classes to extend your time at the Dill Sanctuary and supplement tour information. Teachers can apply for field trip funding through the [American Battlefield Trust](#).

Recommended classes:

- Civil War Haversacks: Perspectives of the War
- Civil War Technology with Sugar Cube Fort Building - \$10 per student (STEAM)
- Yesterday's Trash (Archaeology with an emphasis on Civil War)
- Add sugar cube fort building to any of the above for an additional \$5 per student and 30 minutes of programming (STEAM)

Engineering War: Civil War Fortification Tour (STEAM), Grades 8 to 12 -- New

Explore two Civil War earthwork fortifications, Battery Pringle and Battery Tynes, located at the Charleston Museum's Dill Sanctuary on James Island. Hear the tale of the skirmish on the Stono involving Battery Pringle. Learn about the different techniques and materials used to build fortifications in the Lowcountry. After the walking portion of

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our tour, take a deep dive into the construction of fortifications during the Civil War. Try your hand at designing your own fort by creating a bird's eye view line drawing, then use sugar cubes to bring your plan to life. During this STEAM-infused walk through history, students will act as engineers to create their own forts and engage in critical thinking deciding where their forts will be located, materials and techniques they would use to build, how will they be manned, and the design of the structure itself.

Approximately 2 hours - \$15.00 per student. Teachers can apply for field trip funding through the [American Battlefield Trust](#).

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Bragg Boxes

The Charleston Museum is proud to introduce our Bragg Box program, an opportunity to bring the Museum's exciting educational experiences to your school! The Bragg Boxes feature artifacts, replicas, images, documents, lesson plans, and activities to provide valuable arts-infused social studies curricula to students.

These innovative teaching tools have deep roots in the Museum's history through former director Laura Bragg, who revolutionized museum children's education programming in the early 1900s. Ms. Bragg believed that one's inability to visit the Museum should not prevent children from realizing its benefits. She developed the concept of "Bragg Boxes" which were specially-crafted boxes containing Museum materials that were sent out to rural schools throughout the Charleston area. The Charleston Museum is excited to once again offer local schools the excellent experience of Bragg Boxes.

The new and improved Bragg Boxes include real artifacts, replicas, reproduction documents, images, and activities that relate to text books, social studies standards, and Visual and Performing Arts Standards. All items in the trunks can be used by following the included lesson plans or by the teacher in a way that supplements their existing lesson and best fits their teaching style. The lesson plans include objectives, vocabulary, background information, procedures, and activities. Recommended grade levels are listed below with available box themes, but the box can be adapted to other grade levels as well.

The Bragg Boxes program was made possible by an Arts in Education matching grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Pricing

One box for one week \$45. To add one additional week the fee is \$30.

Late charges are \$10 per weekday.

Shipping fees apply if boxes need to be mailed.

There is a mileage fee for trunks that need to be delivered to schools by Museum staff.

Funding for Title One School may be available. Please contact the Museum Education Department for details.

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Bragg Box Reservations

To reserve your Bragg Box fill out our reservation form on our website. Our Education Department will contact you about delivery and payment.

The Ologies of Environmental Sciences, Grades 8 to 12

Take a deep dive into the world of Ologies through this Bragg Box highlighting the interdisciplinary approach of historical research—it is so much more than looking at old documents. Students will get to learn about the hard sciences involved in learning about the past including zooarchaeology, paleoecology, and biogeochemistry. Students will handle and compare skulls from different animals, examine the structure of cattle skeletons, and learn about isotopes and soil sampling. This Bragg Box was funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation.