

FREE FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Offered by School District Partners

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Purpose:

On the SY22-24 Student Programming Needs Assessments, **principals reported a high need for field trips**. In response, the Office of Strategic Partnerships created this field trip booklet with information on FREE field trip options for SDP students. This is not an exhaustive list of field trip sites.

Want your site added?

If you are an organization that offers free field trips and would like to be listed here, please fill out this [form](#).

Need assistance?

Feel free to contact us at partnerships@philasd.org with questions or to help facilitate connections to partners or schools.

Field Trip Approvals:

Our office does NOT manage field trip packet approvals etc. Please see the District's [field trip stepper](#) for logistical information.

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ARTS

★ BARNES FOUNDATION (K-12)

Grades: PreK-12

Transportation provided? Yes!

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we can serve 60 schools annually

Contact Person: Leslie Fishel

Email: education@barnesfoundation.org

Phone: 215-278-7300

Address: 2024 Pennsylvania Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

Notes: Submit your request here: <https://forms.office.com/r/WWFW1emgLv>. We also offer virtual learning through our interactive VXP videos and multi-touchpoint programs for grades 3, 5, and 7 that include

in-school lessons to complement the visit to the Barnes. Max of 120 students per each submitted request and 60 students per visit.

Description: There are many ways your students can interact with the Barnes. Partner programs bring our grade-level specialists to your classroom and include a visit to the Barnes. Field trips include a 75-minute guided tour and interactive gallery lesson with age-appropriate activities that meet curricular standards. Self-guiding with your students (grades 8 and above) after or instead of a guided tour provides more scheduling flexibility.

★ **CURTIS INSTITUTE OF MUSIC (5-12)**

Grades: 5-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes, trips are by reservation only

Contact Person: Adrian Wong

Email: adrian.wong@curtis.edu

Phone: 734-882-9929

Address: 1726 Locust St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Website: <https://www.curtis.edu>

Description: The Curtis Institute of Music offers a few options:

1. Campus tours of its historical main building, located at 1726 Locust St., and Lenfest Hall, located at 1616 Locust St. These tours cover Curtis' history and its illustrious role in classical music and Philadelphia (grades 9-12)
2. Rehearsal and masterclass observation opportunities,
3. Free/discounted tickets to Curtis concerts (see the [performance calendar](#) and reach out as far in advance as you can please!), and
4. Interactive performances and group lessons are available upon request (grades 5-8).

★ **ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY: Jazz For Freedom (5-7)**

Grades: 5-7

Transportation provided? Yes (up to 2 buses per school)

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we can serve 50 schools annually

Contact Person: Josh Lawrence

Email: jlawrence@philorch.org

Phone: (215) 875-7660

Address: 300 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Website: Access [here](#)

Description: Jazz For Freedom is an engaging educational program that celebrates Jazz as a vital branch of Black American Music, embodying the rich tapestry of our society and the ongoing work towards social justice. This unique program is designed to supplement the Philadelphia School District's English Language Arts and Social Studies curricula, integrating the arts, culture, geography, history, and civics to provide a comprehensive learning experience. The program's highlight is a free student concert held at the Perelman Theater in the Kimmel Center. This concert is a vibrant showcase featuring musicians, dancers, and poets

who take students on a journey through Jazz history—from its birth in New Orleans to the flourishing Jazz scene in Philadelphia today.

★ **ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY: Philadanco Days (2-12)**

Grades: 2-12

Transportation provided? Yes (up to 2 buses per school)

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we can serve 50 schools annually

Contact Person: Eliza Bailey

Email: EBailey@ensembleartsp Philly.org

Phone: (215) 670-2371

Address: 300 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Website: Access [here](#)

Description: An introduction to dance for students in grades 2-6 (Fall) and grades 7-12 (Spring)

A presentation of The Philadelphia Dance Company (PHILADANCO), these special performances provide access and inspiration to young emerging dancers and choreographers. The Fall matinee is appropriate for grades 2-6. The Spring matinee is reserved for 7th-12th grade students.

★ **ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY: Set The Stage (4-6)**

Grades: 4-6

Transportation provided? Yes (up to 2 buses per school)

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we can serve 100 schools annually

Contact Person: Mark Wong

Email: MWong@ensembleartsp Philly.org

Phone: (215) 790-7701

Address: 300 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Website: Access [here](#)

Description: Set The Stage provides 4th-6th grade students with an introduction to the magic of musical theater. Students will explore theater as a medley of different art forms, all serving to Set The Stage to tell their own stories. The program includes an optional pre-show workshop at your school, taught by our experienced Teaching Artists, where students are introduced to the world of musical theater. Through engaging acting, singing, and dancing exercises, participants will discover the essential elements of musical theater productions. Next, students will embark on a field trip to the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts where they will experience the magic of live theater firsthand. This interactive, educational performance featuring local Philadelphia talent will take your students on an unforgettable journey, exploring the artistry of musical theater through acting, singing, dancing, and technology.

★ **THE FABRIC WORKSHOP AND MUSEUM (5-12)**

Grades: 5-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, [register here](#)

Limited school slots for field trips? We have the capacity for 25 schools yearly

Contact Person: Katie Parry

Contact Email: kparry@fabricworkshopandmuseum.org

Notes: Bring your students for a guided tour through our current exhibitions, sharing stories about the collaboration process, materials and techniques, the artist's practice, and the themes present in the artist's work followed by a hands-on printing workshop that reflects on themes within our current exhibitions.

★ **OPERA PHILADELPHIA (5-12)**

Grades: 5-12

Transportation provided? Opera Philadelphia will provide a stipend to all 5th - 8th Philadelphia public/public charter schools to be used towards transportation to the Academy of Music. Teachers are responsible to secure their own transportation for their field trip.

As part of a larger program? No, [register here](#)

Limited school slots for field trips? We have the capacity for over 60 school visits this year

Contact Person: Lily Kass

Email: education@operaphila.org

Phone: 215-893-3600

Address: The Academy of Music (240 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102) and other nearby venues

Description: Come see the magic of opera!

Notes: Opera Philadelphia's Sounds of Learning Dress Rehearsal program is free for 5th through 12th grades. Teachers are provided with learning resources and professional development ahead of attendance at the dress rehearsal. To learn more, visit: <https://www.operaphila.org/community/dress-rehearsal-program/>

★ **PARKWAY CENTRAL LIBRARY (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we serve approximately 150 schools annually!

Contact Person: Joe Shemtov

Email: shemtovj@freelibrary.org

Phone: 215-686-8655

Address: 1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia PA 19103

Reservation Link: Book tour [here](#).

Description: Students enjoy discovering Parkway Central Library on their own through scavenger hunts, guided tours, or focused explorations of subject-specific departments.

★ **PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? There is free bussing for all SDP guided tours at the museum. We don't coordinate transportation but cover the invoice from approved vendors. There are limited funds per school for the entire school year. Please email SchoolPrograms@philamuseum.org for more information. Self-Guided groups will need to make their own transportation arrangements.

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we serve approximately 500 annually! Maximum of 90 students per visit.

Contact Person: Ryan Dostillio

Email: SchoolPrograms@philamuseum.org

Phone: 215-684-7608

Address: 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Notes: Please reserve 3 weeks in advance. Tours are Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays with entry between 10am-12pm.

Reservation Link: Book tour [here](#). Ignore “Buy Now” as your order will be comped at checkout.

Description: The Philadelphia Museum of Art is committed to offering Philadelphia youth equal access to high-quality, culturally relevant arts instruction at every stage of their educational development. We offer K-12 students the chance to make inspiring connections between art and life. Participants develop skills that can be applied across the curriculum, informing past, present, and future knowledge.

★ **THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA: Open Rehearsals For Students (6-12)**

Grades: 6-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we serve approximately 200 annually!

Contact Person: Adrian Rosas

Email: arosas@ensembleartsphilly.org

Phone: (215) 790-7710

Address: 300 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Website: [Access here](#)

Description: Behind-the-scenes access for middle and high school students to rehearsals of The Philadelphia Orchestra. Open Rehearsals are a unique and exciting opportunity for students to observe firsthand the artistic collaboration between world-class musicians and conductors. Since this is a working rehearsal for the Philadelphia Orchestra, the full length of the rehearsal is 3 hours. Open Rehearsals begin promptly and include a 20-minute break. If necessary, groups may leave during this intermission, which occurs approximately one hour into the rehearsal.

★ **THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA: School Concerts (3-5)**

Grades: 3-5

Transportation provided? Yes (up to 2 buses per school)

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we serve approximately 100 annually!

Contact Person: Adrian Rosas

Email: arosas@ensembleartsphilly.org

Phone: (215) 790-7710

Address: 300 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Website: [Access here](#)

Description: The ideal way to expose students to the exciting art form of orchestral music and the traditions of the concert hall. The Philadelphia Orchestra presents a vibrant and interactive in-person concert experience in our very own Marian Anderson Hall. Students leave with a fundamental musical vocabulary and an appreciation for orchestral music.

★ **THE PRINT CENTER (9-12)**

Grades: 9-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes, approximately 10 school trips yearly

Contact Person: Lucy Pistilli, Artists-In-Schools Program Coordinator

Email: aisp@printcenter.org

Phone: 215-735-6090

Website: <https://printcenter.org/100/>

Address: 1614 Latimer St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Description: A visit to The Print Center will allow students to view contemporary art in the area of "print" (defined as printmaking and photography). Gallery staff can most often be made available to discuss the artwork on view with students. Gallery notes and other information can be offered in other languages upon advanced request.

STEM

★ **CENTER FOR DESIGNPHILADELPHIA (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes, 10 school trips yearly

Contact Person: Liza Niles

Email: liza@designphiladelphia.org

Phone: 267-294-0009

Address: 1218 Arch Street Phila, PA 19107

Website: <https://designphiladelphia.org/pages/k-12>

Description: Exposure and hands-on activities of various design disciplines led by professional designers focused on design thinking as a means to problem solve. Field trip is not a tour of our building.

★ **FAIRMOUNT WATER WORKS INTERPRETIVE CENTER (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? Sometimes, schools need to request funding.

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes - we can accommodate 40-50 schools yearly

Contact Person: Stacey Heffernan

Email: stacey.heffernan@phila.gov

Notes: Sign up for field trips [here](#). Field trips to our center include the following topics: The Wondrous World of Water (K-3), Taking Nature's Lead (3-6), and We Drink the River (5-12). Students have the opportunity, based on age, to learn the history of Philadelphia's water supply system, assess water quality in the Schuylkill River, and explore urban watershed issues and solutions.

★ **JOHN HEINZ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AT TINICUM (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? There is a limited amount of funds for transportation. There is an application process.

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? We can accommodate 15 schools yearly

Contact Person: Kelly Kemmerle

Email: kelly_kemmerle@fws.gov

Phone: 267-969-3207

Address: 8601 Lindbergh Blvd, Philadelphia PA 19153

Website: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/john-heinz-tinicum/get-involved>

Description: John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum has 10 miles of trails, including an easily navigable 0.5 mile boardwalk loop. There are multiple habitats to study and make direct observations of nature. Due to low staffing, many field trips are self-guided by teachers but refuge can provide detailed lesson plans, materials, maps, etc. There are also indoor classrooms available for reservation.

★ **LONGWOOD GARDENS (PreK-12)**

Grades: PreK-12

Transportation provided? Additional application required. Reimbursement of up to \$500 per bus, paid after the date of the field trip. For complete eligibility requirements and details, visit:

<https://longwoodgardens.org/title-i-grant-information>

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone

Limited availability of field trips? Yes

Email: k12@longwoodgardens.org

Phone: 610-388-5223

Address: 1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Website: <https://longwoodgardens.org/education/pre-k-12-teacher-student-programs>

Field Trip Request Form: <https://longwoodgardens.org/request-longwood-gardens-field-trip>

- Fall 2025 Field Trip requests open Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 10:00 am
- Spring 2026 Field Trip requests open January 21, 2026, at 10:00 am

Description: Learn in Longwood Gardens with educator or self-guided field trips. A minimum of 15 student is required to receive free admission

Notes: Philadelphia School District Schools: Our Certificate of Liability is renewed yearly at the beginning of October. We recommend Philadelphia School District schools do not request or schedule field trip dates between October 1-15, 2025, to allow adequate time for documentation to be available for distribution. For questions or additional information, contact: schoolandyouth@longwoodgardens.org

★ **MORRIS ARBORETUM & GARDENS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (PreK-12)**

Grades: PreK-12

Transportation provided? For Title I schools (with 50% or more of the students receiving free or reduced-price lunch), we can provide busing through Sague Bus Company. For non-Title I schools, you'll have to provide your own transportation.

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone

Limited availability of field trips? Yes

Contact: Megan Nguyen

Email: tours@morrisarboretum.org

Phone: 215-247-5777 ext. 157

Address: 100 E Northwestern Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19118

Website: <https://www.morrisarboretum.org/learn-discover/educators>

Field Trip Requests: Requests for Fall 2025 field trips open August 1, 2025. Requests for Spring 2026 open December 1, 2025. You can use this [request form](#).

Description: Morris Arboretum & Gardens offers outdoor guided tours of our 92-acre living museum for PreK-12 students. Whether you're looking to supplement classroom science education or simply get your students out in nature, we hope you choose to visit!

Our all-ages "Garden Highlights" tour covers a mix of Arboretum history, prominent trees in the collection, and signature garden areas.

We also have tours that incorporate an environmental science curriculum, covering topics such as photosynthesis, the parts and types of trees, the function of wetlands, and sustainability. Recommended for K-5th grade.

Notes:

- We can have up to 60 students visit per weekday from mid-March through the end of November.
- Tours last about an hour long and include a space for lunch, and must be booked at least 3 weeks in advance.
- For Title I public schools and charters (with 50% or more of the students receiving free or reduced-price lunch), admission is free with a \$50 refundable deposit.
- If not Title I, pricing is \$10 per student and \$12 per chaperone, with 1 chaperone included free with every 10 students.

★ **PHILADELPHIA ZOO (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? As an extension of our Community Access Program (CAP), schools may receive reimbursement for transportation costs up to \$250.

- You must follow our process to claim bus-related transportation costs.
- Buses park for free along 34th Street or Sedgley Drive, and bus drivers are admitted to the Zoo for free with proper ID.

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone

Limited availability of field trips? Yes.

Contact Email: community@phillyzoo.org

Notes: Our Community Access Program (CAP) provides free admission to K-12 students from Title I public schools (with 50% or more of the students receiving free or reduced-priced lunch). *This includes all District schools except Greenfield and Meredith.*

- Each school can reserve 25-120 free student tickets, depending on ticket availability. Additional students will qualify for a reduced rate of \$7 per student.
- Applications for the Spring Season (March – early May) start in January/February. Applications for the Fall Season (September – early November) start in August. We generally provide early access to the application for SDP schools approximately 1-2 weeks in advance of the general school community.
- For general information, teachers and administrators can be directed to our website at <https://www.philadelphiapark.org/community-access-program/>

★ **PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM (K-1)**

Grades: K-1

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we accommodate 400 trips yearly

Contact Person: Alyse Leonard

Email: groupsales@pleasetouchmuseum.org

Phone: 215-581-3179

Address: 4231 Avenue of the Republic, Phila, PA 19131

Note: We can accommodate grades K-5, but only grades K-1 are free admission. Older students pay a group rate. The Please Touch Museum offers self-guided and guided field trips to school students. While here, children explore the museum and learn through play in our exhibits. Facilitated programming from our museum educators that connect with your school lessons is also available. The recommended grades for field trips are PreK to 3rd grade, but we can host trips for older children upon request.

Website: <https://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org/visit/groups/>

Field Trip Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/bYjqUXrn5UrqkUo6>

★ **THE SCHUYLKILL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes, 120 schools yearly. Book early in the school year to ensure funds are available as we do tend to run out of grant funding to cover trips by the end of the year.

Contact Person: Beatrice Kelly, Registrar

Email: beatrice@schuylkillcenter.org

Phone: 215-853-6249

Address: 8480 Hagy's Mill Road | Philadelphia, PA 19128

Website: <https://www.schuylkillcenter.org/programs/field-trips/>

Description: Give your students a vibrant context for learning with hands-on exploration and observation of nature at the Schuylkill Center. Our 365 acres of fields, forests, and ponds are a living laboratory for students of all ages. In addition to a guided lesson, students can explore our indoor Discovery Center, visit the environmental art gallery, and eat lunch in our picnic grove.

★ **WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE (K-12)**

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, 350 school trips annually!

Contact Person: Jacob Yakira

Email: reservations@wagnerfreeinstitute.org

Phone: 215-763-6529 x17

Address: 1700 W Montgomery Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19121

Field Trip Registration Form: [Linked HERE](#)

Description: The Wagner Free Institute of Science provides free, NGSS-aligned lessons in natural science topics for students in Pre-K to 12. The field trip consists of an interactive lesson in the historic lecture hall, a touch table with natural history specimens, and a themed scavenger hunt. **Notes:** Field trips are scheduled Tuesday-Friday.

CIVICS

★ AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM (K-12)

Grades: K-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No, we can accommodate 75 trips annually

Contact Person: Ellie Gorman

Email: education@americanswedish.org

Phone: 215-389-1776

Address: 1900 Pattison Avenue Philadelphia PA 19145

Website: <https://www.americanswedish.org/education/school-children/at-museum>

Description: The American Swedish Historical Museum is dedicated to sharing Scandinavian culture in America from over 300 years of history in the Delaware Valley to contemporary perspectives on global issues. Choose from a variety of field trips and classroom outreach programs for grades PreK-12 covering topics such as Vikings, the New Sweden Colony, and Swedish art and holiday traditions. Programs range from 1 hour to 90 minutes and include interactive lessons in Museum galleries and take-home craft projects,

★ EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY HISTORIC SITE (4-12)

Grades: 4-12

Transportation provided? Sometimes

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? No

Contact Person: Francine Schiffman

Email: fs@easternstate.org

Address: 2027 Fairmount Ave, Philadelphia

Field Trip Request Form: <https://www.easternstate.org/book-your-group-tour>

Description: Eastern State Penitentiary was once the most famous and expensive prison in the world. Today, Eastern State is a modern ruin and museum that interprets the legacy of American criminal justice reform. Students will be challenged to reflect on Eastern State's radical foundation, its change over time, and the racial, economic, and geographic impacts of mass incarceration.

★ HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA, INC (4-9)

Grades: 4-9

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes, we can provide free trips to 10-15 Title 1 schools yearly.

Contact Person: Alyssa Meier

Email: ameier@historicphiladelphia.org

Phone: 215-629-5801 ext. 240

Address: 239 Arch St Philadelphia, PA 19106

Website: <https://historicphiladelphia.org/groups-field-trips/>

Field Trip Request Form: <https://forms.gle/yS8MPcYYcrsiBpWS6>

Description: Our Full Day Field Trip Experience allows students to learn history in a fun-engaging way while being in the location where it all happened! The field trip includes a tour of the Betsy Ross House, an interactive walking tour, a space for lunch, and a tour of Arch Street Meeting House.

★ **THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA (4-12)**

Grades: 4-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trips are welcome!

Limited school slots for field trips? We can accommodate 40-50 schools yearly

Contact Person: Katie Clark

Email: kclark@hsp.org

Phone: 215-732-6200 ext 227

Address: 1300 Locust Street, Phila 19107

Field Trip Request Form: <https://hsp.org/forms/field-trip-and-virtual-lesson-request-form>

Description: Field trips to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania prioritize hands-on experience with primary source documents from our archive of over 21 million manuscript items. Students can explore a wide range of topics through first-hand accounts from a diversity of historical voices while learning practical primary source research skills.

★ **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER (3-12)**

Grades: 3-12

Transportation provided? We can cover \$150 - \$200 of the transportation through our Young Citizens Scholarship Program. It would be a reimbursement. Funding is first come, first served.

As part of a larger program? No, stand-alone trip.

Description: Bring the Constitution to life for your students! Come explore our interactive exhibits, rare artifacts, and live theater. Please note that we have many free programs and resources at constitutioncenter.org/education for students and teachers that can help reinforce and expand on the museum experience.

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes, free field trips through our Young Citizens Scholarship Program are first come, first served.

Contact Person: Gina Romanelli

Email: gromanelli@constitutioncenter.org

Phone: 215-409-6695

Address: 525 Arch Street

Field Trip Request Form: <https://constitutioncenter.org/forms/group-request-student-youth-scholarship>

Website: <https://constitutioncenter.org/museum/visit/group-visits/student-and-youth-groups>

★ **STENTON MUSEUM/ HISTORY HUNTERS YOUTH REPORTER PROGRAM (4-5)**

Grades: 4th, 5th

Transportation provided? Yes, but there is a limited amount of funds for transportation. Funding is first come, first served.

As part of a larger program? Yes, field trips are part of the History Hunters program, which includes 5 historic site field trips and/or classroom visits.

Limited school slots for field trips? We can accommodate up to 85 schools yearly

Contact Person: Rachel Corma

Email: rachel.corma@stenton.org

Phone: 215-329-7312

Address: Stenton Museum 4601 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Website: For registration and program resources, visit www.historyhunters.org.

Description: History Hunters is a literacy-based, yearlong program that allows students to “hunt” for history by taking part in a variety of hands-on activities and experiences that bring history to life at 5 historic sites in Historic Germantown: Stenton, Cliveden, La Salle University Art Museum, Johnson House, and Wyck. As “investigative reporters” on assignment, students gather facts and sketches from their visits for follow-up writing in the classroom.

Notes:

- Participating students receive a free, 108-page workbook with pre-visit reading and post-visit activities.
- We also offer virtual field trips and an outreach program where we visit the classroom *for schools who cannot attend field trips in-person*.

★ **PENN MUSEUM: UNPACKING THE PAST (6-7)**

Grades: 6th or 7th grade trips are completely free. We also have limited funding for other grades.

Transportation provided? Yes, free buses are provided for grades 6 or 7 (usually limited to one grade per school).

As part of a larger program? We offer a pre-visit lesson at the school prior to the field trip.

Limited school slots for field trips? No - we can accommodate 100 school visits yearly

Contact Person: Unpacking the Past Team

Email: schools@pennmuseum.org

Phone: 215-898-4033

Address: 3260 South Street

Website: <https://www.penn.museum/learn/k12/unpacking-the-past>

Notes: Unpacking the Past is an exceptional opportunity for middle school students to explore what it means to be human through universal themes across cultures and centuries. The program includes a pre-visit lesson at school, free buses to the Penn Museum, and a tour and workshop at the Museum. Through hands-on experiential lessons, students learn to think critically and ask questions about the world. This trip can tie in with multiple subjects, including Social Studies, ELA, and Art. Students and teachers receive a free family pass to return to the Penn Museum for a year.

★ **WOODFORD MANSION (5-12)**

Grades: 7-12

Transportation provided? No

As part of a larger program? No, they are stand-alone tours of the house

Limited school slots for field trips? No

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Phone: 610-256-0706

Address: 2300 N. 33rd Street

Request Form: <https://www.woodfordmansion.org/students-educators>

Description: The mansion is a great place for students to learn about 18th-century Philadelphia history, arts, and culture. Students will see rooms filled with period decorative arts and hear about stories of those in the house, with particular respect to enslaved people and indentured servants.

Notes: The tour can accommodate two groups of ten students plus at least one chaperone per group. The rooms are small, and students are asked to stay in rooms with the guide at all times. During the tour, students are asked to refrain from touching objects.

Please give us at least two weeks' notice of your interest in visiting (although more than that is preferable).

See more information on our [website](#).

★ **WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA (6-12)**

Grades: 6-12

Transportation provided? Sometimes

As part of a larger program? Yes, field trips are part of recurring school programs. See here: [Middle School Programs](#).

Limited school slots for field trips? We can accommodate 6-12 schools yearly

Organization Contact: Kate Kamara (Middle School)

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POST-SECONDARY

★ **PENN TALENT SEARCH (6-12)**

Grades: 6-12

Transportation provided? Yes

As part of a larger program? Yes, field trips are part of our TRIO program. See detailed information below.

Limited school slots for field trips? Yes

Contact Person: Aubrey Woodward

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Website: <https://vpse.upenn.edu/ets/>

Description: Talent Search is a federally funded TRIO program designed to help students in grades 6-12 successfully enter and complete middle school and enroll in high school. Talent Search focuses on assisting students from low-income families who will be the first in their families to attend postsecondary school.

Our ideal model would be to partner with a school to offer the trip during school hours. In this case, **all students must submit a completed program application** ([linked here](#)) in order to attend. All students are accepted as long as they are Philadelphia residents. We accept applications on a rolling basis.

Additionally, we do run program trips on weekends and off-days, where students sign up using information sent to their email addresses.