



Coastal Heritage Society

Field Trips and Educational Programming

2010 – 2011 Guide



Battlefield Park



Old Fort Jackson



Roundhouse Railroad Museum
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Savannah History Museum
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Savannah, GA

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Overview of Coastal Heritage Society Student Programs

All programs are comprised of hands-on, interactive experiences that lead to discovery and understanding.

SEIGE OF SAVANNAH PROGRAM

Students learn about the 1779 Battle of Savannah, where soldiers from what are now eight modern countries participated, and the impact of the battle on Great Britain's southern strategy. They experience the military tactics and weapons employed during the battle.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN SAVANNAH PROGRAM

Students participate in a multi-site visit that begins at Fort Jackson and ends at the site of the Battle of Savannah. They are introduced to the causes of the American Revolution and its impact on Georgia, learn about Great Britain's southern strategy resulting in the capture of Savannah in 1778 and the Battle of Savannah in 1779 and experience the military tactics and weapons employed during the battle.

OLD FORT JACKSON STUDENT MILITIA PROGRAM

Students have the opportunity to discover what a soldier's life was like during the Civil War. They learn why this fort was constructed and the impact of Sherman's March to the Sea. A cannon firing closes the visit.

ROUNDHOUSE RAILROAD MUSEUM STUDENT PROGRAM

Students discover the importance of railroads to the state of Georgia and the United States. They learn about the impact of steam power in the industrialization of the American life. Students understand why the Central of Georgia was established and how it contributed to the growth of Georgia and the City of Savannah.

SAVANNAH HISTORY MUSEUM STUDENT PROGRAM

Students will learn about the history of Savannah beginning with the Native Americans living in the area, Savannah's role in the American Revolution, the importance of the technological development of the cotton gin and railroads and, finally, the impact of the Civil War on Savannah.

OLD FORT JACKSON YOUNG STUDENT PROGRAM

This program is designed for students Preschool – Second Grade and introduces young students to the role of Fort Jackson in the River Defense of Savannah. Students explore the fort, march as the militia and engage in multiple learning activities.

ROUNDHOUSE RAILROAD MUSEUM YOUNG STUDENT PROGRAM

Young students, ages Preschool – Second Grade, thrill to the excitement of seeing locomotives and train cars up close. After a tour of the site, young students hear stories and enjoy learning activities in the Kids' Baggage Car. A ride on the hand car is a highlight of the visit.

We invite you and your students to visit our sites and participate in the field trip programs of the Coastal Heritage Society!

We operate four National Historic Landmark sites in Savannah, GA: Battlefield Park, Old Fort Jackson, the Roundhouse Railroad Museum and the Savannah History Museum.

Battlefield Park commemorates the spot where roughly 800 soldiers died in one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolution, on October 9th, 1779. On that day, more than 8,000 troops clashed for control of the city of Savannah and combined French and American force failed to extract it from British control.

Named after Revolutionary War hero James Jackson, **Old Fort Jackson** was built to defend the port of Savannah from attack via the river. Originally, the site played host to the "Mud Fort," an earthen battery used to house guns, during the Revolutionary War. During the administration of President Thomas Jefferson, the United States began building a series of coastal fortifications for the continued defense of Savannah.

The **Roundhouse Railroad Museum** is the site of the former Central of Georgia Savannah Shops, a major repair facility for the Central of Georgia Railroad and a vibrant part of Savannah's industrial heritage. Construction began on the site in 1851 and the shops soon flourished as engines and rolling stock were built and repaired on site. The Civil War brought damage and destruction to the Central of Georgia Railroad, but, by 1895, the renamed Central of Georgia Railway was reorganized and better than ever. The Central used this site until 1963.

The **Savannah History Museum** is housed in the old Central of Georgia Railway passenger shed, a National Historic Landmark built in the 1860s and 1870s. The railway used the building until 1972. In 1984, a historical attraction called The Great Savannah Exposition opened in the building. The Coastal Heritage Society took over operation of the successor to the Exposition, the Savannah History Museum, in 1990. The museum is now home to more than 10,000 artifacts-- the largest collection of artifacts in the entire coastal community.

All of our programs are based on the Georgia Performance Standards that are included in this information guide, and are age and grade-specific. Each offers an engaging, interactive and fun educational experience for visitors of all ages. If you have any special needs, please speak with one of us. With sufficient notice, we can tailor one of our programs to meet the needs of your group.

We hope to see you soon!!

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Young Student Programs





Old Fort Jackson

Young Student Militia Program

Preschool – 2nd Grade

This program introduces students to the role of Fort Jackson and the River Defense of Savannah.

This program includes:

- Learning to march and obey orders as the soldiers did
- A tour of our site that includes seeing the soldiers' quarters, cannons, the river and the Fort's relationship to the city of Savannah
- Learning stations that may include military communication through music and semaphore, writing with berry ink, foods the soldiers ate and building a fort
- Story Time
- Learning how a cannon is fired and observing the actual firing of the cannon

Interactive, Hands-On Activities Include:

- Drill and "induction" into the Georgia Militia by a uniformed soldier
- Story Time
- Cannon Firing Demonstration



Cost: \$7.50 per person
Group Minimum: 12 people
Duration of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: preschool – 2nd

The Young Student Militia program fulfills the following Georgia Performance Standards (K-2nd grade):

SSKH3a

The student will correctly use words and phrases related to chronology and time to explain how things change (now, long ago, before, after).

SSKCG2

The student will retell stories that illustrate positive character traits and will explain how the people in the stories show the qualities of honesty, patriotism, loyalty, courtesy, respect, truth, pride, self-control, moderation and accomplishment.

SKP2

Students will investigate different types of motion.

MKG2

Students will understand basic spatial relationships.

SS1G3

The student will locate major topographical features of the earth's surface.

M1P4

Students will make connections among mathematical ideas and to other disciplines.

SS2G1

The student will locate major topographical features of Georgia and will describe how these features define Georgia's surface.

SS2E1

The student will explain that, because of scarcity, people must make choices and incur opportunity costs.

M2P3

Students will communicate mathematically.

The Young Student Militia program fulfills the following Georgia Early Learning and Pre-K Standards:

P3G

The child will begin to develop gross motor skills.

P3F

The child will begin to develop fine motor skills.

S3SE

The child will begin to engage in self-expression.

A3L

The child will begin to acquire learning approaches that support development and school success.

L3FR

The child will begin to develop the foundations for reading.

C3M

The child will begin to develop the foundations for mathematical reasoning and logical thinking.

LD1d, ELAKR6a

Listens to stories read aloud and shows understanding.

Pre-K LD 3, ELAKLSV1g

Children will develop an understanding of new vocabulary introduced in conversations, activities, stories and books. Increases vocabulary to reflect a growing range of interests and knowledge.

Pre-K MD 1, MKN1a, SKCS2a

Children will begin to develop an understanding of numbers.

Pre-K SS 3, SSKH2, SSKG2, SSKG3

Children will express beginning geographic thinking. Develops awareness of the community, city and state in which he/she lives.

Pre-K SE 2

Children will develop curiosity, initiative, self-direction and persistence.



Young Student Program

Preschool – 2nd Grade

This program introduces young students in a hands-on and developmentally appropriate manner about the basics of the Central of Georgia Railroad.

This program includes:

- A tour of our site that includes seeing real locomotives, the Smokestack, the Blacksmith Shop and the Model Train Room
- Story Time in the Kids Car
- Playing and learning in the Kids Car with planned learning activities
- Playing on Engine #9, a train that's just the right size for young students
- A ride on the hand car

Interactive, Hands-On Activities May Include:

- Communication Signal Lantern Game
- Hand Car Ride
- Story Time
- Steam Power Demonstration
- Belt-Driven Machinery Demonstration



Cost: \$7.50 per person
Group Minimum: 12 people
Duration of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: preschool – 2nd grade



Available Add-Ons Include:

- 30-minute train ride at the Roundhouse Railroad Museum: \$4.00 per person; \$100 min. The train ride is a 30-minute tour of the site in an open air passenger car built by the Museum staff. During the tour, you will learn about:
 - The history of the Central of Georgia Railroad, chartered in 1833
 - The function of the Savannah Repair Shops, many which were built between 1851 and 1855
 - The preservation and restoration efforts by the staff

Several times during the tour, you will have the experience of riding on a fully restored 1907 turntable. Locomotives used are diesel or steam. Please check availability of locomotive power when making a reservation.

The Young Student Program fulfills the following Georgia Early Learning Standards (K-2nd grade):

P3G

The child will begin to develop gross motor skills.

P3F

The child will begin to develop fine motor skills.

S3SE

The child will begin to engage in self-expression.

A3L

The child will begin to acquire learning approaches that support development and school success.

L3FR

The child will begin to develop the foundations for reading.

L3FW

The child will begin to develop the foundations for writing.

C3M

The child will begin to develop the foundations for mathematical reasoning and logical thinking.

C3S

The child will begin to demonstrate early scientific inquiry skills.

C3SS

The child will begin to develop the foundations for social studies.

The Young Student Program fulfills the following Georgia Early Learning and Pre-K Standards:

ELAKR6a

Listens to stories read aloud and shows understanding.

Pre-K LD 3, ELAKLSV1g

Children will develop an understanding of new vocabulary introduced in conversations, activities, stories and books. Increases vocabulary to reflect a growing range of interests and knowledge.

Pre-K MD 1, MKN1a, SKCS2a

Children will begin to develop an understanding of numbers.

Pre-K SD 3, SKCS4b

Children will acquire scientific knowledge related to physical science. Investigates and describes the states of matter.

Pre-K SS 3, SSKH2, SSKG2, SSKG3

Children will express beginning geographic thinking. Develops awareness of the community, city and state in which he/she lives.

Pre-K SE 2

Children will develop curiosity, initiative, self-direction and persistence.

Program Confirmation and Payment Information

Program Bookings/Reservations

All programs must be reserved *at least 2 weeks* before the intended date of visit. To book a program, please call or email:

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Upon booking, a confirmation sheet will be created to identify your group's date/time of visit and anticipated number of guests. A signed copy returned prior to your visit is required.

Deposits

A \$50 deposit is required upon booking for groups of 100 people or less. A \$100 deposit is required for groups of 100 people or more.

A non-refundable payment is required in advance for any requested meals.

A \$500 deposit is required upon booking any "Dinner and a Movie" program.

All deposits/payments will be deducted from the final billed amount.

Balances

Balances for all programs are due by the date of visit. We accept the following payment methods: cash, check, Visa, Mastercard or American Express.

Any balance not settled by the program date are subject to additional interest fees.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. My group has less than 25 people. May I book a program?

We love to meet groups of all sizes! First, please note that the group minimum applies to the entire group; parents, chaperones and teachers included. If your group still falls short of the minimum, you may book a program, but may also be required to pay for our minimum. In other words, if you have 20 people in your group, you may be required to pay for 25 people. Factors include time of day, time of year and peak/off-peak seasons. Please contact us to discuss your needs.

2. The students in my group are of varying ages. Should I choose a Student Program or a Young Student Program?

This choice is dependent upon the needs of your group. We see many summer camp and child care groups that are comprised of a broad range of students. If the group is large enough, we will split the students based on age/grade level (preK-2nd grade for Young Student Programs, 3rd-12th grade for Student Programs). If there are not enough students to split the group, we will adapt the program to ensure that all students have a great experience.

3. My students are studying a specific topic concerning American history. Can you fit this topic into one of your programs?

We pride ourselves on the ability to customize any program based upon the needs of the group. We would be happy to work with you if you would like us to cover a specific topic.

4. What happens if we're late to arrive for our program?

Your program may be shortened due to our contractual obligations to other groups. If you are aware that you will be late, please call us to let us know. All contact information for each site is listed at the top of the program confirmation sheets.

5. May our group eat lunch on the premises?

Yes; we have plenty of spaces available for lunch. We ask that your group leave the site as found. A cleanup fee may be imposed if we endure an unusual amount of cleanup after your group leaves.

6. Is there a gift shop on site?

Yes. If your group plans to shop, please allow at least 15 minutes to do so before or after your program so that it may begin on time.

7. How far in advance may I book a program?

Programs may be booked as far in advance as you'd like. We prefer all programs to be booked at least 2 weeks in advance.

8. What is the earliest time of day that I may book a program? What is the latest time?

All of our sites are open from 9am-5pm everyday. Groups of 100 or more may be booked before 9am or after 5pm. All other groups are considered on a case-by-case basis for those times. If you have special needs concerning scheduling, please contact us.

9. Is there a maximum number of students that I may bring at one time?

We are able to accommodate large groups by incorporating additional learning stations and topics. We frequently host large groups on site during the busy spring and fall seasons, and we would be more than happy to see your group!

10. Is a deposit required to book a program?

Yes, in addition to a signed copy of the program confirmation form. A \$50 deposit is required upon booking for groups of 100 people or less. A \$100 deposit is required for groups of 100 people or more.

A non-refundable payment is required in advance for any requested meals. A \$500 deposit is required upon booking any "Dinner and a Movie" program.

All deposits/payments will be deducted from the final billed amount.

11. When is the final payment due?

Payment in full is due no later than the day of the program. If other arrangements need to be made, please contact us prior to the date of your program.

12. I have students with special needs in my group. Will they be able to be accommodated?

We strive to create a positive experience for each and every one of our guests, and we are happy to work with you on creating the best possible program for your group.

13. I would like my program to last longer than one hour. Is this possible?

Absolutely! We can schedule programs of any length. Please contact us for more details.

14. Will teachers and adults be required to pay for programs?

Yes; program prices are per person for everyone that attends.

Notes: