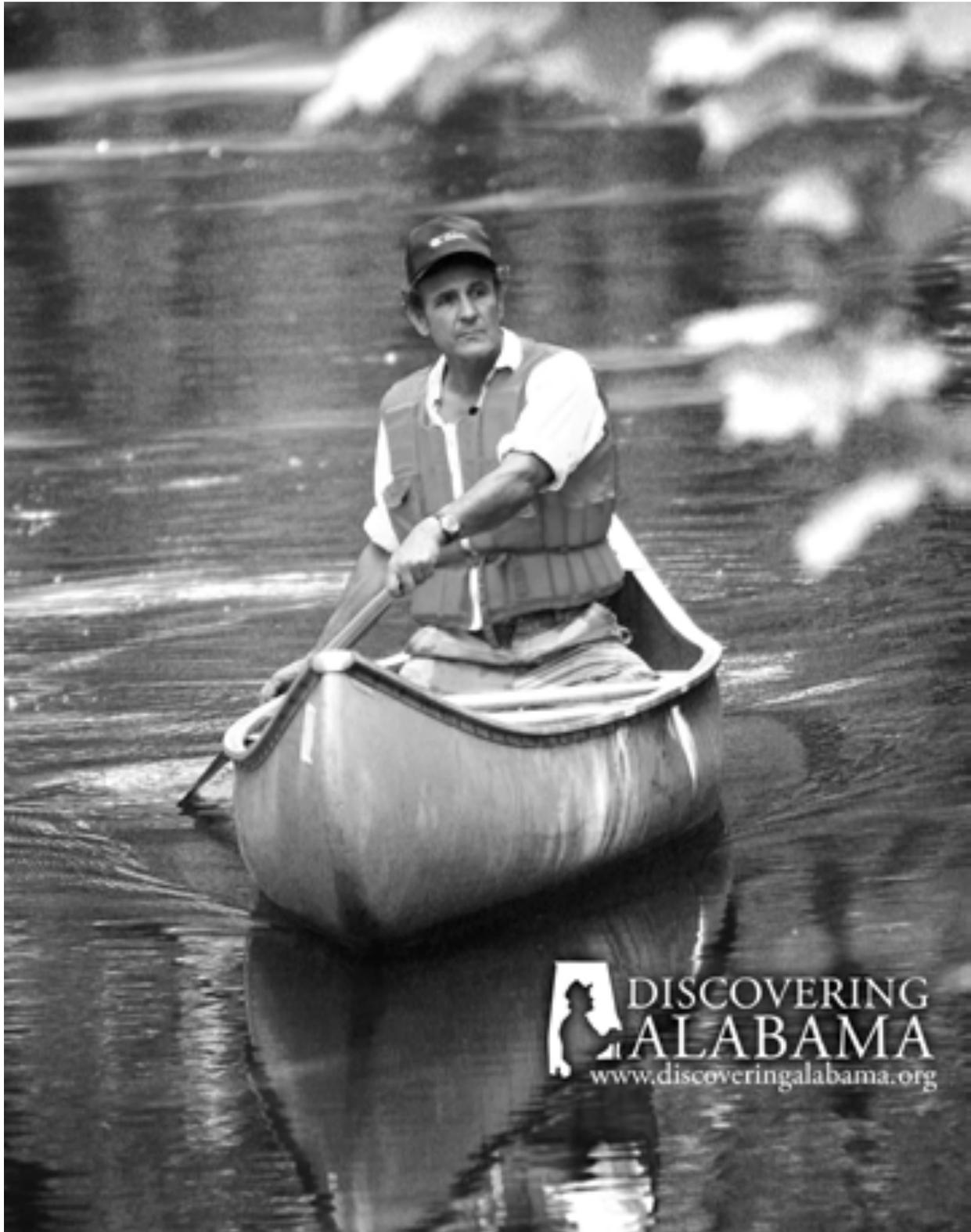


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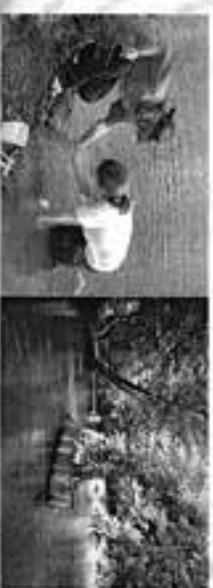
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One of the benefits of being a Museum member is that you receive discounts on art classes and workshops, so become a member today!



2018-19 HOMESCHOOL DATES

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**IS IT A FIDDLE
OR A VIOLIN?**

February 7

March 14

**MAKING WAVES
AT HISTORIC
RCA STUDIO B**

October 17

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November 27

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January 17

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The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

Enjoy learning experiences designed with homeschoolers in mind. The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum offers Homeschool Days to provide families access to programs that ordinarily require a minimum number of participants. Each Homeschool Day program includes a Guided Highlights Tour of the museum galleries and the Country Music Hall of Fame Rotunda. Programs are designed for ages 6 and up. For more information or to schedule, visit countrymusicHallofFame.org/homeschool.

IS IT A FIDDLE OR A VIOLIN? explores how in Nashville, one stringed instrument can be both. This one-of-a-kind, toe-tapping program is presented by two professional musicians and features guided tours of both the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

DATES: SEPTEMBER 26, FEBRUARY 7, MARCH 14

MAKING WAVES AT HISTORIC RCA STUDIO B shares the stories and sounds of Nashville's oldest recording studio. The "Home of 1,000 Hits" provides a powerful and engaging environment for students to experience the convergence of science, technology, history, and music.

DATE: OCTOBER 17

STRING CITY showcases Nashville's rich and entertaining legacy of country music through marionettes, rod puppetry, animation, and more. The audience meets the great icons of country music as the show travels through time, from classic recordings to present-day hits, through 30 songs and even more puppet personalities.

DATE: NOVEMBER 27

DAZZLING DESIGNS highlights how costume design and instrument customization show off the style and individuality of musical artists. After a Museum tour focusing on key designers such as Nudie Cohn, students lend their own creativity to an instrument or article of clothing they can take home.

DATE: JANUARY 17

SONGWRITING 101 teaches songwriting fundamentals and reveals the secrets behind the creative process. Working as a group with guidance from a professional songwriter, students write original lyrics and advise on musical components. The program ends with a performance of the newly composed song.

DATE: APRIL 10



Join us this year for our Homeschool Days!

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Our popular Homeschool Days programs provide a chance for families with students of all ages and abilities to work together to explore activities built around a special theme. Each Homeschool Day includes a special presentation by living historians, scientists, or artists and a variety of activity stations with additional projects to try. The 2018-19 Homeschool Days include pirates in the Battle of New Orleans, cotton farming, Christmas celebrations, and gardening. In March, students will work together to create an actual museum, taking on the roles of curators and interpreters!

Homeschool Day programs happen quarterly from 9:00-Noon (CDT). Families pay a reduced rate of \$16/adult and \$9/child. Families with one adult and three children qualify for a Family Pass of \$40. Special pricing is available for members of the Andrew Jackson Foundation.

The incorporation of original and authentic landscapes, buildings, and artifacts into learning opportunities enhances student learning. By touching, talking, walking, and questioning, students find that history really isn't boring after all!

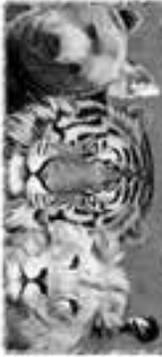
Not in Nashville? No problem! The Hermitage has a robust videoconferencing and Traveling Classroom program that can come to you. More information about all educational resources is located at <https://thehermitage.com/> education/ or by emailing us at education@thehermitage.com.

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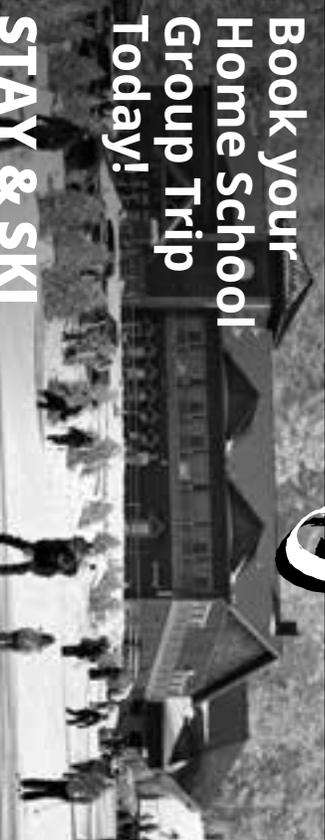
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- ✧ Three complimentary child's day lift tickets to each of the 21 participating member resorts. That amounts to over 64 free days of skiing or boarding this season! Note: use of the Snowpass does require the purchase of a full-price adult lift ticket; blackout dates and paid adult lift restrictions also apply.
- ✧ One 50% Off Adult Learn to Ski/Snowboard Package (for accompanying adult) at 50% off retail value.
- ✧ One complimentary Child's Learn to Ski/Snowboard Package (includes beginner lift, lesson and equipment rental).

WHY A 4TH & 5TH GRADE SNOWPASS PROGRAM?

To introduce 4th & 5th graders to the sports of skiing and snowboarding. Also, to remind families that spending time on the mountains is a healthy and FUN family activity.

WHY FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE?

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HOW IT WORKS

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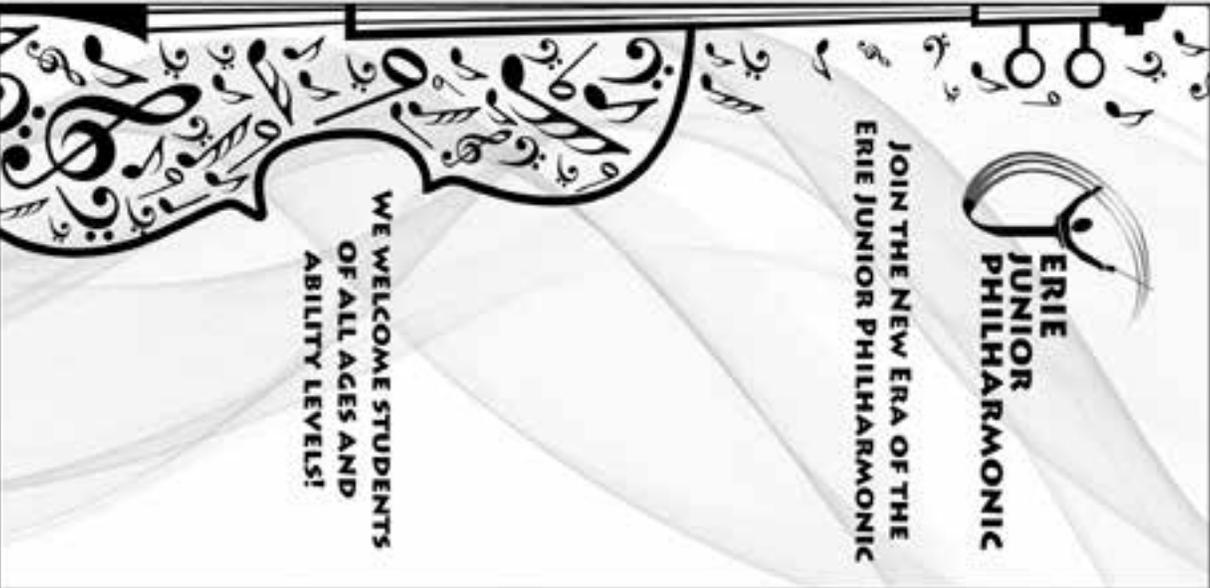


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The orchestra also presents three annual, nationally-recognized youth concerts for more than 6,000 students from schools in Erie, New York and Crawford County. Show times are November 14 at 1pm & November 15 at 10am or Noon. Homeschool groups are welcome to attend, curriculums available upon request. Visit <http://eriephil.org/youth-concerts>.

The 2018-19 season will feature a new addition to our traditional concert series - the Bruce Morton Wright Chamber Series. The chamber series includes free concerts in the region to further our mission to enrich, entertain and educate people of **all** ages through music. Upcoming concerts will include a solo clarinet recital on October 23 at Blasco Library and a concert with Beethoven's legendary Septet in Walker Recital Hall at Mercyhurst University on November 15. Future concerts can be found at eriephil.org/bmw.

To inquire about a Music Director visit or other outreach opportunities, please contact Director of Community Impact, Lisa Herring at lisa@eriephil.org or 814.455.1375, ext. 17. For information about student tickets, group sales and youth concerts contact Patron Services Manager, Mat Anderson at manderson@eriephil.org or 814.455.1375, ext. 10.



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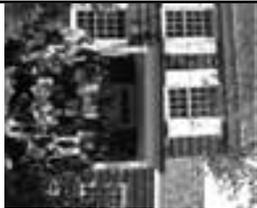
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Welcome to Rochester Museum & Science Center (RMSC) in upstate New York! Enjoy discovering all the wonderful opportunities we have for you and your family—we promise to stimulate your interest in exploration through our 200 hands-on exhibits, spectacular shows, and authentic collections. Uncover the wonders of our region, our world, and beyond through themed programs that spark interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Climb a wall, build robots, zap lasers, launch a catapult, and zoom through space—there's so much to experience.



Our 1.2 million collection items, many on display and online, are bursting with stories about our region's rich history of innovation. Immerse yourself in the machines, ingenuity, and natural occurrences that formed our world today, and engage all five senses in extensive experiential learning opportunities.

The RMSC is yours to explore. Let your curiosity flourish, make amazing discoveries, and build your future with us. Home school families can explore two program tracks—general school offerings or home school classes—designed to give students hands-on, real-world science experiences at our Science Museum, Strassenburgh Planetarium, and Cumming Nature Center.

Hands-on, minds-on STEM education at the Science Museum

Lifelong learning is our passion, and becoming an astronaut, being a well-informed citizen about this place we call home, or being the next great inventor isn't simply a dream—students can make it a reality as they engage all five senses in RMSC's extensive experiential learning opportunities.

Enroll as a group of home school families in any of the current school offerings at RMSC.org/educators (please be aware that programs require a minimum number of students). For additional information or answers to questions, or to register for a class, call 585.697.1942.

Journey across the universe at the Strassenburgh Planetarium

Our Strassenburgh Planetarium closed in September for renovations to its Star Theater, including a state-of-the-art full-dome projection system. We anticipate resuming our home school classes when we reopen in 2019. Please visit RMSC.org for updates, or call 585.697.1942.

Nature is the classroom at the Cumming Nature Center

In classes designed exclusively for home school students, our Cumming Nature Center's Forest School recognizes the intrinsic relationship between children and nature. Our mission is to provide children with the space to nurture this relationship through unstructured play, curiosity-driven exploratory learning, hands-on projects, and outdoor skills development—all within a physically safe and emotionally supportive environment. Through Forest School, students learn to be resilient, self-reliant, and confidently inquisitive.

With nature as our classroom, guide, and companion our daily activities are based on fostering three things: purposeful work, observation, and exploration. Each day is spent entirely outdoors in all types of weather, at our dynamic, 900-acre environmental education facility that celebrates the unique landscape and culture of the Finger Lakes region.

Forest School is for ages 4–12 and class days run from 10am–3:30pm. Summer and break-week sessions are also available. Watch a video, learn more, or enroll your home school student at RMSC.org/cumming-nature-center/forest-school, or call 585.374.6160.





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Titus Mountain Family Ski Center, located in Malone, NY, was recognized as the #1 Family Friendly Ski Resort for the 2017-2018 ski season as part of the Best in Snow Awards powered by Liftopia. In addition to their debut in the Family Friendly category, Titus Mountain was also voted #3 Best Beginner Resort in North America.

Evan Reece, co-founder and CEO of Liftopia believes that today's travelers and skiers are looking for new, interesting, and unknown ski areas. "By measuring customers passion for their favorite areas, The Best in Snow Awards give consumers an opportunity to see which ski areas may become their next new favorite."

Staff at Titus Mountain believe that both accolades can be attributed to their base of loyal customers and their snow sports programs offered to school and new skiers and snowboarders. As part of their school program, the "4-1-1" program has introduced over 3,500 4th graders to skiing over the past three years.

Located in the Foothills of the Adirondacks, the family-owned and operated resort features three interconnected mountains that offer varied terrain over 50 trails, glades, and terrain parks. The mountain also offers a unique night skiing experience and has a two-lane tubing hill to add to the activities available on-mountain.

"To win in the family friendly category for not just our region, but for all of North America, is something incredibly rewarding for our family-owned mountain and for the local community as well," said Bruce Monette, one of three brother who own the mountain. "We're excited to keep bringing a fun and affordable ski experience to our community and introducing new skiers and snowboarders, both young and young-at-heart, to the love of winter sports."

Education Programs

**Gallery Workshops • Passport to Learning
Life in Early Vermont • Vacation Camps**

Offering a range of hands-on experiences for students and educators throughout the year— from brief instructor-led experiences in our buildings and galleries to in-depth art making visits; from summer camps to professional development opportunities for educators.

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Learning Opportunities at Shelburne Museum

Shelburne Museum is a place of the imagination, reflecting its founder's dream of presenting early American life and culture in a distinctive way. The result is a collection of objects, buildings, and landscape which integrates art, design, Americana, and history; 18th- and 19th-century homes and community buildings; marvels of transportation; as well as a range of traditional and non-traditional fine art galleries.

Our diverse programs for students are designed to enhance your museum experience and connect parents, teachers, and students to our collection through hands-on opportunities that use works of art in our permanent and special exhibitions as a foundation for exploration and learning. We offer a range of rich experiences throughout the year—from brief instructor-led experiences in our buildings and galleries to in-depth gallery and art making visits; from summer and vacation youth camps to professional development opportunities for home-school educators.

PASSPORT TO LEARNING

Passport to Learning is an exciting series of 6-8 interactive workshops, offered in the spring and the fall, especially designed for students in grades k-5 that enhance students' understanding of art, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, and are designed to meet educational standards and support the goals of the Common Core. Come explore the Museum's grounds and take a trip guaranteed to offer active learning.

GALLERY WORKSHOPS

Gallery Workshop sessions are offered on select days throughout the academic year 9 - 11 a.m. and Noon - 2 p.m. Explore a special exhibition, or works from our permanent collection, with an engaging Museum educator. Then, head to the classroom for artistic expression and creation during an exhibition-related, hands-on, art making experience. All workshops can be modified to meet the needs of your students' grade level. We welcome you and your children to Shelburne Museum—a place for group engagement and individual reflection; for conversation and inspiration; and for engaging with our artistic past and imagining our futures. Come explore and create with us! For more information, visit shelburnemuseum.org.

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Field trips, suitable for middle and high school age children for *Remembered* include a tour of the exhibit with a museum docent, a walkthrough of the corollary exhibit *Rights for All? The Connecticut Constitution of 1818*, an interactive activity where students may handle artifacts related to the exhibit, and a group photograph. Schedule trips two weeks in advance and cost \$10 per student with complimentary chaperone tickets.

Specifically designed for *Remembered* our classroom kit includes:

- National Standards Connections
- The Background History of African Americans in Westport
- Collection Images
- Classroom and Field Trip Prep Activities
- Additional Resources and Connected Programming

The classroom kit can be purchased online for \$20. A digital copy of the kit will be sent to your email after purchase for use as stand alone activities or to prepare for a *Remembered* field trip.

WHS offers programming and exhibitions that present history in an interactive, accessible format that is suitable for all ages. Founded in 1889, WHS bases programs and exhibits on primary source material and archival research from our own collection as well as local institutions.

Contact WHS Director of Programs and Education Nicole Carpenter for trips and classroom guides at (203) 222-1424 x3 or programs@westporthistory.org.



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Bring your family and explore the exhibits! Climb aboard a replica of the *Turtle* submarine and find out what it was like to be a submarine pilot during the American Revolution. Walk all 410 miles of the River as you travel our vertical gallery filled with fantastic aerial photos and a whimsical mural of the River. Learn the stories of people and the River from Native Americans through the present in our three floors of exhibits, don't forget to take a boat trip on the River itself.

Participate in a Homeschool Workshop

The Museum offers monthly programs for Homeschoolers, September – June. Programs explore the history and environment of the River Valley and take place in the galleries and waterfront campus, on vessels, at nearby sites, and at Bushnell Farm in Old Saybrook. Connect to the past with primary documents; collect micro-organisms in a plankton trawl to analyze under a microscope; participate in the daily life activities of a colonial farm; learn how to sail a schooner; or take a boat trip in search of bald eagles!

Plan a Special Program for Your Group

The Museum is happy to plan a program for your homeschool co-op or larger collaborative. Programs can be 90 minutes to full day experiences and can include programs from our standard school offerings or be custom designed to meet your specific learning goals. Please call the education department at least 2 weeks in advance to plan your program.

For more information visit ctrivermuseum.org, or call **860.767.8269**.



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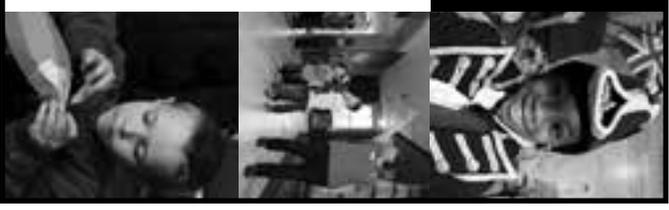
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Homeschoolers enjoy special rates when visiting with a group of 10 or more, or take advantage of our annual Homeschool Weeks in January and September! During Homeschool Weeks, homeschoolers can enjoy the reduced rate with no minimum group size AND take part in FREE LEGO Education Workshops.

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Within our doors also lies Pro-Performance Training Fitness Center, Top Tier Dance Academy and Total Physical Therapy, allowing Skylands to be a full service center for athletes of all ice sports. With a full service Cafe featuring Tim Horton's Coffee and Baked Goods, as well as a Snack Bar, Skylands Ice Worlds offers the best of all amenities.

Open skating is offered daily at Skylands as well as open hockey, broom ball, birthday and corporate parties. A lot has changed over the 12 years we



have been here, if you have not been to see us recently, please stop by!

Skylands offers Learn To Skate: Skating Lessons year round for beginners through advanced and many of our skaters

graduate to figure skating and synchronized skating. Our Skylands Skating Academy offers two shows annually open to the public, one around the holidays and one in the spring.

Our "Future Rangers" Program is geared for beginner hockey players and the New York Rangers provide you the equipment to get started and continue playing! Our "Future Rangers" progress into the Rangers Rookie League and on to full season recreational and travel teams!



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MUSEUM EDUCATION TOURS

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey's Gallery Education Tours are designed to complement and enrich our visitors' exhibition experience. Tours are led by trained docents who encourage visitors to view, learn, and share their ideas about the works of art on view. In addition, the Art Center offers full tours of the exhibitions for groups and families in Spanish. And the Art Center makes learning about contemporary art fun and exciting with education tours for students of any age. Each program includes a 30-minute docent-led tour followed by an hour-long, hands-on art workshop led by a teaching artist that relates to the themes in the exhibition. Art projects include a variety of media such as paint, pastels, collage, found objects, or watercolors, depending on the current exhibition. All tours address National Core Arts Standards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

contact Sarah Walko at **908.273.9121**, ext. 213 or
swalko@artcenternj.org or visit **artcenternj.org**.



Roxey Ballet Presents
DRACULA

October 19th-28th
ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT CANAL STUDIO THEATER
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Dracula is the perfect way to spend the Halloween Season. Mark Roxey successfully combines contemporary choreography, brilliant videography, striking minimalist sets, lavish costumes and world-class artistry to recreate Dracula. Get ready to experience this scary ballet! Suck your teeth into the Gothic tale of Dracula as he struggles against the power of the cross and his love of Lucy. This is the show you have been waiting for!

Roxey Ballet Presents
THE NUTCRACKER

November 24th-December 2nd
ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT KENDALL MAIN STAGE THEATER, TCNJ
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Roxey Ballet, the award-winning professional dance company, is proud to present its annual holiday classic, Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker". This acclaimed event has become a favorite tradition of area residents and holiday visitors alike. Clara and her friends will take you on an enchanting voyage to meet magical mice, giant rats, marching soldiers, swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers and the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy. Brilliant costumes and elaborate sets draw the audience into a heart-lifting, marvelous journey that unfolds in the seasonal spirit. Audiences can also expect a visit from Santa and his jolly brood during the performance!

Roxey Ballet Presents
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May 4th & 5th
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Roxey Ballet will revive its hit-length ballet "Cinderella" for its "Classroom Showcase" concert. One of the most loved stories of all time comes to vibrant life through Mark Roxey's imaginative choreography and the lush score by Prokofiev. Enjoy the story of the dejected young prince, poor fairy tale, a handsome prince, and an ill-fated servant girl who, against all odds, finds true love. Sets, costumes, and lighting are masterfully combined in a visually stunning presentation of this favorite fairy tale. This production promises to be a shining example of the magic of dance at Roxey Ballet.

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ALL IN-STUDIO EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT CANAL STUDIO THEATER
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Visit www.roxeyballet.org for schedules and tickets.



ROXEY BALLET is a world-class, all-inclusive contemporary ballet company located in Lambertville, New Jersey. Founded by professional dancers Mark and Melissa Roxey in 1995, this nonprofit company features a diverse roster of local and international dancers.

This year, Roxey Ballet kicks off its 25th season of dance with "Dracula" and a series of In-Studio events including "Tutus and Tiaras" and "Open Studio". This incredible season will include the 25th Annual Holiday Classic "The Nutcracker" and "Cinderella". Additionally, Roxey Ballet offers a range of dance education programming.

DRACULA • October 19-28 "Dracula" will be held at Canal Studio Theatre in Lambertville, New Jersey. Dracula is the perfect way to spend the Halloween Season. The performance features contemporary choreography, brilliant videography, striking minimalist sets, lavish costumes and world-class artistry. Get ready to experience this scary ballet!

ROXEY BALLET'S NUTCRACKER • November 24-December 2 Roxey Ballet will perform its 25th Annual American Holiday Classic "Nutcracker" at The College of New Jersey's Kendall Theater. Join Clara and her friends on her enchanting voyage meeting magical mice, giant rats, marching soldiers, swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers and the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy. Children should plan for a special visit from Santa and his jolly friends! A school matinee performance will be offered on November 30th at 10:00am. Tickets to this show are \$15. To reserve, contact roxeyoutreach@gmail.com. A specially tailored, sensory-friendly performance will take place on December 1st at 1:00pm.

EDUCATION AND RESIDENCIES For 25 years, Roxey Ballet has been building bridges through dance to all communities, including students of different abilities. Educational residencies and performances include Dance to Learn, the signature anti-bullying program "Celebrating Diversity", and Wheels and Bodies in Motion. Spring 2019 Main Stage Performances will include "Cinderella", "We Vs. C" and "Carnina Burana".

For tickets and more information, visit www.roxeyballet.org or call 609-397-7616.



Explore the Shore with us!

Learn Science and Stewardship with the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium

New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium invites all homeschool groups to their Sandy Hook home to explore the science of the shore through hands-on, inquiry-based experience. The beach, bay and salt marsh are our classroom and our instructors use these ecosystems to teach science, stewardship and more.

Our full day, guided field trip programs support STEM, history and social science literacy and are correlated to state and national curriculum content standards including Next Generation Science Standards. Activities include seine fishing, benthic and sediment sampling and plant and animal identification. The rich history of the area is also interwoven into each program.

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For Information and Reservations
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Reinforce your homeschooler's love of science and instill stewardship for the environment with the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium (NJSGC). Located on Sandy Hook, NJ where direct access to ocean, estuarine and barrier beach environments are all possible in one visit, NJSGC offers homeschool groups the opportunity to explore key coastal habitats and core science concepts through "hands-on," inquiry-based learning experiences. Our full day, guided field trip programs are suitable for all grade levels and can accommodate small and large groups. Each program is interdisciplinary, supports STEM, history and social science literacy, and is correlated to state and national curriculum content standards.

Field trip activities include using a seine net to observe fish and other marine life or deploying a plankton net to collect microscopic organisms. Shovels and sieves are used to uncover bottom dwelling animals from the sediments of Sandy Hook Bay. Each group will work with an experienced NJSGC instructor and all sampling equipment from nets and test kits to chest waders are supplied.

At the ocean, homeschooler's will be introduced to the beach as a natural habitat and will hike a portion of the beach to collect seashells and learn about the organisms that made them. Waves, tides, currents and other oceanographic forces that shape our shoreline will be discussed along with the connection the ocean has to weather, climate and all life on earth. At the beach, students will also be able to observe a well-vegetated dune system and learn how this natural feature can protect inland areas from the forces of coastal storms.

The New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium is a not-for-profit group dedicated to increasing knowledge and stewardship of New Jersey's coastal environment. For more information, visit our website at njseagrant.org or call us at **732-872-1300, ext. 13**.

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For decades, Hagley has welcomed schoolchildren, from kindergarten to high school, for hands-on, experiential learning through science, technology, and history programs. At Hagley, students will satisfy their "STEM-tation!" through interactive programs that emphasize the engineering of water power, simple machines making work easier, and materials and their physical properties. Through Hands-on History programs, students will experience nineteenth-century life and the Industrial Revolution while understanding their impacts on today's world.

A visit by a homeschooler prompted Hagley to create Engineering Endeavors, which introduces middle schoolers to different branches of engineering. "A homeschool parent approached Hagley, after visiting our site, wanting a more in-depth experience for her eighth grade son at Hagley," said Jeff Durst, Education Program Manager. "Recognizing that there was a need for such a program, we created Engineering Endeavors and first offered it to homeschool students." The six-week workshop series includes hands-on demonstrations, explorations of Hagley's extensive property, and open-ended challenges for participants. Engineering Endeavors, offered in the spring and fall, is open to homeschoolers in grades six-eight.

Hagley offers seven programs that get kids active and outdoors, introduce them to historical characters, and challenge them with hands-on activities and experiments. All Hagley school programs are available to homeschool groups.

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Decades ago, the McNasby Oyster Packing Plant welcomed weary watermen, exhausted from a long day's work, to its docks. Oysters were hauled, counted, and sorted, then brought inside to be shucked, cleaned, and canned in Tiffany-blue tins. It was a true example of the power of the Chesapeake Bay to provide for the people of the Annapolis region.

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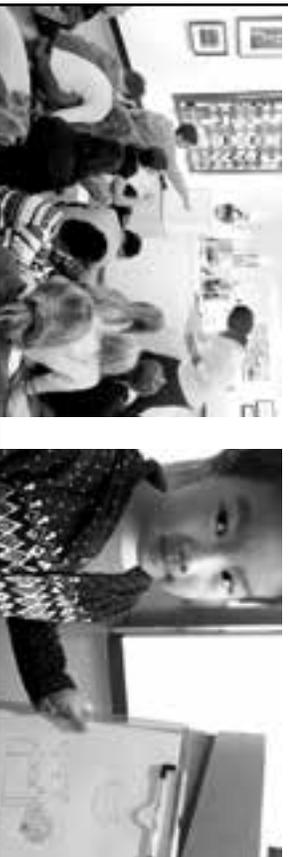
Homeschooling can present some distinct challenges – one of which is that of teaching a varied-enough curriculum. While educational requirements differ depending on grade levels, many studies show that if the arts are part of your teaching, student(s) tend to become better communicators, stronger academically, more involved and interested in the world around them, and develop a stronger sense of self-worth.

Exposure to and experience of all the arts – music, visual art, dance, theatre, design, and so on – helps them develop the willingness to try new things, and teaches important life skills such as self-confidence, responsibility, and self-discipline. Museum trips in particular offer a combined educational and social experience; something homeschool parents might appreciate. At museums like NC State's Gregg Museum of Art & Design, it is even possible to tailor such experiences to fit specific needs or interests, depending on the subject, for even the smallest groups of students.

Art teaches all of us to think in new directions – through the entertainments we enjoy to teaching us a variety of skills including critical thinking, collaboration, creative problem solving, and the many benefits of lifelong learning.

Arts education is identified as a core curriculum in North Carolina and states these benefits, among others:

- Art helps student make connections between history, social studies, and other subjects.
- Learning about the arts teaches concepts such as teamwork, collaboration, and creative problem solving.



- Learning about the art of other cultures fosters an acceptance of other traditions and ways of life, and expands student's awareness of the world around them.
- Art teaches about nonverbal communication and how to evaluate it.
- Art fosters the ability to communicate effectively.
- Art teaches that most problems have more than one answer, and collaboration leads to creative solutions.
- Art teaches that small things can make a difference and engaging in any type of artistic activity can improve a student's morale and sense of success

The Gregg Museum can help homeschoolers satisfy this requirement by offering a variety of quality programs that engage students. Activities can include art appreciation tours of the museum, experiential programs such as sketching sessions or pop-up art studios, or scavenger hunts. Our Thursday evening programs include everything from movie screenings and poetry readings to yoga classes, and are often family-friendly events.

The Gregg's collection includes Native American art, textiles, furniture, visual art, photography, pottery, and historical artifacts. There are also special exhibits throughout the year from artists from around the world, offering students an opportunity to experience other cultures and ideas. The Gregg Museum is located on 1903 Hillsborough Street at the northern tip of Raleigh's Pullen Park, which offers free parking and the possibility of combining a museum visit with a picnic, outdoor games, or, for younger pupils, a visit to the amusement section with its carousel and miniature train.

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The museum presents the story of the genesis of airborne and special operations forces and their intertwined evolution over the past six decades. From their inception, American airborne and special operations forces have continued to make dramatic and lasting contributions to our national security. Visitors learn how these remarkable soldiers carried out missions of classic strategic and tactical significance behind enemy lines. Time after time the heroic efforts of these airborne units were responsible for turning the tide of history, and those efforts are recounted at the museum.

The museum serves as a premier educational medium for active-duty personnel, their families, veterans and civilians of all ages. It serves Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina, and the entire country. The museum preserves and interprets the unique heritage of airborne and special operations forces for future generations, ensuring that "the legend continues."

The extensive exhibits, large-screen theater production and motion simulator provide an opportunity for visitors to experience the legend. The museum provides special programming to enhance the curriculum of school children, emphasizing values education, and presents targeted educational programs developed for active-duty military personnel.

The museum incorporates core values as part of its educational program, teaching how personal actions and character have direct impact on the course of our society and our world. The museum allows us to realize that history is not something that happened to someone else a long time ago -- it is the story of who we are right now and why we, as Americans, are able to enjoy liberty and freedom.

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