



Home School Happenings Fall 2020 At Burritt on the Mountain

Burritt on the Mountain is excited to offer another great year of home school classes! Whether your student loves experiencing history, expressing themselves in art, or discovering more about the science around us, you can find an enriching opportunity here at our mountaintop campus. Each lesson includes an oral presentation, a hands-on learning experience, and a handout featuring information and follow-up activities related to that month's topic. We are looking forward to a year of lessons that will give you a chance to explore life in our historic homes or the wonder of nature on our forest trails. Our home school classes are open to children from kindergarten to 8th grade. This fall, we are offering Wednesday morning classes that are geared for lower elementary students and Wednesday afternoon classes that are designed for upper elementary and middle school students. Morning classes run 9:30-11:00, and afternoon classes run 12:00-1:30. Exceptions may be made to these age designations so that siblings may attend class at the same time, so choose the class that best suits your family's needs. If a class you're interested in is already full, please send an email to alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov to be placed on a waiting list. If there is enough interest, we may open another class.

Some classes fill up quickly, so send in your registration today! **Students must be registered and paid at least one week in advance to ensure that ample supplies are available.** The cost for each class is \$11, or \$10 for members. Due to limited space parents who choose to attend with their child must register and pay also. Sorry, no younger siblings may attend with parents; we have found this can cause both space issues and distractions. Please note that during our winter hours (October-March) the gift shop is not open until 10:00, and our morning class will begin before the grounds and welcome center are open to the public.

Registration for fall will open August 4, 2020. Registration for the spring semester will open November 20, 2020 Burritt reserves the right to cancel or combine classes that do not meet our minimum required enrollment. To register, please visit <http://www.burrittonthemountain.com> and follow the instructions under "Learn." Contact Alice Kirsch at alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov or 256-512-0148 with any questions. If you are working with a small group (or 'pod') of families and are interested in your own session, please contact us at alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov, and include a phone number in your message.

We will also be offering a virtual field trip each month that you may register your student to participate in – without leaving the comfort of your own home. More information about these field trips will be posted on our website each month and shared on our social media accounts. Reservations are required for virtual field trips. Pods of families may also request to schedule virtual and onsite field trips.

Class Schedule

September: The Whimsical Woods Explore fairy tales and other classic children’s literature with a special journey through our Whimsical Woods summer feature! In the historic park we’ll engage with timeless stories and characters. We will learn about goats with the Billy Goats Gruff, see what we know about the Itsy Bitsy Spider, and find out about Native American masks with How the Deer Won his Antlers!

October: Agriculture was a part of everyday life for the families who lived in Burritt’s historic homes. Join us in this month of harvest to take a look at some of the plants in Burritt’s heirloom garden – there may be some you recognize, and some that you’ve never even heard of! You’ll compare the garden tools of the past to those we use today and meet the real “horse power” that helped farmers with their work in the 1800s.

November: Orienteering is a wonderful way to learn about mapping, measurement, geometry, and cardinal directions. We will get to know our compasses as we romp across Burritt’s site looking for hidden treasures.

December: Holiday Ornaments will be on display throughout our museum this month. We’ll tour the homes in the Historic Park to compare Christmas traditions of the past with our holiday celebrations today. Then, put your creative spirit to work as we make some holiday decorations to take home and talk about the symbolism behind these ornaments. We will make decorations the way people did in the 1800s!

Dates:

September 9th

Lower Elementary 9:30-11:00

Upper Elementary 12:00-1:30

October 14th

Lower Elementary 9:30-11:00

Upper Elementary 12:00-1:30

November 4th

Lower Elementary 9:30-11:00

Upper Elementary 12:00-1:30

December 2nd

Lower Elementary 9:30-11:00

Upper Elementary 12:00-1:30