



MAGNOLIA MOUND

LEARNING EXPEDITIONS

A visit to BREC's Magnolia Mound Plantation becomes an extended classroom learning experience, engaging students in a variety of 19th century period activities. Create your own learning expedition by choosing from our hands-on history learning experiences. Depending on the size of your group and the amount of time you have to spend with us, groups typically participate in the Historic House Tour plus 2 additional programs. Choose from the following program offerings:

HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

Students experience the main historic house (c. 1791) and open-hearth kitchen. Discussion centers around the daily life of a French Creole family during the late 18th and early 19th century. Students learn about slavery, Creole culture, architecture, and agricultural practices. INCLUDED IN ALL LEARNING EXPEDITIONS



45 MINUTES / NO CHARGE / ALL GRADES



CULTURE & RESISTANCE IN THE ENSLAVED COMMUNITY

Activities are designed to introduce students to the realities of human bondage and daily life and work on a 19th-Century Louisiana plantation. Students explore Magnolia Mound's authentic ca. 1830 slave cabin. Primary source documents and artifacts will introduce slavery with a focus on African cultures and traditions brought to Louisiana. The program culminates with students making their own African Djembe Drums.



45 MINUTES / \$4.50 PER STUDENT / GRADES 3-6

GRANDMOTHER'S ATTIC

Students participate in a hands-on activity where they handle and study items representing life in Louisiana in the 19th century. Students are asked to examine the artifacts, determining what they are and how they were used. Students then compare and contrast their artifact to items we have today.



45 MINUTES / \$4.50 PER STUDENT / GRADES 3-6



L'ECOLE DE LA PLANTATION

Experience school as the Duplantier children did 200 years ago. Students will practice their ABC's, penmanship, and colonial-style mathematics while comparing 19th century school to their modern school day. Students will return to their own classrooms having written with a quill, used slate boards and participated in a colonial spelling bee. For older grades, please provide math and spelling problems suited for your students.



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ARTIFACT OR FICTION?

Prepare your students to get busy as they dig up Magnolia Mound Plantation's past. Utilizing archaeological tools, students will uncover authentic and reproduction artifacts that tell the story of this plantation over time. Some students may unearth objects from modern times and will have to identify them as items that could one day become artifacts. Primary documents are shown to the students to give them an understanding of the research done when archaeologist discover items from the past.



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WEAVING

Students will learn about textile production in the 19th century. The lesson begins with a discussion of the process that takes place to take cotton from a raw form to a finished textile. After discussing the steps completed to manufacture the materials needed, the weaving process begins. The students work to create a small "mug rug" weaving project of their own to take home.



45 MINUTES / \$4.50 PER STUDENT / GRADES 3-6



COLONIAL GAMES & TOYS

Students learn how children had fun long before TVs, iPads and computers. After trying their hands at a variety of historic games and toys, students will make a simple toy to take home. Students leave knowing that simple materials such as wood and string can be just as fun as Xboxes and cell phones.



45 MINUTES / \$4.50 PER STUDENT / GRADES K-6



A PLANTATION CALENDAR

Students create Farmers almanacs as they discover the relationship between the seasons and life on a plantation. Learning about holidays and life on the plantation, context clues help students match and paste plantation life images in their almanacs. Students also compare and contrast life in the 1800s to their own lives today.



45 MINUTES / \$4.50 PER STUDENT / GRADES K-2



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SCHEDULING A LEARNING EXPEDITION



HOW?

Call 225-343-4955 between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or send an email to magnoliamound@brec.org. If you choose to email, we will get back with you as soon as possible to schedule your visit. Please provide the date you prefer and your group's size and grade. Please schedule learning expeditions at least 4 weeks in advance.

WHEN?

Arrival time for learning expeditions is 9:45 a.m., and rotations begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Time required for your visit will vary according to your program choices and size of group.

GROUP SIZE

All programs are designed for 10-60 students. The education curator modifies programs for groups over 60 students. Although we may take up to 80 students in a day, large groups must be split into groups of 20 or less to be allowed into the historic house and other facilities. We ask that groups over 80 come over a period of two days to allow enough time for students to participate in the hands-on activities. If you have concerns about the number of students in your group please call and we will do our best to accommodate your group.

ADVANCE DEPOSITS

A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required within 10 working days after requesting a date for your visit. Visit reservation is NOT confirmed until the deposit is received. General admission is charged and varies depending on the learning activity chosen by the teacher. Payments for students and chaperones should be one payment to receive discounted group rate.

LUNCH

Groups may picnic on the grounds. In case of rain, La Grange (the barn) is usually available. Lunch break is between 30-45 minutes in length and depends on how much time is allowed for the overall trip. Fast food options are available nearby on Highland Road.

MUSEUM STORE

There are many fun, interesting and inexpensive items for students to purchase. Please inform us if you want gift shop time included in your visit. Not enough time to shop? Ask us about our souvenir option for your students! Please check with us for availability when booking your trip. Souvenirs will be given to teachers at the end of your visit.

CHAPERONES

Including teachers, we only allow one adult for every 10 students. Only the teachers are admitted free. Additional adults will be charged a fee of \$10. Adults participating in the guided tour will be given a lapel sticker to distinguish them from other guests. Depending on the number of students in each group, some chaperones may not be able to participate in the house tour due to fire code restrictions.



ABOUT MAGNOLIA MOUND

Magnolia Mound's learning expeditions are an extension of your classroom and meet many Louisiana state standards. Please note that these are general standards and all may not apply to every lesson.

GRADES K-5

- K.2.1, K.2.3, K.2.4, K.3.6, 1.1.3, 1.3.5, 1.3.7, 2.1.2, 2.7.2, 3.1.2, 3.1.7, 4.1.6, 4.1.7, 4.3.1, 4.9.2, 5.5.1, 5.5.2

GRADES 6-12

- 6.4.1, 6.4.3, 7.1.5, 7.3.5, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.6, 8.4.3, WG.5.5

HERE'S WHAT TEACHERS HAD TO SAY...

"I love how the kids are kept busy literally every minute of the trip."

"All parts of the trip were outstanding. The staff was very knowledgeable."

"We absolutely love coming to Magnolia Mound. It is such a treasure in our city and I am delighted to share it with our [students]."

"It is a great local way for students to learn about history, culture and traditions."

"They [the staff] were so patient and knowledgeable"



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