



Primary Grade Workshop Details

Workshop programs are designed to add more depth to the Self-Guided Tour program and can be chosen as an add-on during a self-guided visit. The focus of primary grade programming is comparing and contrasting life in the past to life today.

New Inventions: Victorian Cooking

In the 1800s, cookstoves were the latest in high-tech home appliances. See how the Industrial Revolution found its way into America's kitchens, utterly transforming daily life, as you prepare a Victorian-era recipe on our cast-iron cookstove. Then search our historic homes for the new inventions of the Industrial Age.



Home and Hearth: Colonial Cooking

Travel back to the 18th-century to compare and contrast life before electricity to our lives today. Experience what life was like for children in the 1700s while using an historical recipe and baking over hot coals using 18th-century tools and techniques. Then tour a colonial shop to get a taste of global trade and discover exotic spices and foreign goods brought to New England from faraway places.



Toys and Games of Long Ago

Discover how the lives of children in the past were similar and different to our lives today through an exploration of toys and games of the 18th century. Try out games that were played when working as well as learning games and leisure time games. Touch and use some of the wooden toys of the past and see how they compare to what kids use today.



A Colonial Sampler

Delve into daily life 200 years ago and see how things have change and what is still the same. Lend a hand in the colonial kitchen and help churn butter and grind spices; discover how families stayed healthy and make herbal toothpowder; and explore how people got from place to place through a simulated coach ride. This is an abbreviated version of the History Explorers Program offered in March.

