

## STUDENTS DISCOVER HISTORY FIRST HAND AT ROCK FORD

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Historic Rock Ford Plantation provides a dynamic four-part program designed specially for your appropriate grade level. Our program conforms to the Pennsylvania Department of Education *Academic Standards for History* 8.1 and 8.2. An age-appropriate informational packet is sent to the contact person *free of charge*. The packet includes information on General Hand, his family, 18th-century medicine, traditions, games, art and science projects. The Elementary School Program includes the following:



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#### *Introduction*

In our restored 18th-century barn, a guide in period dress provides an interactive discussion on General Hand, his military career, his family and 18th-century medicine.

#### *18th-Century Clothing*

Several children will be chosen to dress in 18th-century reproduction children's clothing.

#### *Quill Pen Stations*

We will explore reproduction period documents, focusing on the handwriting of their authors. Each student will be given the opportunity to practice writing in the 18th-century way using a quill pen. Student work can be taken home as a souvenir!

#### *Plantation House Tour*

Students will explore 3 floors of the Mansion House where the Hand family lived over 200 years ago. Primary source materials allow students to experience Lancaster County and United States history.



## TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Please contact our Group Tour Coordinator at (717) 392-7223 or [rockfordtour@comcast.net](mailto:rockfordtour@comcast.net). Group tours are *by reservation only* and must be booked *at least two weeks in advance*. Please be prepared to provide the following information when making a reservation:

- Desired date and time
- Grade level or age of students
- Number of students and adults
- Contact person's name, address, phone number and email address
- Are you coordinating your visit with another museum or County Park?
- Will you picnic on our grounds?

### *Supervision*

We *strongly recommend one adult for every 8 students* to assist students with hands-on quill pen stations.

### *Group Size*

The maximum group size is 55 students. For groups of more than 55 students, we recommend coordinating your visit with another local museum or park so that half the group tours Rock Ford while the other half tours the other museum; however, we will attempt to make accommodations.

### *Cost*

Students 6 to 18 years of age: \$4.00

Teacher or leader of home-school group is FREE.

One FREE adult per every 10 students.

Additional adults: \$4.00

*Payment is requested on the day of the tour in the form of a check or money order payable to Rock Ford Foundation.*



### *Time*

Please allow approximately two hours for your tour. Tours are scheduled Tuesday through Friday between 9:15 AM and 3:00 PM, April through October.

*Note: Hands-on tours are not available after noon on Fridays.*

If you must cancel, please call Rock Ford as soon as possible. We will arrange a new date at that time, if possible.