



Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center 2010-2011 School Programs

Henry Hudson & Friends Historical Puppet Show

Puppetry is used to tell the story of the Hudson River, the Mohicans and Mohawks who lived on its shores, and the historic arrival of Henry Hudson and his crew from Europe in 1609. Students will meet Nawa, a Mohican girl, Anna and Pieter, early Dutch settlers and Henry Hudson. Program also available off-site ~ call for details. *Grades preK-2*

Early Life in Albany

Program incorporates a student re-enactment, an audio-visual presentation, and an interactive History Mystery Game to detail Henry Hudson's voyage, Native American and Dutch trade and colonial history and influence on Albany of today. Students learn about the tools and techniques used by archeologists to unearth history and handle authentic artifacts from several local sites. *Grades 2-12*

Double the History

Two-part program at two sites: Albany Visitors Center and Crailo State Historic Site. At Crailo, students explore a new exhibit at this museum of the Dutch, including an interactive Ft. Orange Mural, archeological artifacts from Ft. Orange, a "Dutch Room" with touchable objects, life size representations of Native and Dutch people and a "Bury and Dig" multimedia display. Students will also participate in "Early Life in Albany" (see above) at the Visitors Center. \$5 per student. Minimum group fee is \$100. *Grades 3-12*

Hudson River Trading Game: Albany's Connection to the World

Students use a 34-foot Hudson River game board to experience the challenge of trading and sailing on the Hudson River, learn how Hudson River trade was linked to global trade and visit the planetarium to learn star navigation. Activities reveal daily life on the river and its ecology. A partnership program with Historic Cherry Hill. \$5 per student. Minimum group fee is \$100. *Grades 4-5*

Albany Roots: A Heritage Garden Program

Students engage in hands-on exploration of plants and discover how plants influenced the culture and traditions of native people and the immigrants who settled the Hudson Valley. Seeds of heritage will be planted by each student. *Grades k-12*

Archeology Discovery Trunks

Teachers can reserve Archeology Discovery Trunks for their classroom. Trunks contain a variety of educational objects and resources to provide students a better understanding of life along the Hudson River for the past 400 years. For more information on booking the Archeology Discovery Trunks, please call!

Henry Hudson Planetarium

Twinkle Time: Friendly sun, planets, twinkling stars and storytelling. *PreK-1*

Little Star That Could: One star's journey traveling the universe in search of planets. Each planet is introduced with basic information about our solar system. *Grades K-2*

Wonders of the Universe: Exploration of seasonal constellations, planets, galaxies and other wonders of the universe. *Grades 2-12*

Follow the North Star and the Underground Railroad: Sky show explores the important role astronomy played in the freedom seekers' search along the Underground Railroad. *Grades 2-12*

Let There Be Light: A lively animated show featuring famous 17th century astronomer, Galileo, discussing his discoveries. The future of astronomy and light pollution of the night sky are explored. *Grades 3-12*

Stars of the Pharaohs: Exploration of ancient Egypt through astronomy. *Grades 3-12*

Unless otherwise stated: Above programs are \$3.00 per student. Minimum group fee is \$60.

Seasonal Programming

Historic Downtown Albany Walking Tour: Guided walking tour.

The Half Moon: Replica of Henry Hudson's Ship: Two-part program at the Albany Visitors Center and aboard the Half Moon. Students re-enact the story of Henry Hudson's journey up the Hudson River, view an audio-visual presentation and learn about life aboard the ship during Henry Hudson's voyage. *Grades 3-12* Most appropriate for 4th and 7th grades due to its strong emphasis on NYS history.

Voyage to Albany with the Albany Aqua Ducks: Two-part program at the Albany Visitors Center and aboard the Albany Aqua Ducks. Students re-enact the story of Henry Hudson's journey up the Hudson River, discover what life was like in early Albany, and take a guided tour of Albany's historic downtown and the beautiful Hudson River. *Grades 3-12.*

The above three programs are seasonal. Fees vary per program ~ call for information.

Group Reservation Information

Programs are available by appointment only and are required one month in advance, by calling (518) 434-0405 or emailing accvb@albany.org. Inquiries will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member for a prompt reply. All programs address NYS curriculum and National Standards and include an interactive activity designed to reinforce topics explored during programs. Fees are subject to change.

Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center and Henry Hudson Planetarium

25 Quackenbush Square (corner Broadway and Clinton Ave), Albany, New York 12207

Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm; Sat 10:00am-3:00pm, Sun 11:00am-3:00pm

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