Homeschool Days - 2016

Join the Schenectady County Historical Society each month for our first ever Homeschool Days. Students from Elementary on up can spend a few hours with our curators, volunteers, and museum teachers learning about a wide range of topics, all tying back in to Schenectady County’s rich history.

The Blacksmith’s Apprentice  
**Wednesday, April 20 from 1:30 - 3:30 at the Mabee Farm Historic Site**  
One of the first businesses built in any community was a blacksmith shop. After all, it is hard to build homes without tools or nails! Join the Mabee Farm Historic Site’s resident blacksmith for a short demonstration, then tour the historic buildings to see how many tools from your kitchen to your barn were blacksmith made.

Elements of Art  
**Wednesday, May 18 from 1:30-3:30 the Schenectady County Historical Society**  
Tour the artwork of the Schenectady County Historical Society while discussing the elements of art, then head to Riverside Park for the chance to create your own Plein Air watercolor.

Give Me Liberty: Schenectady in the American Revolution  
**Wednesday, June 22 from 1:30-3:30 at the Schenectady County Historical Society**  
Take a guided walking tour through Schenectady’s historic Stockade District and learn about our local history during the American Revolution. Then head to the museum and examine artifacts like the famous Liberty Flag before creating a flag of your very own.

Gateway to the West: The Mohawk & The Canal  
**Wednesday, July 13 from 1:30-3:30 at the Lock 23 Parking Lot, Rice Road in Rotterdam**  
Explore the Schenectady’s significance as a transportation hub from the 17th-19th Centuries. Join our curators for a walking tour along the bike trail and see first hand the Mohawk River and the Erie Canal.

Spin, Weave, & Sew  
**Tuesday, August 17 from 1:30-3:30 at the Mabee Farm Historic Site**  
Meet Yayah & Goat Girl, the Mabee Farm Historic Site’s resident sheep and goat. Students will learn about the basics of spinning and weaving, and get the chance to examine some of the Historical Society’s collection.

Pre-registration for each Homeschool Day is required, and the cost is $5.00 per participating student unless otherwise noted. To register or for more information, email educator@schenectadyhistorical.org or call (518) 887-5073. More programs will be added soon, so check our calendar at www.schenectadyhistorical.org for more information!