





 THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE

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HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE.

 ★ 2008-2009 SCHOOL PROGRAMS ★



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School Programs at the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House

Beginning with the story of the flag that inspired our national anthem, students and teachers who visit the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House are treated to a living history of our nation's earliest days.

As students explore 19th century Baltimore through the objects, documents and people of the time, they begin to appreciate the flag and understand how it has been such a dynamic symbol of America's growth and ideals. Even more, how a few ordinary people can make history.





Basic Tours

YOUNG PATRIOTS

★ K through 2nd Grade

60 minutes

Through storytelling, touchable objects and a tour of Mary Pickersgill's home, young students learn the story of the flag that inspired our national anthem and experience the world in which its makers lived. | \$4 (\$6 with activity)

STARS AND STRIPES

★ 2nd through 12th Grade

60 minutes

Primary documents, objects of the period, a brief film and a tour of Mary Pickersgill's home come together in helping students explore the story behind the War of 1812, the attack on Baltimore and the making of the Star-Spangled Banner. | \$4 (\$6 with activity)

FREEDOM TOUR

★ 2nd through 12th Grade

2 hours

Students explore the role of African Americans in early 19th century Maryland through a co-venture of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House and Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture. Students visit both museums and leave with a broader perspective of America. | \$7

LIVING IN 1813

★ 4th through 12th Grade

90 minutes

In this unique living history program, students encounter costumed characters portraying members of Mary Pickersgill's household who welcome them back to Baltimore 1813. Using one of the most famous moments in American history, the program engages students in a tangible lesson on the dynamics of life for citizens who helped build and defend our nation in its formative years. Students might meet:

Mary Pickersgill, a widowed business owner

Rebecca Young, Mary's elderly mother who lived during the American Revolution

A Boarder, a man renting space in Mary's house
Grace Wisher, a free African American apprentice
Caroline, Mary's daughter, a young girl beginning to work in the household

Students themselves will take part in domestic activities like washing clothes, preparing food or flag making. The tour and activities are followed by a guided discussion where students examine how their visit relates to themes in American history. All participating students will receive a History ALIVE Family Pass which offers the opportunity to return to the museum with their family to share what they've learned. | \$6

All museum school programs meet the Maryland State Department of Education standards and indicators for social studies. For specific curriculum questions, call the museum at 410-837-1793. Fees are per student.



★ Homeschoolers

All programs are open to homeschoolers, with a minimum number of students required for some. Special Homeschool Days are also scheduled throughout the year. Call 410-837-1793 for more information.

Activities to Expand the Experience

Groups taking part in the Young Patriots or Stars and Stripes tour can choose from any of the following hands-on activities to extend their learning experience. Each activity is 30 minutes and tailored to the age of the group. | \$2

DRESSING FOR 1813

★ K through 12th Grade

The clothing of 1813 is a valuable window into class differences, the roles of men and women and the economy of 200 years ago. Students have the chance to examine types of clothing, see how clothing was made and learn how it was cared for.

THE GRAND OLD FLAG

★ K through 12th Grade

Students gain an understanding of how people have seen our nation's flag through history. Activities include an interactive presentation of the American flag, an introduction to the use of signal flags on ships and a chance to examine the tools and materials of flag making in 1813.

CHILDHOOD IN 1813

★ K through 12th Grade

A remarkable opportunity to see 1813 Baltimore through the eyes of the five young people living in the Flag House when the Star-Spangled Banner was made. Students interact with the same objects used by children of the time and also play some of the nation's earliest games.

FROM REVOLUTION TO REPUBLIC

★ 3rd through 12th Grade

As they made flags, Mary Pickersgill and her mother Rebecca Young witnessed history from the American Revolution through the early years of our new nation. Students will learn about the birth of the United States as it is reflected in the history of the American flag from the colonial era to the War of 1812. They will also examine clothing of the two periods and compare how they reflected the changing lives and ideas of early Americans.

★ Teacher Preparation

Special open house dates are scheduled for teachers each year. Teachers already scheduled for a trip to the Star-Spangled Flag House receive a free admission pass with their confirmation to allow for a preparatory visit. Free Teacher Packets are available online at www.flaghouse.org.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN EARLY BALTIMORE

★ 3rd through 12th Grade

Not many people know that two African American women lived and worked in Mary Pickersgill's house and helped her make the Star-Spangled Banner. Interactive lessons help students learn about these women and the African American community of early 19th century Baltimore.

Mary Comes to You

★ K through 8th Grade

Although nothing can substitute for a visit to the Flag House, we have developed in-classroom programs to reach students for whom a trip to our site is not possible. A costumed interpreter will bring Mary Pickersgill to life in your classroom and share her experiences making the Star-Spangled Banner. Mrs. Pickersgill will engage students with hands-on activities and opportunities to interact, and can provide experiences appropriate for a variety of grade levels. 35 minutes. \$4 per student, plus mileage charge of \$.55 per mile for presentations beyond a 5 mile radius of downtown Baltimore. Maximum 35 students per presentation.

Make the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Part of Your Plan

Make history come alive for your students. To make reservations or for more information, call 410-837-1793

RESERVATIONS: Are required and need to be made as early as possible.

PAYMENT: Non-refundable \$50 deposit required at time of reservation. Deposits can be applied to rescheduled tours for any changes made two or more weeks in advance.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING: Located two blocks east of the Inner Harbor. Limited free parking is available on Albemarle Street and a parking garage is directly across the street from the main entrance.

ACCESSIBILITY: Museum and garden are wheelchair accessible; the Flag House is accessible on the first floor. A video tour of the second floor is available.

ADULT SUPERVISION: One adult per 10 students.

LUNCH: Food service is not available, but space for enjoying bag lunches can be made with advance notice.

GIFT SHOP: Flags, books, souvenirs, games and toys are priced for schoolchildren. Souvenir bags for students can be arranged in advance.