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AMERICAN  
VILLAGE **25**

2024-2025 CATALOG OF  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

# Educational Calendar 2024-2025

## JUNE 2024

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<b>SUMMER PROGRAM</b>						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Open Tues.-Sat. 10-4 for summer season June 1 - American Arts & Crafts Fair June 13-14 - Closed for private event June 19 - Juneteenth					

## SEPTEMBER 2024

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>INDEPENDENCE!</b>						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
	Sept. 9 - Closed for Labor Day					

## JULY 2024

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<b>SUMMER PROGRAM</b>						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
	Open Tues.-Sat. 10-4 for summer season July 4 - Independence Day (Closed July 3 and 5)					

## OCTOBER 2024

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>INDEPENDENCE!</b>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>LIVING AMERICA'S STORY: THANKSGIVING</b>						
27	28	29	30	31		
	October 21 - Fall Teacher Workshop					

## AUGUST 2024

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	August 1-30 Closed for professional development					

## NOVEMBER 2024

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<b>LIVING AMERICA'S STORY: THANKSGIVING</b>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	November 11 - Veterans' Day service November 27-29 - Closed for Thanksgiving					

## DECEMBER 2024

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Dec. 8 - Christmas Chapel Service  
 Dec. 10-14 - Christmas Luncheons and Tours  
 Dec. 20-Jan. 3 - Closed for Christmas/New Year

## MARCH 2025

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## JANUARY 2025

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Jan. 1-3 - Closed for New Year's holiday  
 Jann. 6-10, 13 - Closed to the public  
 Jan. 20 - Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## APRIL 2025

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April 18 - Closed for Good Friday

## FEBRUARY 2025

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February 17 - Washington's Birthday Celebration

## MAY 2025

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May 1 - National Day of Prayer  
 May 26 - Memorial Day

Program dates are subject to change. Special events, holidays, and closings are shown in red.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Which programs are best suited for my students?

All of our educational programs are very engaging and inspiring for students. This catalog is divided by grade level, kindergarten through high school. You can easily scan the program options for each grade to see which ones fit the needs of your class.

## What does it cost?

Program fee is \$10 in advance for each student and chaperone, \$11 onsite.  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

## May we eat lunch on our visit?

Picnic facilities and lunch options are available. Please be sure to discuss lunch options for your class when you make your reservation.

## What should we expect?

American Village programs are carefully structured so that students become part of a "revolutionary experience" that is designed to teach and inspire. Programs run from one and a half to three hours.

Each teacher will receive lesson plans, classroom resources and other information prior to their visit.

Our staff is here to help! We will meet you in the foyer of Liberty Hall upon your arrival for check-in, lead you to your first program location and provide a brief orientation to the American Village.

Our talented historical interpreters will engage your students in the power and drama of America's founding!

## How do I register?

Our school group reservation form is on our website, [www.americanvillage.org](http://www.americanvillage.org), under School Programs. Here you will find other information helpful in planning your visit.

Reservations are required for all school trips. Priority for reservation will be based on the order in which reservation forms are received, subject to availability. Your reservation will be confirmed by email after we receive your reservation request form.

Please call 205-665-3535 extension 1062 if you have questions.



# Securing the Blessings of Liberty

We invite you and your students to experience the stories of America's journey for independence, liberty and self-government. Step into the scenes and experience the risks, uncertainties, and dramatic events as they unfolded during America's revolutionary decision to declare its independence.

The American Village offers an opportunity for your students to become active participants in "Securing the Blessings of Liberty" and leave with a better foundation for good citizenship.

More than a field trip, the American Village educational programs are tied directly to objectives in state courses of study in history, citizenship (civics) and government, as well as graduation standards. Students from every grade level benefit as they participate in experiential learning. Unique in its mission to strengthen and renew the foundations of American liberty and self-government through citizenship education, the American Village is an educational experience like no other!

**Register now to request the time you prefer to visit. Call 205-665-3535, ext. 1062. Visit our web site at [www.americavillage.org](http://www.americavillage.org) to submit your reservation request form.** Programs have limited capacity. Reservations are required, and taken in the order they are received. Reservations are confirmed via email.

Please plan for your group to arrive 30 minutes prior to program start times. Each teacher will receive lesson plans, classroom resources and other information prior to their visit. Give yourself plenty of time to travel back to the 18th century... as far as your imagination will take you!



# Living America's Story Patriots

Appropriate for Kindergarten through Grade 3



Young colonists take action! Be brave and muster your courage to be engaged to help our country on the "Road to Revolution."

You may be asked to row across the Charles River or ride with Paul Revere to warn the colonists that the British are coming. There could be a "tea party" in Boston and patriots may even become "spies" as they relay secret messages.

Students are encouraged to wear mob caps and tricorn hats.

Program time: (A block) 9:30 - 11:00; (B block) 11:30 - 1:00; (C block) 1:30 - 3:00  
Lunch options are available.

Program dates: April 1-4, 7-11.

Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.

Program fee: \$10 in advance for students and chaperones; \$11 on-site. Free for teachers and school administrators.

# Living America's Story

## Thanksgiving

Appropriate for Kindergarten through Grade 3



Travel on the Mayflower to the new world; make peace with Chief Massasoit, a Native American tribal chief who befriends the colonists; play harvest games on the green and participate in the first Thanksgiving Feast.

Program time: (A block) 9:30 - 11:00; (B block) 11:30 - 1:00; (C block) 1:30 - 3:00. Lunch options are available.

Program dates: October 22-25, 28-31; November 1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-26.

Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.

Program fee: \$10 in advance for students and chaperones; \$11 on-site. Free for teachers and school administrators.

# Living America's Story Christmas

Appropriate for Pre-K and Kindergarten



Get into the spirit of Christmas as you enjoy a rendition of 'twas the Night Before Christmas performed by the author and a special furry guest. Join a dance lesson from Martha Washington, and play 18th Century games.

Program time: (A block) 9:30 - 11:00 (B block) 11:30 - 1:00  
Lunch options are available.

Program dates: December 16-19. Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.

Program fee: \$10 in advance for students and chaperones; \$11 on-site. Free for teachers and school administrators.



# Living America's Story Presidents

Appropriate for Kindergarten through Grade 3



Meet President George Washington, King George, and get ready to play the game show, "Choose Your George". Students will also put together a puzzle of Lincoln's life story and develop a greater understanding of what it is like to be the President of the United States of America as they learn about the many duties and "hats" the President wears.

Students participate in a variety of activities and games tied directly to traditions begun by presidents and first ladies.

Students may dress like their favorite President or First Lady.

Program time: (A block) 9:30 - 11:00 (B block) 11:30 - 1:00. Lunch options are available.

Program dates: February 10-14, 18-21, 24-28. Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.

Program fee: \$10 in advance for students and chaperones; \$11 on-site. Free for teachers and school administrators.

# Independence!

Appropriate for Intermediate Grades 4-5, Middle School Grades 6-8  
and High School Grades 9-12



*Independence!* is the newest program at the American Village, and includes a trip to the West Wing of Independence Hall. This building features an immersive exhibition space and a multi-sensory theater, designed to fully engage students in the struggle for American independence.

An opening play takes place just outside the Courthouse. Students then travel to the West Wing of Independence Hall, where they are transported back to revolutionary Boston on the eve of Paul Revere's ride. In the foyer, the Liberty Tree narrates an immersive experience that includes the Boston wharf where the Boston Tea Party took place, the Green Dragon Tavern where the Sons of Liberty met to form plans for gaining independence from Great Britain, the Boston Custom House and Mercantile, where students learn about taxation and shortages of goods, the Boston State House which features a state-of-the-art digital animation of the Boston Massacre, and the Old North Church where the signal was sent "one if by land, two if by sea" warning colonists that the British soldiers were on the march.

From the foyer, students move into the multi-sensory theater, where they see an original film that takes them on a journey from Paul Revere's ride to the battles at Lexington and Concord, to the Continental Congress. Along the way they will be introduced to George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, John Adams, John Hancock, Abigail Adams, Phillis Wheatley, Thomas Jefferson, Crispus Attucks, and many other historic figures from America's founding generation.



In addition to the experience in the West Wing of Independence Hall, students take part in the Yorktown Encampment, attend the 5th Virginia Convention and argue for independence, become members of the Boston Sons of Liberty, and carry a secret message vital to the patriots' cause.

*Independence!* is aligned with Alabama Course of Study standards and supplements regular classroom instruction intended to meet those standards. It is the best choice of programming for students in grades four through twelve, apart from special programs designed for and targeted to more specific topics and age groups from time to time.



Read more about *Independence!* on the next page...

The program is consistent in subject matter for all grades, appealing to a broad spectrum of students and attending to multiple, active learning styles; however, delivery is differentiated for three age groupings:

- intermediate grades 4-5
- middle school grades 6-8
- high school grades 9-12

Content understanding is differentiated on the basis of vocabulary and concept difficulty. Modifications are made in the use of authentic language, use of examples and analogies, use of visual and auditory support, degree of presentation detail, connection to accessible and relevant student background and experience, connection to previous classroom instruction, and in pacing.

The program also seeks to evoke a sense of ownership and stewardship of the principles of liberty and self-government. In this regard, program delivery is differentiated on the basis of age, maturity level and civic experience. Students will participate in the struggle for American independence and the continuing journey to fulfill the promises of liberty and equality. It is a compelling story, and your students are a part of it!

Program time: (A block) 9:30 - 12:30. (B block) 1:00 - 4:00. Lunch options are available.

Program dates: September 2-6, 10-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30-31; October 1-4, 7-11, 14-18; December 2-6; January 14-17, 21-24, 27-31; February 3-7; March 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-28; April 14-17, 21-25, 28-31; May 1-2, 5-9, 12-16, 19-23.

Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.

Program fee: \$10 in advance for students and chaperones; \$11 on-site. Free for teachers and school administrators.



# American Village Youth Program

## Junior Interpreter Program



Each year 25 students in grades 7 through 12 who are interested in fine arts performance and history are competitively chosen to participate in American Village summer programming. These Junior Interpreters assist our professional educational interpreters to help immerse thousands of visitors in customs and times of the 18th century. Junior Interpreters receive professional training, conduct colonial games on the green, and participate in various historical vignettes.

Training takes place in late May and early June. Attendance is mandatory. Participants must commit to a minimum of two days per week over the summer.

Program fee: No fee; purchase of 18th Century costume required.

**Junior Interpreter application is available at [www.americavillage.org](http://www.americavillage.org)**

Applications may be submitted online, printed and mailed, or faxed to:

Rebecca Evans – Co-Director, Junior Interpreter Program

The American Village, Post Office Box 6, Montevallo, Alabama 35115

Fax 205-665-2883

If you have questions, please call Rebecca at 205-665-3535 x 1048 or email [revans@americavillage.org](mailto:revans@americavillage.org).

# Don't Forget to Visit the Patriot Gift Shop



**Teachers:** Please plan a visit to our Patriot Gift Shop as a part of your American Village experience. Items include games, wooden toys, plush toys, Christmas ornaments, candy, souvenirs and memorabilia of the Revolutionary period — all affordably priced.



## Patriot Packs - Preorder from the Gift Shop

Avoid the rush by ordering PATRIOT PACKS, available exclusively to school groups! Patriot Packs may be pre-ordered and prepared prior to your visit. These Patriot Pack prices range from \$5 to \$10.

For more information, or to pre-order patriot packs, please call the Gift Shop at 205-665-3535 ext. 1031 or email [patriotgiftshop@americanvillage.org](mailto:patriotgiftshop@americanvillage.org).

\$8 Patriot Pack

\$5 Patriot Pack

\$10 Patriot Pack



# Fall Teacher Workshop — October 21

A teacher workshop designed for American History, Civics, Government and Social Studies teachers

Please accept our invitation today for this FREE program with complimentary lunch and resource materials, and six hours of CEU credit!

Contact Jessica Averett at 205-665-3535, ext. 1062, email [javerett@americanvillage.org](mailto:javerett@americanvillage.org) or visit our website to fill out the reservation form online.

## Independence Day 1776

Please accept our gift of one free teacher admission for the American Village Independence Day celebration. We want to honor you and celebrate your dedication and the contribution you make on a daily basis in your classroom.

**ONE FREE TEACHER  
ADMISSION**  
for Independence Day 1776  
at the American Village  
July 4, 2024



Plan your celebration of  
America's 250th Birthday!  
It's coming up July 4, 2026.

Visit the website for downloadable teacher resources; podcast, book and video recommendations; a semiquincentennial timeline and much more! Find out how your school can become designated a Semiquincentennial School in Alabama.

[www.America250AL.org](http://www.America250AL.org)  
Coming Soon!



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at Exit 234.

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