

SECURING THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY Pre-K through High School Programs 2025-2026



CELEBRATION CAPITOL FOR AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL



AMERICAN VILLAGE

Alabama's
Celebration Capitol
for America's
Semiquincentennial

AMERICA



As America's incredible history is rapidly slipping away from current generations, there has never been a more urgent time to inspire our young people and adult citizens alike to value, cherish, and protect the ideals and principles of American liberty.

The need is great, and the time is now.
Will you please join us in the important work ahead?



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Educational Calendar 2025-2026

JUNE 2025

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Open Tues.-Sat. 10-4 for summer season June 11-13 - Closed for private event June 19 - Juneteenth

JULY 2025



Open Tues.-Sat. 10-4 for summer season July 4 - Independence Day (Closed July 3 and 5)

AUGUST 2025

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31 August 3-31 - Closed for professional development

SEPTEMBER 2025



Sept. 1 - Closed for Labor Day Sept. 22 - Homeschool Day

OCTOBER 2025

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Oct. 17 - Fall Teacher Workshop Oct. 20 - Homeschool Day

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30 November 11 - Veterans' Day service November 26-28 - Closed for Thanksgiving **Independence**: offered as a stand-alone daily program and an <u>add-on</u> every day there is school programming. **American Village Experience**: offered every day there is school programming, EXCEPT Homeschool Days.



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Dec. 7 - Christmas Chapel Service

Dec. 11-12, 15-17 - Christmas Luncheons and Tours Dec. 20-Jan. 6 - Closed for Christmas/New Year

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JANUARY 2026

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Jan. 1-6 - Closed for New Year holiday

Jan. 19 - Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 20 - Homeschool Day

FEBRUARY 2026

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February 16 - Washington's Birthday Celebration

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Mar. 23 - Homeschool Day

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April 3 - Closed for Good Friday

MAY 2026

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31 May 7 - National Day of Prayer May 25 - Memorial Day

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

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 state courses of study in history, citizenship (civics) and government, as well as graduation standards. For more information on the alignment with the state course of study, call 205-665-3535 ext. 1047. 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 americanvillage.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.



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 \$11 for each student and \$15 for each chaperone. 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.

Each teacher has access to lesson plans, classroom resources and other information prior to their visit. Please plan for your group to arrive 30 minutes prior to program start times. Each teacher has access to 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!

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, <u>americanvillage.org</u>, 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.

Don't Forget to Visit the Patriot Gift Shop



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 <u>patriotgiftshop@americanvillage.org</u>.



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 21-24, 27-31; November 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-25.

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

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; (C block) 1:30 - 3:00. Lunch options are available.

Program dates: February 9-13, 17-20, 23-27. Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.

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: March 30-31; April 1-2, 6-10.

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

Liberty!

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



How will you choose to fight... for Liberty?

Deliver secret messages. Take up arms. Decide where your allegiance lies-with the British or the Americans.

Step into the chaos of revolution in an immersive experience where you'll meet heroes whose names history has forgotten-but whose actions changed the world.

Program time: (A block) 9:30 - 11:25. (B block) 12:15 - 2:10. Lunch options are available.

Program dates: September 29-30; October 1-3, 6-10, 13-16; December 1-5, 8-10; February 2-6; March 2-6, 9-13; April 13-17, 20-24, 27-30; May 1, 11-15, 18-22. Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.



Cornerstones of Freedom

Appropriate for High School Grades 9-12



America won her freedom, but what do we have to do to keep it?

Cornerstones of Freedom offers high school students the exciting opportunity to experience a journey that will take them from exploring the foundations of our government, to remembering the debt we owe to the men and women who serve to defend it.

By engaging with noteworthy figures from America's past, in state of the art settings, students will be able to explore the foundations of our constitution, debate state versus federal power, visit the office of America's chief executive, and gain insight into the power and influence of the media. They will experience firsthand what it takes to keep our American republic, and learn that in order to do that, America must maintain one of her greatest strengths: the ability to compromise.

To make the most of this experience pre-visit work is required and those pre-visit resources will be provided upon booking.

Program time: (A block) 9:30 - 12:15. (B block) 1:00 - 3:45. Lunch options are available.

Program dates: September 2-5, 8-12, 16-19, 22-26; January 7-9, 12-16, 21-23, 26-30; March 16-20, 24-27; May 4-8. Please arrive and check-in 30 min. prior to program start time.



Homeschool Days

Appropriate for all ages



The American Village welcomes homeschool families to spend the day learning about the 1770s and the war for independence. Activities will be planned for all ages.

Program dates: September 22, October 20, January 20, March 23.

For our October Homeschool Day, our Thanksgiving program will run exclusively for homeschool families.

Program times: All Day/10:00 - 4:00. Lunch options are available.

Program fee is \$11 for each student and \$15 for each chaperone. Reservations are required. Please contact Jessica Averett for booking.

As always, homeschool families, groups and co-ops are welcome to attend all programming at American Village on any scheduled day.

Independence

Offered as a daily program as well as an <u>add-on program</u> every day there is school programming



Step into history and witness the birth of a nation!

This state-of-the-art, interactive experience uses cutting-edge technology and special effects to fully immerse students in the fight for independence—providing a deeper, more engaging way to learn history.

Begin in the West Wing of Independence Hall, where the tension of colonial unrest builds, and an original short film brings the chaos of revolution to life. Then, step into a one-of-a-kind encounter where voices from all walks of life passionately share their views on independence—in a way you've never seen before, but we won't spoil the surprise.

Finally, take your seat with the 2nd Continental Congress and find yourself right in the middle of the heated debate that would shape a new nation.

Independence awaits... how will you decide?

Program time(s): 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00.

Program dates: Any day school programs are offered.

Add-on program fee is \$5 for each student and chaperone. Free for teachers and school administrators.



American Village Experience

Offered as an <u>add-on program</u> every day there is school programming, EXCEPT Homeschool Days



Maximize your time with us by experiencing the full Independence program plus a guided campus tour! Students have the opportunity to take part in a personal, behind the scenes tour of the American Village that allows them to experience who we are and what we do in a way they've never seen before. This experience is partially outdoors and will be weather permitting.

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

Program dates: Any day school programs are offered. Program time will vary depending on the base program.

Add-on program fee is \$5 for each student and chaperone. 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.americanvillage.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 \times 1048 or email revans@americanvillage.org.

Fall Teacher Workshop —— October 17

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 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, 2025



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.

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Dates and times are subject to change.
Please call to check before visiting.
The American Village is located 30 minutes south of Birmingham on Alabama Highway 119 in Montevallo, 4 miles off Interstate 65 at Exit 234.