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Valley Forge National  
Historical Park

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## ***Valley Forge National Historical Park Education Programs 2008/2009***

Valley Forge National Historical Park Education Programs are designed for grades third through eighth, but may be adapted for the upper grades. All programs have been designed to link classroom learning with experiences in the park.

### **“Riding Through History”**

This two-hour program is designed to give students a hands-on history lesson by getting them out into the park to see for themselves what the winter encampment was like for General Washington and the soldiers of the Continental Army. Park rangers get on your bus and take you on a guided tour of Valley Forge, featuring stops at a reconstructed encampment site and a visit to the original building used by General Washington as his headquarters. This program is offered Monday-Friday mornings; tours begin within a 10:00-10:30 window. *(fee charged; \$2.50/student, maximum of \$150/group)*

### **“Soldier Life”**

During this one-hour program, students are given the opportunity to learn about what life was like for the average soldier at Valley Forge. Through hands-on activities, students discover who the men and women of the Continental Army were, and why they joined the army. This program also emphasizes the accomplishments of the army at Valley Forge; accomplishments which enabled them to eventually win our independence. This program is offered Tuesday-Friday mornings at 11:00 a.m. beginning at the Education Center. A maximum of 30 students can be accommodated per program. *(no fee)*

### **“Rangers on the Road”**

Bring Valley Forge to your group/school (max 30 mile radius of the Park). Park rangers are available to visit your group and present a one hour program about Valley Forge. Rangers dressed as either Continental Soldiers or Regimental Camp Followers bring their *kit* with them to help bring alive the story of the brave men and women who encamped at Valley Forge. *Nature based programs also available. Call for information.* *(fee charged; \$60.00-\$80.00 per program, depending on time and distance traveled.)*

### **“Home School Day”**

Do you have a home school group that would like to visit Valley Forge and get a unique educational experience? On November 13 and May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., park rangers and costumed interpreters will bring the past to life with special programs and hands-on activities designed for school-aged children. This is designed specifically for smaller groups that cannot meet the minimum number of students required for other programs. (reservations are required, no fee charged)

**Teacher Resources.** Go to our website at [www.nps.gov/vafo](http://www.nps.gov/vafo) and click on the “For Teachers” link. The website includes information on planning a field trip, professional development, teacher institutes, suggested reading as well *Honored Places – The National Park Service Teacher’s Guide to the American Revolution*.

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### **Reservations and Logistics**

**By phone:** Call our reservation number at 610-783-1066. Request the program, date and time. If the date is available, your group will be scheduled for a program. If you reach our voice mail, please leave a message and we will promptly respond. A confirmation letter will be sent one month prior to your visit.

**By e-mail:** Send an e-mail to [VAFO\\_education@nps.gov](mailto:VAFO_education@nps.gov). Be sure to include the requested program, date and time. If the date is available, your group will be scheduled for a program. A confirmation letter will be sent one month prior to your visit.

**Fees:** There is a fee for the *Riding Through History* and *Ranger on the Road* programs. For the *Riding Through History* program, groups must pay the day of the program with cash, check or credit card. Make checks payable to: The National Park Service. For the *Ranger on the Road* program, groups must pay the day of the program with cash or check. Please make checks payable to: The National Park Service.

**Logistics:** For programs in the park, groups should arrive at the Welcome Center at least fifteen minutes prior to the start time of your program to register the group at the Welcome Center front desk. Groups that arrive more than thirty minutes late may have their programs canceled, so please give us a call if you are running late.

*A variety of programs for all age groups are presented at the park throughout the year. Please consult our seasonal program calendars to learn more about these programs and visit our website at [www.nps.gov/vafo](http://www.nps.gov/vafo).*