



Home School Happenings 2016-2017 At Burritt on the Mountain

Join us for another exciting year of home school enrichment classes at Burritt on the Mountain! We delight in finding ways to integrate history, science, and art into fun and fulfilling enrichment lessons for your student here at our unique museum site on Monte Sano. Each lesson includes a short oral presentation, a hands-on learning experience, and a handout featuring information and follow-up activities related to that month's topic. Learning comes alive at Burritt thanks to our lovely mountaintop setting, historic park, and 167-acre campus!

Our home school classes are open to children from **kindergarten to 8th grade**. We offer multiple sessions each month to allow families to choose a time that best fits their schedule and needs. Sessions on the **1st Tuesday (12:00-1:30) and 1st Wednesday (9:30-11:00 and 12:00-1:30)** of each month are geared for lower elementary students. Sessions on the **2nd Tuesday and Wednesday** of each month (12:00-1:30) are designed for upper elementary and middle school students. We often make exceptions to these age designations so that siblings may attend class on the same day, so choose the class time that best suits your family's schedule.

Students must be registered and make payment at least **one week in advance** to ensure that ample supplies are available. The cost for each class is **\$10 for Burritt members** and **\$11 for non-members**. Due to limited space parents who choose to attend with their child must register and pay also. Sorry, no younger siblings may attend with parents; we have found this can cause both space issues and distractions. **Please note** that during our winter hours (October-March) the museum is not open until 10:00, and our morning class will begin before the grounds and welcome center are open to the public.

Registration opens July 1, 2016. Register and pay in advance for an entire semester's classes and get a **20% discount!** Advance payments for fall semester classes are due by August 31. Advance payments for the spring semester are due by December 31. Burritt reserves the right to cancel or combine classes that do not meet our minimum required enrollment.

To register, download and fill out a Home School registration form at www.burrittonthemountain.com under Education > Children > Homeschool. Return complete form and payment to:

Home School Happenings, Burritt on the Mountain, 3101 Burritt Dr., Huntsville AL 35801 or
FAX: 256-532-1784 and pay with credit card over the phone.

We also accept Visa & Mastercard in our Welcome Center or over the phone. Contact Meghan Laury Tucker with any questions at Meghan.laurytucker@huntsvilleal.gov or 256-518-3931.

Class Schedule

September: Herbs

Herbs are good for much more than just cooking! In the past, herbs were often used as medicine. Some people even made up their own language spoken only with herbs and flowers! Learn more when we visit our herb garden, explore how our ancestors used herbs, and look at how plants can be preserved for months to come.



October: Hiking

Let's go for a hike! Taking a short walk on one of our nature trails will give us the chance to explore a whole world of plants, animals, and rocks. We'll get hands-on with nature as we learn about the limestone formations found in our area and get to know some of our most common trees, birds, and bugs!

November: Native Americans of Alabama

American Indians have a long history in northern Alabama. Join us to learn about their lifestyles and to discuss the changes that happened during the period of Indian Removal, also known as the Trail of Tears. We will also explore different types of Indian-made tools and crafts, even making our own to take home!

December: Holiday Wreaths

Wreaths are always a festive and popular seasonal decoration. We'll learn about how different cultures celebrate their winter holidays and see how these traditions have changed over time. We will also craft our very own historic wreath out of corn shucks!



January: Basket Weaving

Basket making is a fun and useful skill that has a long history in many cultures. Join us to explore how people have made and used their baskets in the past, and weave a real basket of your own!

February: Folk Art & Face Jugs

Folk arts are a memorable part of our American history. We will learn about the wide range of folk art techniques used in our country and across the world. Face jugs are a uniquely American style of pottery with faces shaped into the clay. We'll learn about their history and origins, and then you will make your very own face jug pottery to take home!



March: Natural Dyes

Pigments from plants were the best way to color your clothes in the 18th and 19th centuries. Join us to discover what types of plants people used to dye their clothes. We will have fun making our own natural dyes and using them to color something that you can take home!

April: Orienteering

Orienteering is a wonderful way to learn about mapping, measurement, geometry, and cardinal directions. We will get to know our compasses as we romp across Burritt's site looking for hidden treasures.

May: Try the Trades

In the 1800's a young person would learn a trade, or specialized skill, so that they could make a living - maybe as a blacksmith, woodworker, potter, seamstress, or candlemaker. Join us to get a taste of what life might be like as an apprentice learning your trade and try your hand at some of these historic skills.

