



Home School Happenings 2018-2019

At Burritt on the Mountain

Burritt on the Mountain is excited to offer another great year of home school classes! Whether your student loves experiencing history, expressing themselves in art, or discovering more about the science around us, you can find an enriching opportunity here at our mountaintop campus. Each lesson includes an oral presentation, a hands-on learning experience, and a handout featuring information and follow-up activities related to that month's topic. We are looking forward to a year of lessons that will help bring Alabama's bicentennial to life and will give you a chance to explore life in our historic homes or the wonder of nature on our forest trails.

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. The **Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning** are geared for lower elementary students. The **Wednesday afternoon** classes are designed for upper elementary and middle school students. Morning classes run 9:30-11:00, and afternoon classes run 12:00-1:30. We often make exceptions to these age designations so that siblings may attend class on the same day, so choose the class that best suits your family's schedule.

Some classes fill up quickly, so send in your registration today! Students must be registered and paid at least **one week in advance** to ensure that ample supplies are available. The cost for each class is **\$11, or \$10 for 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 gift shop is not open until 10:00, and our morning class will begin before the grounds and welcome center are open to the public.

Registration will open in July 2018. 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, please visit <http://www.burrittonthemountain.com> and follow the instructions under "Learn." Contact Meghan Laury Tucker at Meghan.laurytucker@huntsvilleal.gov or 256-518-3931 with any questions.

Class Schedule



September: *Egg-o-Naut Engineers* will discover firsthand the importance of experimentation in flight and flight safety! Learn about the history of flight and some of the big developments we've made right here in Huntsville, then test out your STEM knowledge and powers of invention when you work to design the ideal vessel for your egg astronaut.

October: *Cotton* was king in the South, where the economy was shaped by the production and sale of this critical crop. We'll learn about cotton and its influence on the South. We will investigate how cotton grows, how it is harvested, and how it is used, both today and in the past.

November: *Dr. Burritt and his “Green” Home* make our museum a fascinating institution here in Huntsville. Learn about the creative doctor who left us his house, take a closer look at the unique features and furnishings, and see if his innovations inspire any ideas of your own!



December: *Food Preparation and Preservation* was a challenge that our ancestors met with gusto. Find out how food was preserved in a time before refrigeration. We’ll learn how both smoke and water can help us keep food fresh. Try your hand in one of our kitchens and help prepare a holiday treat!

January: *Old-Fashioned School* in the 1800’s had some similarities with today’s classes, but we will see how school was different in many ways. Learn about the daily lives of children in the 1800’s, and experience writing with a quill and ink, doing sums on a slate, and helping the teacher prepare the schoolhouse for lessons.



February: *The Underground Railroad* had no tracks or train cars, but it moved thousands of slaves from the South to freedom in the North. Learn about who traveled on this journey and experience it yourself as we follow clues from one “safe” house to the next.

March: *Technology of the 1800s* was very different from today’s technology, but no less exciting! What technology was available for making furniture? Growing and preparing food? For hundreds of years people have been using technology to make their lives easier. Join us to see the differences between today’s technology and that of the past.

April: *Mining on the Mountain* can teach us about what we use from the earth, yesterday and today. We will hike to an abandoned coal mine and have fun at our sluice panning for rocks and minerals. All of this will help us learn about the use of our natural resources and how those resources impact our lives.

May: *Alabama’s Bicentennial* is here, and there’s no better time to learn all kinds of fascinating facts about the beginnings of our state! We’ll learn what life was like in 1819, discover what has happened in Huntsville in over the years, and talk about what the “Yellowhammer State” has contributed to the country.

