



Home School Happenings 2019-2020

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 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 **Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon** 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 for fall will open **July 8, 2019**. 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. Registration for the spring semester will open November 18, 2019 and advance payments 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: 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!



October: 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.

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: Face Jugs

Many important parts of our culture come from the arts and traditions of black Americans, and although many traditions originated in different African countries, they were impacted by what life was like under slavery. We will discuss the history of slavery, and talk about what life was like for the people living under it and the importance of traditions new and old. Then, we'll try our hand at some folk art when we make a face jug, a uniquely African American form of pottery.

March: Votes for Women

Commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote by exploring the journey to women's suffrage. Hear an overview of our country's government, how elections work, and the development of voting rights. Create a craft that uses the suffragists' strategies to give their cause a voice, and put it all together with an interactive enactment of an election after the 19th Amendment was passed.



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: The Whimsical Woods

Explore fairy tales and other classic children's literature with a special journey through our Whimsical Woods summer feature! In the historic park we'll engage with timeless stories and characters. We might learn about eggs with Humpty Dumpty, see what we know about the Itsy Bitsy Spider, or find out what Jack & the Beanstalk can teach us about bartering for goods!