



## Home School Happenings Spring 2022 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 an electronic handout featuring information and/or follow-up activities related to that month's topic. We are looking forward to a spring semester 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. This spring, we are offering Wednesday and Thursday morning classes that are geared for lower elementary students and Wednesday afternoon classes that are designed for upper elementary and middle school students. Morning classes run 9:30-11:00, and afternoon classes run 12:00-1:30. Exceptions may be made to these age designations so that siblings may attend class at the same time, so choose the class that best suits your family's needs. If a class you're interested in is already full, please send an email to [alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov) to be placed on a waiting list.

Some classes fill up quickly, so sign your child up 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 \$15, or \$12 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 (November-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.

**Our COVID-19 protocols for attending homeschool classes at Burritt are:** children must bring a mask that fits properly over their nose and mouth to class. We will be wearing masks when we are indoors and anytime that we do not think that we can ensure that social distancing can be maintained. The number of students in each class has been reduced so we can provide adequate spacing.

Registration for the spring semester will open November 19, 2021. 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 Alice Kirsch at [alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov) or 256-512-0148 with any questions.

**January: Floor Coverings** are taken for granted today, but we can learn to appreciate our modern carpeted and tiled floors by taking a look at what people put on their floors in the 1800s, and how they made them! In a tour of the historic park we will talk about what people used to cover their floors, how that is different from what we use today, and why. Students will finish by designing and painting a placemat-sized floorcloth.

**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: Explore the Barnyard!** Come explore Burritt’s barnyard and learn about the animals that would have lived on 1800s farms in North Alabama. Discover why farmers had animals like these and meet some of Burritt’s most popular residents.

**May: 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.

Dates:

January 12 - 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

12:00 – 1:30 Upper Elementary

January 13 - 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

February 9 – 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

12:00 – 1:30 Upper Elementary

February 10 – 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

March 9 – 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

12:00 – 1:30 Upper Elementary

March 10 – 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

April 6 – 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

12:00 – 1:30 – Upper Elementary

April 7 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

May 11 – 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary

12:00 - 1:30 Upper Elementary

May 12 – 9:30 – 11:00 Lower Elementary