

Homeschool Happenings Fall 2023 at Burritt on the Mountain

Burritt on the Mountain is offering another great year of home school enrichment 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 year of lessons that will give you a chance to explore life in our Historic Park or the wonder of nature on our forest trails.

Our home school classes are open to children from kindergarten to 8th grade. This fall, we are offering Wednesday and Thursday morning classes that are geared for lower elementary students (k-3rd grade) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon classes that are designed for upper elementary and middle school students ($4^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade). Morning classes are from 9:30-11:00, and afternoon classes are from 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; please inquire if you need more information. If a class you're interested in is already full, you can add your name to the waitlist on the website.

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.

Burritt reserves the right to cancel or combine classes that do not meet our minimum required enrollment. Contact Alice Kirsch at <u>alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov</u> or 256-512-0148 with any questions.

Homeschool Classes & Schedule

September: <u>Herbs</u> are good for much more than just cooking! In the past, herbs were often used as medicine. 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.

September: 6 & 7

9:30 – 11am Lower Elementary

Noon – 1:30 Upper Elementary

October: <u>Agriculture</u> was a part of everyday life for the families who lived in Burritt's historic homes. Join us in this month of harvest to take a look at some of the plants in Burritt's heirloom garden – there may be some you recognize, and some that you've never even heard of! You'll compare the garden tools of the past to those we use today and meet the real "horse power" that helped farmers with their work in the 1800s.

October: 11 & 12

9:30 – 11am Lower Elementary

Noon – 1:30 Upper Elementary

November: <u>Orienteering</u> 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.

November: 8 & 9

9:30 – 11am Lower Elementary

Noon – 1:30 Upper Elementary

December: Holiday Ornaments will be on display throughout our museum this month. We'll tour the homes in the Historic Park to compare Christmas traditions of the past with our holiday celebrations today. Then, put your creative spirit to work as we make some holiday decorations to take home and talk about the symbolism behind these ornaments. We will make decorations the way people did in the 1800s!

December: 13 & 14

9:30 – 11am Lower Elementary

Noon – 1:30 Upper Elementary