



Home School Happenings Spring 2024 At Burritt on the Mountain

Hi Burritt home schooling families! My name is Avery Patz and I'll be leading the Burritt home school classes beginning January 2024. I'm a former Huntsville homeschooler myself (and now college grad/employed lady, it really works!) and am excited to be heading up this program from here on out! I've already had the joy of meeting many of you and teaching your kiddos this semester with our fall classes and look forward to meeting more of you in the spring semester. Mrs. Alice isn't going anywhere, she'll still be actively involved with us, but I'll be your point of contact for any questions or comments you have about our program. I'm looking forward to a fun spring semester with your students!

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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. This spring, we are offering Wednesday and Thursday morning classes that are geared for lower elementary students (K-3rd) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon classes that are designed for upper elementary and middle school students (4th-8th). 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. There is an option on the website to be placed on a waiting list if a class is full.

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 \$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.

Registration for the spring semester will open November 27, 2023. 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 Avery Patz at avery.patz@huntsvilleal.gov or 256-427-5199 with any questions. Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us at Burritt on the Mountain!

Class Schedule

January: Old-Fashioned Toys Pioneer children had many chores to do, but they also enjoyed time to play. Students will learn about a variety of 1800s games and toys, play a game or two themselves, and make an old-fashioned toy.

February: Rosenwald School During the era of segregation, over 5000 Rosenwald Schools were built across the South to give African American children access to education. Join us as we discover how the program came about and experience a little of what school was like for students in 1918. We'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance, practice our reading and arithmetic, and even give old-fashioned penmanship a try.

March: Pysanky Eggs are intricately detailed dyed eggs, originating with ancient Ukrainian traditions and commonly decorated for Easter today by artisans across the world. Join us this month to learn about the symbolism behind the designs and colors that artists apply to their eggs and to make your own unique Pysanky egg using the step-by-step wax resist dying process.

April: Letterboxing & Geocaching Letterboxing was a favorite hobby in the 1800s. Like a treasure hunt, letterboxing uses clues and compasses to lead you to a series of stops where you find notes from your friends, discover treasures to share, and get to leave your mark with a rubber stamp. Join us this month to learn about this unique pastime, make your own personalized logbook, and try out our letterboxing course in the Historic Park. We'll also learn about its modern cousin, geocaching, with Burritt's new GPS trail.

May: Plant Identification comes alive when Burritt is your classroom! Students will learn the basic parts of plants and the major groups, their life cycles, and various characteristics of plants that help scientists classify them. Our junior botanists will have the opportunity to apply what they learned when they explore the historic park's gardens and hike our nature trail.

	<u>Lower Elementary</u>	<u>Upper Elementary</u>
January 10 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
January 11 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
February 14 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
February 15 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
March 20 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
March 21 st	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
April 17 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
April 18 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
May 8 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
May 9 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm