



## Home School Happenings Fall 2024 At Burritt on the Mountain

Hello home schooling families! I can't believe we 1) finished our spring semester and 2) are already looking ahead into our fall offerings. Time is bonkers, and it's really been a blast.

For those who don't know me, my name is Avery Patz and I'm the director of the home school program up here at Burritt. I'm a former Huntsville home schooler and now college grad/employed lady, so if you're feeling stressed, it really does work!

A little bit about our upcoming classes: each one is historically contextualized and hands-on. This semester we are teaching lessons with engineering, arts, and culinary focuses. Broad topics, but it all comes together in the Historic Park! We will spend time outside and/or in our Historic Park every month, regardless of the subject (and for the most part, the weather)!

I can't wait to welcome the students I already know back up the mountain and welcome the friends I've yet to meet for the first time this fall semester! It's going to be good stuff :)

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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. 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 elementary students (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon classes that are designed for upper elementary and middle school students (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>). Morning classes run 9:30-11:00, and afternoon classes run 12:00-1:30. I'm happy to flex with you based on your student and your schedule, so choose the class that best suits your family's needs. If you're not sure which class is a better fit for your student, please feel free to give me a call and we will get you sorted! 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.* 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. To register, please visit <http://www.burrittonthemountain.com> and follow the instructions under "Learn." Contact Avery Patz at [avery.patz@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto: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

### Egg-o-naut Engineers | September

Come 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 your own inventive ideas when you work to design a crash-landing vessel for your very own egg astronaut.

### Natural Dyeing | October

Pigments from plants were the best way to color your clothes in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Join us to discover what types of plants people used to dye their clothes. We'll experiment with some dye materials and then complete our very own take-home project. Fair warning, students may want to take this up in *your* kitchen, it's that fascinating :)

### Dr. Burritt's "Green" Mansion | November

Learn about the man behind the museum, the eccentric Dr. William Burritt, who built his Round Top home with great creative vision. Explore the mansion via scavenger hunt, paying special attention to the unique features and furnishings of this forward-thinker's retirement home. We'll talk about the history of Burritt Museum, too!

### Historic Food Preparation and Preservation | December

Cozy up in our festive kitchens to understand how our food was prepared before modern conveniences (and even standardized measuring!) and preserved in a time before refrigeration. We'll learn how both smoke and water can help us keep food fresh. We will 100% also have a hands-on activity to prepare a holiday treat!

	<b><u>Elementary</u></b>	<b><u>Upper Elementary+</u></b>
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm