



Home School Happenings Spring 2025 At Burritt on the Mountain

Hello homeschooling families!

We're already looking forward to a new semester of fun and engaging classes! For those who don't know me, my name is Avery Patz and I head up the homeschool program at Burritt. I'm a former Huntsville home schooler and have loved getting to reconnect with the community here!

A little bit about our upcoming classes: each one is historically contextualized and hands-on. 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 spring! 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 spring, we are offering Wednesday and Thursday morning classes that are geared for elementary students (K-5th) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon classes that are designed for upper elementary and middle school students (3rd/4th-8th). 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 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 | Quilling and Papercraft

Quilling is the lost art of paper filigree—the detailed twisting and shaping of colored paper strips to make creative designs. This traditional paper craft was popular for centuries and is both beautiful to look at and fun to do! Join us to learn about the history of this craft, practice making filigree shapes, and design your own quilled art using your new skills.

February | The Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad had no tracks or train cars, but it moved thousands of enslaved people from bondage in the South to freedom in the North. Learn about the real-life stories of “passengers” and “conductors” who made the journey and experience it for yourself as we travel from one “safe” house to the next in our search for freedom.

March | Domestic and Wild Animals

Come explore Burritt’s barnyard and learn about the animals that would have lived on 1800s farms in North Alabama—you may be surprised to find that some have wild origins! Discover why farmers raised animals like these and meet some of Burritt’s most popular residents. You may even get your hands dirty with some fun farm chores...Then, learn about wild animals and what role they played in the lives of 19th century farmers. We’ll also study urban wildlife and how animals have adapted to their surroundings in modern times.

April | Technology of the 1800s

Technology in the 1800s was very different from today’s technology, but just as vital for survival and comfortable living. What are the differences between today’s technology and that of the past? How did our ancestors take care of their houses and homesteads? Spend the whole class in the Historic Park exploring and learning hands-on how to upkeep our 19th century homes using only the technology available in the 1800s. Step back in time and experience a day in the life of a North Alabama farm kid, you’ll be glad you did!

May | Mining on the Mountain

Mining can teach us about our relationship with the earth and with natural materials. We’ll hike to an abandoned coal mine and have a treasure hunt panning for gems, rocks, and minerals at our sluice. We’ll also learn a bit of local history with the little-known Alabama Gold Rush, which predated the 1849 rush to California. All of this will help us learn about our use of Earth’s natural resources and how it impacts our lives.

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Upper Elementary+</u>
January 15 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
January 16 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
February 12 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
February 13 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
March 19 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
March 20 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
April 16 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
April 17 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
May 14 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
May 15 th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm