



## Home School Happenings Fall 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 fall! 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 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning classes that are geared for elementary students (K-4th) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon classes that are designed for upper elementary and middle school students (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(s), 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.

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

### September | Try the Trades

Step back in time to the 1800s—you're a kid, and it's almost time to start your first job! Will you become a blacksmith, a seamstress, a chandler who makes candles, or something else altogether? Come see what life was like as an apprentice learning a trade and try out some fun old-timey skills for yourself!

### October | Hiking

Let's hit the trail for an outdoor adventure! As we hike through one of our nature paths, we'll discover all kinds of cool plants, animals, and rocks. Get ready to explore, touch, and learn all about the wild world around us—and find out how we can help take care of it too!

### November | Native Americans of Alabama

Travel back in time and discover the rich history of American Indians in northern Alabama! We'll learn about how they lived, what changed during the Trail of Tears, and even check out some real Native American artifacts. Then, get creative and make a cool craft to take home with you!

Nov 18 (AM), 19, & 20 | 9:30am-11:00am and 12:00pm-1:30pm

### December | Historic Holiday Wreaths & Crafts

Get ready for some holiday fun! Wreaths have been a favorite decoration for hundreds of years. Join us as we explore how people around the world celebrate winter holidays and how their traditions have changed over time. Then, roll up your sleeves and make your very own one-of-a-kind *historic* wreath to take home!

Dec 9 (AM), 10, & 11 | 9:30am-11:00am and 12:00pm-1:30pm

	<b><u>Lower Elementary</u></b>	<b><u>Upper Elementary+</u></b>
September 16th	9:30am - 11:00am	
September 17th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
September 18th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
October 14th	9:30am - 11:00am	
October 15th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
October 16th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
November 18th	9:30am - 11:00am	
November 19th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
November 20th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
December 9th	9:30am - 11:00am	
December 10th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm
December 11th	9:30am - 11:00am	12:00pm - 1:30pm