

MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

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Information for Planning a Field Trip

The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley (MSV) Education Department is looking forward to assisting you plan the perfect field trip for your students or youth organization. A visit to the Museum Galleries, Glen Burnie Historic House, and Glen Burnie Gardens offers a variety of learning opportunities based on the Virginia Standards of Learning and/or the West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives while providing a fun and memorable experience.

The MSV Education Department offers four types of tour opportunities for students of all ages:

- Museum Galleries only
- Glen Burnie Gardens only
- Glen Burnie Historic House only (Please note: Tours of the Historic House are available to students 7th grade and older only.)
- Any combination of the above

What does the MSV have to offer?

The Museum:

A **minimum of 1 hour** is needed to visit all five galleries within the museum. The Education Department offers activities for the Shenandoah Valley (History) Gallery and specialty tours of the fine and decorative arts galleries. More information on specialty tours is available upon request.

- **Shenandoah Valley (History) Gallery** explores the history of the people who have made their home in the Valley over the centuries. This gallery includes a topographic map, a rock shelter, settler's cabin, 1830s and 1930s kitchen dioramas, hands-on activities, computer interactives and much more. The Civil War Room offers a 20-minute video that tells the story of how Valley people struggled and persevered on the home front during the American Civil War.
- **Shenandoah Valley Decorative Arts Gallery** offers a visual experience on how Valley people made everyday objects into works of art. This gallery displays furniture, pottery, metals, textiles, baskets and paintings.

- **Julian Wood Glass Jr. Gallery** exhibits Julian Wood Glass Jr.'s collection of fine furniture and paintings from the 1700s, 1800s, and 1900s in three gallery rooms. Gilbert Stuart, John Singleton Copley, Sir Joshua Reynolds, George Morland, Sir Thomas Lawrence, and Thomas Gainsborough are among the many artists represented in this gallery.
- **R. Lee Taylor Miniatures Gallery** is an enchanting, tiny gallery with miniature houses created by the late R. Lee Taylor.
- **Changing Exhibition Gallery:** Please check our website or call for information on our current and upcoming changing exhibitions: (www.ShenandoahMuseum.org or 1-888-556-5799 ext. 224)

Glen Burnie Historic House:

Staff-guided tours highlighting the history of the Wood family homestead is offered to students in 7th grade or above. This tour is not appropriate for younger students. The house tour features 18th- and 19th-century fine art and furniture collected by Mr. Julian Wood Glass Jr., a direct descendant of Colonel James Wood who was the founder of Winchester. Each house tour is approximately 30 minutes in length and is limited to ten visitors per house tour. **Special arrangements must be made for groups of 25 or more who request a tour the Historic House.**

- **Visitors' Center at Glen Burnie:** The Visitors' Center houses a fascinating miniature of the Glen Burnie Historic House as well as educational exhibit panels about the site. Restrooms and a water fountain are located inside the Visitors' Center.

Glen Burnie Gardens:

Take a stroll in the six acres of formal gardens which were once the Wood family homestead. Garden tours range from 45 minutes to 1 ½ hours and can be staff or self-guided. An audio tour, "Stories from the Soil," is also available and offers both adult and youth segments. There is a \$2.00 audio wand rental fee for this tour.

When is the MSV open?

Hours of Operation:

The Museum is open year-round. Glen Burnie Historic House and Gardens are open March 1–November 30. The Historic House, Gardens, and Museum are open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are **closed Mondays and major holidays.**

How much does it cost to visit the MSV?

Admission Rates:

Below are the MSV admission rates for school groups. Please note the three categories. Parents who are not designated as chaperones pay group admission rates and MUST be included into the total number of visitors on the field trip.

- \$ 8.00** Combination Ticket (Museum, Historic House, and Gardens)
- \$ 6.00** Museum and Gardens
- \$ 4.00** Museum only
- \$ 4.00** Historic House and Gardens
- \$ 3.00** Gardens Only

The MSV Education Department offers scholarship and discounted rates from time to time. Please feel free to request information about scholarship and discounts when corresponding with the Education Coordinator.

This sounds great! How do I schedule my group visit?

Reservations are required for groups touring the Museum, Historic House & Gardens.

Reservations must be made at least 30 days in advance for groups of 10 or more. All tours and programs are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. **Please note: Spring and fall are times of heavy visitation and more than 30 days may be required to secure a desired field trip date. Please choose two possible dates before contacting us to schedule your visit.**

- **Make reservations by contacting:**

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- **To secure a reservation, please provide the following:**

1. Contact name
2. Telephone number or email address
3. School or organization name
4. Grade or age level
5. Number of students & chaperones visiting
6. Type of tour requested
7. Field trip date (please select two possible dates)

Admission Payment:

Payments can be made by check, cash, or credit card. Please make checks payable to *Museum of the Shenandoah Valley*. Payment is required the day of your visit. Special arrangements can be made in advance for invoicing admissions fees.

Cancellations:

All tours and programs are rain or shine. We are unable to offer rain dates during the initial tour date scheduling, but if the weather forecast predicts inclement weather, you may reschedule. Please notify Deborah Hilty, Education Coordinator, **24 hours in advance** to cancel your visit.

Group Size:

The size of your group will determine how tours must be arranged at the Museum, Historic House and Gardens. **Special arrangements must be made for groups (including adults) larger than 50 visitors.** Deborah Hilty, Education Coordinator, will discuss tour logistics with you. Please note that there must be a 1 to 10 ratio in regard to chaperones, students must stay with chaperones at all times, and chaperones are responsible for students' behavior.

Museum Shop Visit:

Please note that your tour will not be scheduled time in the Museum Store unless requested in advance by the teacher.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley!