



## HOMESCHOOLER EXPERIENCE

September 10–25, 2011

*Colonial Williamsburg*  
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## REVOLUTIONARY *Adventures*

**NEW! REVQUEST: THE SIGN OF THE RHINOCEROS** (*Tuesday through Saturday*)  
*Interactive game available exclusively to homeschoolers during these weeks.*  
Play the game that asks you to unlock clues that help save the Revolution.

**LIFE ON A FARM** (*Daily except Wednesdays*)  
*Free-flow tours offering hands-on, living history activities.*

To explore the lives of middling farmers and enslaved Africans in 18th-century Virginia, visit Great Hopes Plantation. The average Virginia colonist of the 18th century lived on a farm like this, growing tobacco, corn, wheat, and some cotton. Typically, such farms included about 10 slaves. How did the inhabitants of rural areas during the Revolutionary era struggle to be free and equal citizens?

**REVOLUTIONARY CITY®: A REVOLUTIONARY ADVENTURE**  
*(Daily 3:30–4:35 p.m. East end of Duke of Gloucester Street, near the Capitol)*

Learn how the city of Williamsburg and the colony of Virginia went from being subjects of King George III to citizens of a free and independent nation, the United States. Through dynamic and interactive street theater presentations, you will learn the trials and triumphs of Virginia's people as they march down the road to independence. Each day highlights a key moment in history.

On Mondays, **Building a Nation** invites you to meet a variety of people who helped shape the new nation. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, **The King's Government Collapses** explains the series of events that led Americans to cut ties with England. On Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays find out how you would have reacted to **The Challenge of Independence**.

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE WITH A NATION BUILDER**  
See "Colonial Williamsburg This Week" for schedule.

Meet some of the founding fathers and mothers, both familiar and unfamiliar. These nation builders helped shape their times and the American dream.



All activities, special programs, and Historic Area building openings are subject to change. Please check “Colonial Williamsburg This Week” for complete schedules during your visit.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

*These programs require advance purchase of separate tickets in*

*addition to Homeschool admission ticket. Children must be accompanied by adult; ALL participants must be ticketed. Additional advance ticket: \$5.00 adults, youths, and children under 6. Length of tour is approximate.*

### NEW! Life of a Soldier

To live the life a soldier, we invite you to go back in time to 1778 and enlist in the Virginia State Garrison Regiment. The Revolutionary War had already been raging on for two long years. There was an urgent need to raise a regiment of regular infantry soldiers to protect the Commonwealth of Virginia. Sign your name in the regimental daybook and meet your sergeant on your first day of training. Receive your orders and your assigned living quarters. Learn to march and practice the musket exercise. Explore the safety measures used during your tour of duty. Watch demonstrations of loading and firing of the cannons. *Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22 at 11, 11:15, 11:30 a.m.* (45 mins.) Limited to 40 per group. *Meet at the Military Encampment*

### Mother Goose Riddles and Rhymes Tours

This tour is designed for nonreading, preschool and kindergarten age children. It uses 18th-century nursery rhymes and involves exploration and discovery of artifacts and activities throughout the Historic Area—giving children a chance to find and claim their own part of Colonial Williamsburg. Recommended for ages 3–7. *Sept. 10, 12, 14, 16–17, 19, 21, 23–24 at 10:30 a.m.* (45 mins.) Limited to 20 per tour. *Meet at Greenbow Lumber House*

### When the Sun Goes Down

Converse with African Americans from 18th-century Virginia and see how they spent their free time. Be sure to pay attention; you might discover some news yourself! *Sept. 13, 16, 20, 23 at 11 a.m.* (45 mins.) Limited to 75 per group. *Meet at the Robert Carter House*

### Swapping Tales

Hear stories of long ago and find the morals and values in them. Bring some stories of your own and see if you have what it takes to be a storyteller. *Sept. 14, 17, 21, 24 at 11:30 a.m.* (45 mins.) Limited to 75 per group. *Meet at Great Hopes Plantation*

### Bits and Bridles Walking Tour

Learn about Colonial Williamsburg’s modern stable and rare breeds program. *Sept. 12–15, 19–22, 26 at 12:30 p.m.* (60 mins.) Limited to 40 per tour. *Meet at corner of Nicholson and Botetourt streets*

### FREE! Constitution Day Program and Concert: “To Support and Defend”

Through powerful, moving music and the spoken word, the framework of our nation’s government and cherished founding document will be honored on the anniversary of its adoption. The program features the combined USAF Heritage of America and US Army TRADOC bands along with Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums.

Colonial Williamsburg interpreters Ron Carnegie as George Washington and Stephen Moore as James Madison will also feature prominently in the program. *Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.* (60 mins.) *Merchants Square, Duke of Gloucester Street*



Evening Program Recommendations	3–6+ yrs	7–10+ yrs	8–12+ yrs	13+ yrs
Grand Medley of Entertainments	x	x	x	x
Listen My Children	x	x	x	x
Ghosts Amongst Us				x
Dance, Our Dearest Diversion	x	x	x	x
African American Music	x	x	x	x
Lantern Tour (walking tour)		x	x	x
Papa Said, Mama Said	x	x	x	x

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**CALL 1-800-228-8878 TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS  
AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT  
COLONIAL EVENING PROGRAMS.**

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*Scheduled Events for September 10–25, 2011\**

DAYS OF THE WEEK	PROGRAMS			
Mondays	Great Hopes Plantation 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Mother Goose Tours 10:30 a.m. <i>Meet at Greenhow Lumber House</i>	Bits and Bridles 12:30 p.m. <i>Meet at corner of Nicholson &amp; Botetourt streets</i>	
Tuesdays	Great Hopes Plantation 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	When the Sun Goes Down 11 a.m. <i>Meet at Robert Carter House</i>	Life of a Soldier 11, 11:15, 11:30 a.m. . <i>Meet at the Military Encampment</i>	Bits and Bridles 12:30 p.m. <i>Meet at corner of Nicholson &amp; Botetourt streets</i>
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Thursdays	Great Hopes Plantation 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Life of a Soldier 11, 11:15, 11:30 a.m. <i>Meet at the Military Encampment</i>	Bits and Bridles 12:30 p.m. <i>Meet at corner of Nicholson &amp; Botetourt streets</i>	
Fridays	Great Hopes Plantation 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Mother Goose Tours 10:30 a.m. <i>Meet at Greenhow Lumber House</i>	When the Sun Goes Down 11 a.m. <i>Meet at Robert Carter House</i>	
Saturdays	Great Hopes Plantation 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Mother Goose Tours 10:30 a.m. <i>Meet at Greenhow Lumber House</i>	Swapping Tales 11:30 a.m. (except 9/10) <i>Meet at Great Hopes Plantation</i>	Constitution Day Program/ Concert 7 p.m.; 9/17 only <i>Merchants Square</i>
Sundays	Great Hopes Plantation 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	<p><i>All schedules are subject to change. Please consult "Colonial Williamsburg This Week" for additional program information during your visit.</i></p>		

# Folk Art for Families

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*All activities take place in the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg and are included in general admission. Please consult "Colonial Williamsburg This Week" for additional program information during your visit.*



**Accessorize!**—This guided tour will explore the exciting new exhibit: Fashion Accessories from Head to Toe and then search out portraits that illustrate the accessories. Hand-on activity to follow.  
[Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**Art Stop**—Drop by and create a piece of art inspired by an object on exhibit.  
[Education Studio](#)

**Crack the Code**—Join us as we investigate secret codes used during the Revolution. Can you crack the code? *Recommended for ages 8 and up.*  
[Hennage Auditorium](#)

**Explore the Declaration of Independence**—During this guided

tour, explore the Declaration of Independence through objects on exhibit. After the tour, make a souvenir to take home. [Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**Heraldry!**—During this guided tour, explore the galleries for coats of arms, learn the meaning behind the symbols, and illustrate a book to take home. *Recommended for ages 8 and up.* [Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**Introduction to Folk Art for Families**—Explore the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection during this guided tour for families. Then make a piece of art to take home. [Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**Material World**—Join us as we explore the world of art through the eyes of a conservator. Hands-on activities and discussion will help children see how art and science are interconnected. [Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**Mini-Masterpieces**—Drop by the Education Studio and create a set of artist trading cards to commemorate your visit. [Education Studio](#)

**MISSION: Mythology**—Go on an adventure through the galleries and find ancient myths and legends among the artifacts. Illustrate a book to take home. *Recommended for ages 8 and up.*  
[Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**My Heart Holds True to the Red, White, and Blue**—During this guided tour, search for patriotic artwork including flags, bald eagles, George Washington, and Lady Liberty. Afterward, make a patriotic keepsake to take home. [Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**Once Upon a Time**—Kids 3–7, along with their adult friends, will enjoy a story, tour and hands-on activity in the galleries of the art museums. [Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

**Scherenschnitte . . . What's That?**—Drop by and try your hand at the German art of scissor cutting. [Education Studio](#)

**When Insects Invade: The Unwanted Museum Visitor**—On a guided tour for kids, find out how museum conservators deal with bugs in museums. [Begin at the Grand Staircase](#)

