



Educational Programs for Students and Teachers



These educational opportunities are designed to support and enhance your learning objectives in the classroom, and excite your students about the history of the Shiloh and Corinth Battlefields!

Let your students step back in time and experience the battlefields first hand!

All educational programs are free.
In-class programs are also available at no cost.

Program Descriptions

Traveling Trunk: Bring the Civil War to your classroom! The trunk is designed with six stations complete with lesson plans, and hands-on activities to get your students excited about history. 3rd-8th grade. Available for pick-up at both battlefield sites.



SHILOH BATTLEFIELD

Civil War Themed Programs

Each program lasts approximately one half-hour

Place of Peace: Shiloh National Cemetery: As the students walk through the peaceful National Cemetery they will learn when and why National Cemeteries were established, and hear the stories of the soldiers who are laid to rest in Shiloh's National Cemetery. 4th-12th grade

Why Shiloh? The program describes the events of the Union and Confederate Armies that led them to Shiloh, and the importance of transportation during the Civil War. 6th-12th grade

To Turn the Left Flank: The Peach Orchard: Students will understand Confederate General Albert S. Johnston's battle plan, as rangers explain the desperate fighting that took place in the historic orchard. Students may also visit the William Manse George cabin, which is the only surviving structure from the battle, and visit the Bloody Pond. Both are within walking distance from the Peach Orchard. 6th-12th grade

Fighting for Time: The Hornets' Nest: Students will walk the historic Sunken Road to the center of the Hornets' Nest. While hiking on the battlefield, students will experience the terrain that the Union held firsthand, and realize the importance of holding the defensive line. At the center of the Hornets' Nest the Confederate attacks come to life as the students imagine the difficulties the Confederates faced while attacking the strong Union line. 6th-12th grade

Infantry: Rifle Demonstration: Dressed as a Civil War soldier, a park ranger will discuss the life of a common soldier, explain the uniform and equipment, and will present a black powder rifled musket firing. 3rd-12th grade

Drummer Boys of the Civil War: Drum calls will sound across the battlefield as the students learn the important roles that drummer boys played during the Civil War. A park ranger dressed in a period uniform will play various drum calls, and tell the stories of notable drummer boys in the war. 4th-12th grade

Native American Themed Programs

Each program lasts approximately one half-hour

School of the Soldier: This hands-on program allows the students to step back in time to learn the maneuvers of an infantry soldier. While utilizing toy muskets the children participate in the nine steps to load and fire a musket, and learn how to march just like the soldiers did in drill. 3rd-5th grade

Artillery, Long Arm of the Army: Students will learn the roles and implements used by the seven cannoneers it took to load and fire a canon, and will become familiar with the various projectiles used during the Civil War. Students will be able to practice what they have learned while stepping into the role of a cannoneer. 4th-12th grade

Guided Battlefield Tour: Typically lasts 1.5 hours Rangers will guide your bus through the battlefield discussing various aspects of the battle. Students will have the chance to explore a few stops. 4th-12th grade

Natural Foods of the Native Americans: The Native Americans who inhabited the Shiloh Indian Mound complex led an agrarian lifestyle. This program will discuss the different types of crops they grew, and foods they consumed. 3rd-12th grade

Medicinal Plants and Uses: From the bark of an oak tree, to the root of a dandelion, the Shiloh Native Americans used various plants to heal the body. Students will learn the medicinal value of these plants, and will be introduced to the trees, herbs, and wildflowers that the indigenous people used to cure diseases and ailments. 3rd-12th grade

Hunting Skills: Utilizing hands-on activities, students will experience how Native Americans practiced their hunting skills by playing various games like chunky, and hoop and arrow. They will also learn how to track wildlife the Native Americans hunted, by learning the tracks they leave behind. 4th-6th grade

CORINTH BATTLEFIELD

Civil War Themed Programs

Each program lasts approximately one half hour

Stream of American History: Students will explore the first 100 years of United States history through a unique exhibit of water and stone. A ranger will use the symbolic nature of the stream to describe how this country changed in its first 100 years, from 1770-1870. K-12th grade

Battery Robinett: The students will gather at the site of Battery Robinett, a Union fort used during the Battle of Corinth. This ranger-led program will discuss the Confederate attack at Battery Robinett led by Colonel William P Rogers. 4th -12th grade

Civil War Nurse: Kate Cumming: Using her own words, park ranger will bring Kate Cumming to life to tell the story of the women who cared for the wounded soldiers at Corinth. 4th -12th grade

Contraband Camp: A park ranger will lead students on a 1/4 mile walk around part of the original site of the Corinth Contraband Camp. As the students explore the site, a park ranger will discuss the different aspects of how this model camp was a site for runaway slaves to start a new life and take their first steps toward freedom. 4th-12th grade

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For additional information and assistance for planning a field trip to either site, scheduling a park ranger to visit your classroom, or to acquire the traveling trunk please contact Matt McMillen at 731-689-5275, matthew_mcmillen@nps.gov