

Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites



2013 Spring Break Programs

Please RSVP for all programs by calling 845-486-1966

Monday, March 25th Salamander Investigation

2:00 - 4:00

It's that time of year for the salamanders to make their way to vernal pools to reproduce. These moist skinned secretive creatures play an important role in nature, especially in woodland and wetland habitats. Join us in discovering the magic world of salamanders as we visit their habitat in FDR's forest. Help us protect these environmentally-sensitive creatures by studying them.



Meet at The New Roosevelt Farm Lane Trailhead Entrance

Ages 8 - 14 parents welcome

Limit # participants: 20

(Please dress appropriately for the weather)

Vanderbilt Mansion NHS



Staatsburgh SHS



Tuesday, March 26th

Servants & Stewards: From one Mansion to Another An Exciting All Day Event!

10:30-12:00 & 1:30-3:00

Join us for a day of exploring the lives of the Vanderbilts and Mills families through the eyes of their servants. At the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, and Staatsburgh State Historic Site, you will step back in time to 100 years ago by role playing some of the responsibilities undertaken by the servants. Begin the day with a Servants & Stewards tour at the Vanderbilt Mansion. Be prepared to take on the role of the Butler, the Head Housekeeper, or another servant. After the tour, wander the beautiful grounds before your noon lunch break.



In the afternoon head 4 miles north on Rt. 9 to Staatsburgh State Historic Site to put your new skills to work. The Vanderbilts are coming for dinner with the Mills family, and the servants must get everything ready! In a hands-on exercise, the servants will prepare Staatsburgh's majestic marble dining room for the guests in Gilded Age Style. Earn your certificate of successful employment at the end of the day.

Cost for Staatsburgh \$2.00 per child, pay when you get there.

Ages 8 - 12, parents welcome

Limit # participants: 50

Wednesday, March 27th

Project Learning Tree: “A Walk in the Forest”

2:00 - 4:00



Come and venture out into the forests at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site. We will conduct a field exploration of three different ecosystems. Learn skills of a natural resource scientist by measuring and collecting data on the elements, soil moisture, temperature, wind speed, water flow, plants, and animals in each area. Hypothesize about the interconnected health of each ecosystem.

Meet at the Wallace Visitor Center

Ages 10- 14, parents welcome

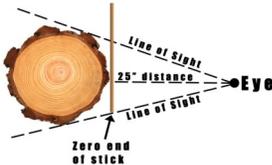
Limit # participants: 15

(Please dress appropriately for the weather and activity, wet conditions)

Thursday, March 28th

Become a Jr. Ranger Forester and earn a Certificate!

2:00 - 4:00



Come and investigate one of FDR’s forest plantations on a hike on the Roosevelt Farm Lane Trail. Discover what animals live in the forest. Learn about the tools of the forester and how to use them. Some of these tools will include Biltmore sticks, BWD measuring tapes, calipers, prisms, maps, and compasses. Learn about Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Tree Farmer, and how he planted thousands of trees on his own property and across the nation trying to find ways to care for the land in a responsible way. Explore ideas on how you can protect the land too.

Meet at The New Roosevelt Farm Lane Trailhead Entrance

Ages 8 - 12, parents welcome

Limit # participants: 20

(Please dress appropriately for the weather)



Friday, March 29th

Jr. Gardeners, Get Set, Get Ready, Plant your Seeds!

2:00 - 4:00



Spring is around the corner! Have you decided to plant a garden this year? Then join us at the Val-Kill Gardens and bring a picture with you of your own garden space. We will help you get started by planting heirloom seeds (similar to what Eleanor Roosevelt grew in her gardens) in cups to take home for you to nurture, and then plant in your garden.

Meet at Val-Kill

All Ages

Limit # participants: 15

Prepare to get your hands dirty & have fun!

