



6-8 Grade Student Experiences The Preserve

- *The suggested timeframe for each program is one hour.*
- *Fees: \$8 per student/chaperone for 1st program, \$5 per student/chaperone for each additional program.*
- *School staff are free of charge.*
- *The minimum adult to student ratio is 2:25 | maximum adult to student ratio is 5:25.*

Prairie Ecosystem Hike – Welcome to one of North America's rarest ecosystems – a restored native prairie. We'll use all of our senses to explore the many plants and animals that call this place home, discovering how they fit together into a diverse ecosystem.

Adaptable for Grade Levels 6-8

Available: Year-Round

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

Shaker Footprints: The Lost Village – Walk in the footprints of the Shakers and discover what history is hidden in plain sight! We'll learn how to "read" Pleasant Hill's natural and archaeological landscape, and in the process, learn to understand the processes that continually shape our world.

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Additional Programming Available in The Historic Centre & The Farm

Build Your Brand – What's in a name? What influences a brand? Learn about Shaker advertising techniques, how they balanced ideas of self-expression and individuality, and how they presented and marketed themselves to the outside world.

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The Space Between – How did the Shakers use planning and design to solve problems? To find out, we'll get up close and personal with Shaker architecture. By looking at the spatial relationships within and between buildings, we'll get inside the heads of the people who built and once used them.

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artiFACTS & Sources – Just the facts, ma’am! Artifacts, texts, and images can all be “witnesses” to history – but they all have slightly different stories to tell. We’ll interrogate a variety of historical sources, compare notes, and cross-examine the past. Remember to always protect your sources!

Adaptable for Grade Levels 6-8

Available: Year-Round

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

Soil Scientists – Explore how current farming practices at Pleasant Hill reflect the legacy of the Shakers and our mission of thoughtful land stewardship. Learn the basics of regenerative and sustainable agriculture and test soil health through a series of experiments.

Adaptable for Grade Levels 6-8

Available: April-October

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

agriCULTURE: Connecting Communities – Did you know that you could buy Pleasant Hill products in faraway states like Texas and Louisiana in the 1800s? We’ll use the Shakers’ innovative agricultural practices, savvy marketing techniques, and keen business skills as a case study to explore the many ways that agricultural industries still connect the world today.

Adaptable for Grade Level 6

Available: April-October

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total