



K-5 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 K-5

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.

Adaptable for Grade Levels K-5

Available: Year-Round

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

Additional Programming Available in The Historic Centre & The Farm

Movers & Shakers – Express yourself! During this exploratory program, students will learn about self-expression through creative movement and dance. Join us as we connect personal experiences with one of the key communal practices of the Shakers.

Adaptable for Grade Levels K-5

Available: Year-Round

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

If Walls Could Talk – What can we learn about people by looking at where they live, work, or worship? We'll use our observation and inquiry skills to reveal the secrets of Shaker architecture and design – and, in turn, Shaker lives.

Adaptable for Grade Levels 2-5

Available: Year-Round

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

History Detectives – How do we know what *really* happened in history? Just like a good mystery, people of the past leave behind many “clues”! We’ll follow a trail of evidence, comparing what the Shakers made, used, wrote, drew, or photographed. Get out your magnifying glass and let’s uncover history’s secrets!

Adaptable for Grade Levels 2-5

Available: Year-Round

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

The Amazing Life of Dirt – What's the difference between "dirt" and "soil"? To investigate, we'll get our hands dirty experimenting with soil samples up-close and discover how the rich ground beneath us impacts our everyday lives.

Adaptable for Grade Levels K-4

Available: April-October

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 Level 5

Available: April-October

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total

agriCULTURE: From Land to Community – How did Pleasant Hill grow into a thriving and successful community in nineteenth-century rural Kentucky? We’ll explore how the Shakers used agriculture to fulfill their vision of “heaven on earth” and how agriculture is still the foundation of modern communities today.

Adaptable for Grade Levels K-4

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 Levels 4-5

Available: April-October

Max capacity: 25 students per group / 4 groups total