



Grades 6-8 Youth Programming at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

DAYTIME PROGRAMS

- Generally offered Tuesday-Sunday, between 9AM-5PM
- Fees: \$8/student for 1st program, \$5/student for each additional program (15-person minimum)
- School employees receive complimentary admission; all other chaperones are \$8/person for 1st program, \$5/person for each additional program
- Includes general admission to Shaker Village (access to all exhibits and public programs)
- **All programs include traversing unpaved terrain and ascending/descending steps (programs may be modified with advance notice)**

Shaker Life (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – Explore Pleasant Hill’s buildings and get hands-on with objects as we uncover the beliefs, practices, and innovations central to the Shakers’ unique way of life. How did the Shakers’ beliefs shape their community? What parallels can we draw between the Shakers and our contemporary lives?

****Strongly recommended as an introduction to Pleasant Hill to be taken before additional programs.***

Build Your Brand (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – 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.

Shaker Footprints: The Lost Village (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – 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.

The Space Between (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – 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.

Soil Scientists (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – Soil is key to regenerative and sustainable agriculture! Through a series of experiments, we’ll test and evaluate Shaker Village’s soil health, learning how our current farming operation steward the landscape.

** This program is available seasonally, from April-October; weather dependent.*

artiFACTS & Sources (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – 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!

Ecosystem Hike (60-90 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – 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.

**This program traverse 1.5-3.0 miles of uneven terrain; weather dependent.*

Swept Away (30-45 minutes / Recommended for grade level 6) – Pleasant Hill was a thriving and industrious community, supported by the Shakers’ production of an assortment of goods for sale. Brooms were a key industry at Pleasant Hill, and we’ll use them as a case study to explore the business side of life at Pleasant Hill. Students will also get to make their own mini whisk broom to take home.

Herbs for Home & Health (30-45 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) - The Shakers grew, prepared and sold herbs for many purposes across the country. Learn about different herbs and how they can be used to make all natural products for your home and body. We'll conclude by mixing an herbal blend to take home in a sachet.

NIGHT HIKES

- Generally offered Tuesday-Sunday, between 5PM-10PM
- Fees: \$20/person (15-person minimum)
- All Night Hikes include 1.5-3.0 miles of walking and are weather dependent.

Night Hike (90-120 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – Take an evening hike through Shaker Village's Preserve and enjoy the wonders of the nighttime natural world. Topics change seasonally, ranging from an autumn "owl prow" to a summertime firefly hike.

EVENING TOURS

- Generally offered Tuesday-Sunday, between 5PM-8PM
- Fees: \$12/person (15-person minimum)

Pleasant Hill After Dark (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – For more than 100 years, the Shakers of Pleasant Hill managed without electricity, lighting their community with candles and lamps. On this lantern-lit evening tour, we'll follow in the footsteps of the Shakers and experience their buildings by flickering candlelight as we share stories about life at Pleasant Hill after dark.

**This program traverses several flights of stairs.*

Christmas by Candlelight (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 7-8) – Join us for a candlelit tour through several of Shaker Village's historic buildings while they are festively decorated for the holidays. Together, we'll trace the progression of the Shakers' beliefs and practices, gaining a deeper understanding of the history of Christmas in America.

**This program traverses several flights of stairs; available in December.*

SHAKER-INSPIRED CRAFT WORKSHOPS

- Generally offered Tuesday-Sunday, between 9AM-8PM
- Fees are charged per person, based on the number of participants completing the activity.

Dipped Beeswax Candles (60-90 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 6-8) – During Pleasant Hill's heyday, the Shakers cultivated dozens of beehives, valuing the bees both for their important role as pollinators and for their production of honey and wax. We'll discuss Shaker Village's continuation of this long tradition before making our own candles over an open fire.

\$15/person

8-person min. / 30-person max. (per instructor)

Turkey Wing Brooms (90-120 minutes / Recommended for grade level 8) – We're returning to the folk art tradition of broommaking that originally inspired the Shakers, making our own hand-tied brooms without special machinery or equipment. Our "turkey wing" brooms, made of hemp cord and natural broomcorn, are as decorative as they are useful.

\$30/person

8-person min. / 16-person max. (per instructor)

CARRIAGE & WAGON RIDES

- Generally offered Tuesday-Sunday, between 9AM-8PM
- Fees: \$300 for the first hour; \$100 for each additional hour

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides (60 minutes) – Meet our friendly team of draft horses and journey through the historic Village in our horse-drawn carriage. Along the way, enjoy learning about Shaker history and culture from one of our trained interpreters.

**Limited to 12 people/ride; weather dependent.*

Wagon Rides (60 minutes) – There's no better way to maximize your views of Shaker Village's 3,000 acres than to take a tractor-pulled wagon ride! An interpreter will provide a narrated program as you traverse the rolling hills of Central Kentucky in style.

**Limited to 25-30 people/ride.*