



## K-5 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 2-5) – 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.***

**Movers & Shakers** (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels K-5) – 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.

**agriCULTURE: From Land to Community** (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels K-5) – How would you begin building a community from the ground up? What are the basic needs of a successful society? 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.

**The Amazing Life of Dirt** (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels K-4) – 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.

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

**Where the Wild Things Live** (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels K-5) – 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 levels 2-5) – 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 2-5) - 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.

**Shaker Footprints: The Lost Village** (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 3-5) – 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.

**If Walls Could Talk** (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 3-5) – 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.

**History Detectives** (60 minutes / Recommended for grade levels 3-5) – 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!

### **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 2-5) – 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.

### **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 2-5) - 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)

### **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.*