

Bacon's Castle

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Educational Opportunities 2010–2011 School Year

2010 is our pilot year offering SOL-based school fieldtrips; therefore we would like to invite our local elementary and middle schools to visit us at a significantly discounted rate. Our field trip opportunities touch on SOLs: US1, VS and VUS with a focus on Exploration and Settlement, and Colonial Life, we have also included Science and Fine Art SOLs. We can easily accommodate a variety of other curricula on a specialized level. Bacon's Castle has been an active plantation for over 300 years and is an excellent case study for students to analyze Virginia history from the Colonial era to the 20th century, including the Civil War and Reconstruction eras. We can accommodate up to 100 students per day and have on-site bus parking, and ADA compliant restroom facilities

Fieldtrip Itinerary

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Can be modified to fit your school's schedule)

Students will be broken into 4 groups and will rotate between five, 30 minute stations, including a 30 minute brown bag lunch break.

Good Weather Activities:

- **Bacon's Rebellion:** Overview of the first colonial rebellion against the English crown. Students learn colonial military drills
- **Colonial Gardening:** Learn what the settlers planted, why and how then plant your own colonial herbs
- **Slavery Interpretation:** Discover a real 1830's slave quarter, learn about slave life in Tidewater Virginia
- **House Tour**



Bad Weather Activities:

- **Colonial Kitchen:** hands-on culinary discovery in the "Castle" kitchen
- **17th Century Dance:** Learn about colonial music and participate in traditional English dancing
- **Slavery Interpretation:** Crafts and hands-on activities exploring the lives of the enslaved people living at the "Castle"
- **House Tour**

Pilot programs are offered at a discounted rate of \$3 per student (normal rate is \$5 per student) and one free chaperone per ten students. We do ask you to assist us with program developments by filling out a detailed survey of the program upon its conclusion.

To set up a fieldtrip, please contact:

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