National Park Service U.S. Department of Interior

Fort Scott National Historic Site



# **Education Programs**



# **Curriculum Based School Programs**

Role playing, hands-on activities and demonstrations, and interactive presentations are the hallmark of education programs at Fort Scott National Historic Site.

Each program is designed to meet curriculum needs while offering students a fun and educational way to experience life and history at Fort Scott in the mid nineteenth century.

#### **Elementary Programs**

The program for lower grade levels (K-4) focuses on life at Fort Scott during the 1840s. Presenters in period costume portray members of the fort community such as the sutler, the laundress, the surgeon, and the officers' wives.

Programs for the upper grade levels (5-6) address the issues and events of Fort Scott's history from the conflicts of westward expansion through the Civil War.

These programs are offered in April and May. Reservations begin in January.

#### Middle School Programs

These programs provide an in-depth look at critical issues relating to Manifest Destiny, Bleeding Kansas and the Civil War. Offered throughout the year.

## **Distance Learning Programs**

Many of the educational programs Fort Scott offers can be presented through videoconferencing to classrooms throughout the nation. Beginning in 2012, Fort Scott will launch a series of interactive classroom programs on topics related to the Civil War and westward expansion. Since this is a developing program, keep checking our website for more updates. Offered throughout the year.

## **Outreach Programs**

If your school is located within a 60 mile radius of Fort Scott, you can request that a park ranger visit your school for a presentation on the site's history, the National Park Service in general, or a living history program where a staff member will do a program in period clothing. Offered throughout the year.

## **On-site Visits**

In addition to the formal spring education programs, schools visiting the site can also request a ranger guided tour, They may also elect to take a self guided tour. The site has some tools to enhance a self guided tour including a scavenger hunt designed for students and a cell phone audio tour.

For more information about our school programs visit http://www.nps.gov/fosc/forteachers/index.htm

> Contact Info Fort Scott National Historic Site PO Box 918 Fort Scott, KS 66701 620-223-0310 www.nps.gov/fosc