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# Educational Opportunities at Homestead National Historical Park

The Homestead Act of 1862 defines the American Dream. With that American Dream came the dreams of homesteaders for a good education and better life for their children. As millions of people filed claims under the Homestead Act, one-room schools began to pop up across the United States greatly increasing access to public education.

Homestead National Historical Park continues to honor the hopes and dreams of homesteader parents by offering free state and national curriculum aligned programs to students of all ages.



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#### Distance Learning

A distance learning connection with Homestead National Historical Park will bring a park ranger into your classroom to engage with your students. Interactive distance learning programs allow your students to experience Homestead without ever leaving school. Homestead National Historical Park supports life long learning and is happy to offer distance learning programs to students of all ages! Find us on the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration at https://www.cilc.org/ContentProvider/ViewContentProvider.aspx?id=387

#### Field Trips

Our national parks are the largest classrooms in the country. Homestead National Historical Park offers year-round field trip experiences for students and teachers featuring a variety of engaging, hands-on activities that capitalize on the place-based learning offered by a trip to the park. Education staff at Homestead will work with you to build a field trip experience that meets your needs and the needs of your students.

#### **Special Events**

Throughout the school year, Homestead National Historical Park hosts special events geared toward students. These events bring in special presenters and guest speakers providing a unique learning environment allowing students to explore the stories of the Homestead Act of 1862 through living history, crafts, demonstrations, and more.

#### **Traveling Trunks**

Homestead National Historical Park proudly offers several traveling trunks that can be sent right to your classroom, daycare, community center, home, or anywhere in between! All traveling trunks include curriculum material and hands-on activities to supplement your classroom instruction.

All educational programs are offered free of charge. For more information on how Homestead National Historical Park can meet the learning needs of your students, whatever their age, contact us today!

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