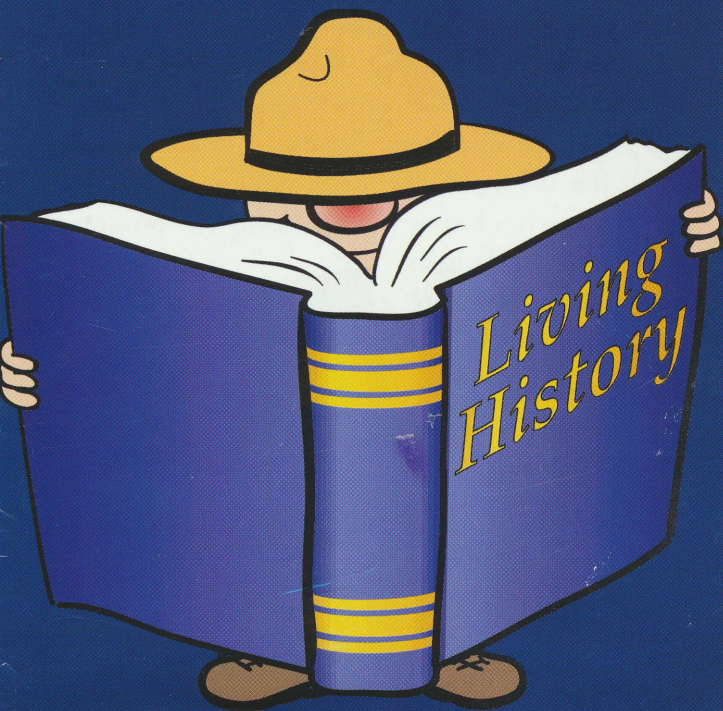


EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT  
PRESIDENT'S PARK

*White House*  
VISITOR CENTER





## EXPERIENCE *Your* AMERICA

The White House Visitor Center offers five school programs to help students strengthen critical thinking, analyzing, observing, researching and writing skills. These programs promote literacy and foster respect for public officials and the government while connecting students to history.

*All programs occur at the White House Visitor Center except where noted. These programs are free and last from 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Reservations are available Monday thru Friday on a first-come, first-served basis. To inquire about availability, contact the White House Visitor Center at (202) 208-1631.*

### Ranger Reading Time

Grades Pre-K-2

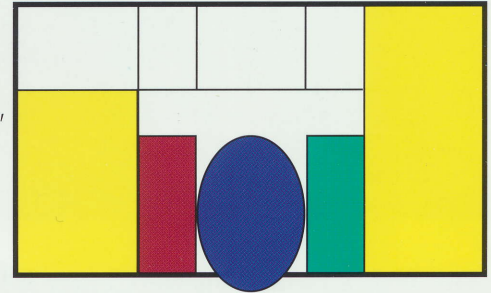
"Ranger Reading Time" uses age-appropriate literature such as *Woodrow, the White House Mouse, If I Were President, A Christmas Tree in the White House, and The White House Easter Egg Roll* to teach students about the White House. Each student will receive a copy of the book that is read during the program to take home. Rangers will also lead students on a tour of either the exhibits in the White House Visitor Center or President's Park.



### Colors and Shapes of the White House

Grades K-2

"Colors and Shapes of the White House" provides an introduction to our Executive



Mansion, its history and architecture through the use of colors and familiar shapes. A hands-on activity session teaches students about the five State rooms located on the first floor of the White House. A National Park Service Ranger will read age-appropriate literature about the President's daily life and the many different activities that occur under the White House roof. Pre- and post-lesson plans are available for teachers.

### President's Neighborhood

Grades 3 - 6

"President's Neighborhood" weaves together the rich local and national history of the White House and its surrounding neighborhood. Treasure hunts, trivia games, and an audiovisual presentation encourage students to explore the area and to draw connections between the White House and nearby historical treasures. Interactive tours of President's Park are offered, weather permitting. Pre- and post-lesson plans are available for teachers.

# White House *Living History*

Grades K – 12

The Living History Series introduces students to the people and events that shaped the character of our nation. Each month, as part of the White House Living History series, master actors and actresses recreate the lives of presidents and patriots, past and present, sending students on a trip through the pages of our nation's history.

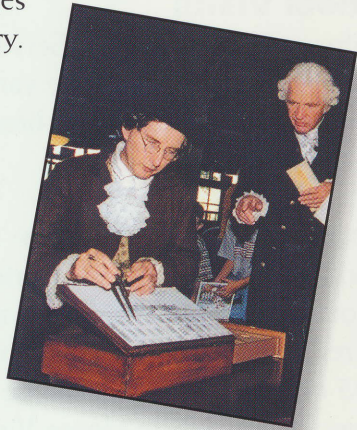
Programs begin at

9:30 a.m.,

11 a.m., and

12:30 p.m.

Pre- and post-lesson plans may be available for teachers.



## *Bridging the Watershed*

Grades 9 – 12

"Bridging the Watershed" offers students an opportunity to study real world science in one of our country's most popular and uniquely urban national parks. Students use President's Park as a learning laboratory to analyze its effect on the Potomac River basin and the greater Chesapeake Bay. Watershed areas include all of the land that drains water into a particular stream, river or lake, and have a profound effect on the environment. This program provides a model that can be replicated in other watershed areas and includes activities that incorporate the five E's: engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate.

*For additional information on this program, call (301) 292-8757.*

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Please send me information about your educational programs:

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I'm interested in the following:

Ranger Reading Time  
 Colors and Shapes of The White House  
 President's Neighborhood  
 Bridging the Watershed  
 White House Living History  
 Educators Resource Packets  
 School Visits  
 Educators Workshops

## Terrific Tools for Teachers!

### Educators Resource Packets

Educators Resource Packets, including pre- and post- classroom activities, are available by request. A videotape, *Within These Walls, A Video Guide to the White House*, is also available for loan.

### School Visits

Uniformed National Park Service Rangers are available to facilitate a wide variety of programs including slide lectures and literature reading in the classroom.

### Educators Workshops

Workshops will be offered periodically to introduce educators to regular and special programs offered by the park. Special workshops for groups of 15 or more educators can be arranged upon request at the White House Visitor Center.

Let me be your guide for  
an educational adventure  
at President's Park!



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The White House Visitor Center is located in Malcolm Baldrige Hall of the Department of Commerce building, 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. As the largest public room within the building, this space was originally used as the Patent Search Room, where over 3 million patents were catalogued. The hall was later used as office space and in 1993, the General Services Administration and the National Park Service began restoring the hall to its original architectural grandeur. The Indiana limestone walls, bronze doors, and Vermont marble floors were completely restored. The hall now serves as the White House Visitor Center.

*For information about educational programs, exhibits, special events, and interpretive programs of President's Park that include Lafayette Park and the Ellipse, call (202) 208-1631 or TDD (202) 219-5246. You may also visit us on the Internet at: [www.nps.gov/whho](http://www.nps.gov/whho).*

