

**Welcome to the Fairfield Museum and History Center!**



The Fairfield Museum and History Center is a non-profit educational institution chartered in 1903 as the Fairfield Historical Society by the State of Connecticut. Our facility was created in 2007 and features engaging exhibitions, a research library, education classroom, and a meeting hall overlooking Fairfield’s historic Town Green. The Fairfield Museum’s vision is *to use history to strengthen community and shape its future*. We celebrate the complex stories that explore diverse legacies.

The Fairfield Museum’s education programs include **Walking Tours, Gallery Tours, Primary Source Workshops, Living History, Outreach Programs** and tours of the **1750 Ogden House**, serving over 5,000 Pre-K – Grade 12 students, adult learners and educators from the region. Programs align with local and Connecticut language arts and social studies curriculum, the National Council for Social Studies C3 Frameworks, and reinforce Common Core goals.

The Fairfield Museum has emerged as a leader in **professional development** programs. FMHC collaborates with Connecticut’s top universities to provide speakers and to develop curricula, teacher guides, classroom kits and student activities.



**Education Programs:**

A complete list of education programs is located on our website at [Fairfieldhistory.org/education](http://Fairfieldhistory.org/education).

**Hours:**

The Fairfield Museum is open daily from 10am – 4pm. **FREE** admission is provided on Mondays and Tuesdays of the week, sponsored by People’s United Bank and on the first full weekend of the month for Bank of America cardholders, courtesy of Museums on Us.

**Directions:**

The Fairfield Museum is located conveniently off Interstate 95, in the historic heart of Fairfield, Connecticut. As you pass the Town Hall on Beach Road, the Fairfield Museum is located less than a half a mile on your right. Look for our white sign right before the Old Burying Ground. Bus directions available upon request.



**Teacher Admission Pass**

Come visit us! Use this free pass to visit the Fairfield Museum’s exhibitions and to plan a field trip. Teacher ID required. *This pass admits two. Valid for admission only.*

Expires: 11/30/ 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Before Your Visit: for Educators**

- Explore the Fairfield Museum on your own! Request a free teacher pass to become familiar with the scope and content of the exhibitions.
- Let the Museum know ahead of time what your class is learning in social studies or reading in language arts.
- Use the pre and post visit suggestions to prepare your students for their visit and to build upon their experience when you return to class.

### **Before Your Visit: for Students**

- Discuss your Museum visit with the students:
  - Have they ever been to a museum? What kinds of museums are there? What did you see at those museums?
  - What do they expect to see at the Fairfield Museum?
  - What do they expect to learn during their specific programs (Walking Tour / Gallery Tour / etc.)?
- Ask students to write down questions they may have and bring them along so they can ask a Museum Educator.
- Have students complete a KWL chart as pre and post activity, using the theme of your tour as a guide.
- Explore the Museum website at [www.Fairfieldhistory.org](http://www.Fairfieldhistory.org) to generate excitement about the trip.
- Please review the Museum rules with students and chaperones.



### **After Your Visit**

- Have students record their experiences at the Museum in a journal using language and/or images.
- Send examples of what your students learned to the Museum's Education Department, such as drawings or letters, to the Education Department.
- Review the KWL chart to see which predictions were true and what new ideas students learned.
- Have students research any issues or questions that came up during their tour.
- Ask students to tell their parents about their trip to the Museum. Suggest they return to the Museum with their families. Admission is free on Mondays and Tuesdays (courtesy of People's United Bank) and free on the first full weekend of the month for Bank of America cardholders.

### **Teacher Evaluation**

Please return an evaluation of your program! The evaluations help us to improve our programs with your valuable feedback. Your comments also help with our funding requests.

## Museum Guidelines for Visitors

What should students and groups remember when visiting a museum?

- No cell phones, photography or videotaping is allowed, unless they are being used to complete an assignment given by the teacher or Museum Educator / Docent.
- Exposure to camera flashes damages textiles, manuscripts and some objects. If students are allowed to take photographs, please do not disrupt the tour for photos.
- Respect the artifacts and exhibits. Keep a safe distance from the objects, platforms and cases.
- Food, drinks, and chewing gum are not allowed in the galleries.
- Be respectful of other visitors in the Museum.
- Don't touch anything unless the Museum Educator / Docent says it's ok.
- Walk – don't run.
- Stay together as a group.
- Raise your hand if you have a question.
- Respect what the Museum Educator or Docent has to say and respect your classmate's comments & opinions.
- Respect the landscape and other people during tours outside, as well. The Town Green and Old Burying Ground are artifacts, too! Please tell the students not to wave at cars or disrupt the tour.
- Please have all students and chaperones wear name tags.
  
- **Most of all – have fun and learn something**