American Family and Community Life



Young minds need to understand where they come from in order to have a sense of where they're going. Kids need to step outside their familiar domain in order to learn that every neighborhood and school doesn't necessarily look like theirs and that people of different socioeconomic classes, races and ethnic backgrounds may live their daily lives a little differently than they do.

At The Henry Ford, you can give students a framework for understanding why their life looks the way it does, by giving them an accurate picture of family life from eras past. Instead of reading about early American life, dramatic presentations bring history to life, allowing students to experience how kids and families lived hundreds of years ago.

At Daggett Farmhouse in Greenfield Village, presenters in period clothes immerse students into the busy day of New England settlers in the 1700s, where the fire for cooking meals needs tending and yarn must be spun to make clothing.

Take a walk to Firestone Farm, and become immersed in Midwest agrarian life of the late 19th century, where seasonal crops need attention, cows need milking and hams hanging in the cellar need curing.

Sit in a one-room schoolhouse, read 19th-century textbooks and discover how schoolchildren wrote down their answers in the absence of loose-leaf paper and spiral notebooks.

Complement your field trip with program enhancements such as History Hunters, which guide students through a compare-and-contrast exercise of life past and present. Give your students the opportunity not only to observe the diversity of American life and its progression over the centuries but to participate in its daily schedule.







American Family and Community Life RESOURCES

ON-SITE PROGRAMS

Tales from Huck Finn

Dramatic presentation in Greenfield Village: Free with admission Early May through early June

Laura's Little Town

Dramatic presentation in Greenfield Village; Free with admission Early May through early June

Tally's Tales

Dramatic presentation in Greenfield Village; Free with admission Early May through early June

A Gullah Tale

Dramatic presentation in Greenfield Village; Free with admission Fridays in October

One-Room School Program

Self-guided activity in Greenfield Village; Fee: \$9.50* includes village admission September, October, Fridays in November; and mid-April through mid-June

Great American Museum **Experience: The Ultimate** Sleepover

Self-guided and facilitated program Fee: \$86.50* per person

If I Had a Hammer

Facilitated program in Henry Ford Museum; Fee: \$14.50* includes museum admission

FIELD TRIP ENHANCEMENTS

History Hunter: Investigating 19th-Century School Life in Greenfield Village 🖰

History Hunter: Investigating Historic Crafts and Trades in Greenfield Village 🖰

History Hunter: Investigating Historic Homesteads in Greenfield Village 🖰

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*Price subject to change.