

**George Washington's
Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens**

Colonial Days at the Farm



Field Trip Information

February 18 - March 13, 2009



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Colonial Days Basics:

Clothing Recommendations

- Colonial Days at the Farm is a field trip program conducted mostly outdoors. **Please have students dress for outdoor weather conditions! Outdoor, sturdy, comfortable shoes are recommended.** Colonial Days is cancelled only if inclement weather forces the closing of area schools.

Day of field trip pre-arrival instructions

- Colonial Days and chaperone stickers are included in this pre-visit materials packet. Prior to arrival, please distribute Colonial Days stickers to **all** guests, and chaperone stickers to chaperones. Guests must wear these stickers to participate in Colonial Days activities. **Chaperones must stay with their assigned student group while on the Estate.**

Bus Drop Off/Pick Up and Bus Parking

- Buses may unload guests in the drop off lane in front of the Main Gate to Mount Vernon.
- Buses park in the bus waiting area across from the Post Office on Rt. 235.
- Guests should meet their bus at the bus waiting area. **Buses are not authorized to pick up guests in the drop off lane.**

Colonial Days arrival and check in

- Once your group arrives at Mount Vernon's Main Gate, please have a group representative check in at the Colonial Days desk to receive the Colonial Days map (one for each teacher and chaperone).
- Pick up admission tickets at the Group Sales window:
 - **NEW FOR THIS COLONIAL DAYS:** You will receive a ticket indicating the time slot that your group may visit the Mansion. **Please adhere to the schedule assigned.**
 - You may pay for Admission, Goodie Bag, and Lunch Special costs at the Group Sales window. If paying by check all costs may be included on one check. Make check payable to: Mount Vernon Ladies' Association



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Food

- Bringing food onto the Estate is prohibited, including bagged lunches. Because of limited indoor space at Mount Vernon for dining, seating is reserved for those who purchase food and beverages. For information on the **Lunch Special** see **page 6**. For information on other dining options at Mount Vernon see our webpage: www.mountvernon.org/visit/dining; for a map of nearby picnic areas: www.mountvernon.org/files/Picnic_Areas.pdf.

Souvenirs

- Mount Vernon offers two gift shops with a wide selection of souvenirs. See **page 7** for information on our special **Colonial Days Goodie Bag** offer.

Title One Bus Grants

- If you are from a Title One school please see **page 8** for bus grant information.



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Plan to visit:

Pioneer Farm Crafter Demonstrations: 9:30 am – 1 pm

- Observe costumed workers demonstrating spinning, basket making, woodworking, weaving, candle making, soldiering and more!
- Learn about farming and slave life
- See horses, mules, sheep and oxen – and learn the important role animals played at Mount Vernon in the 18th century
- Play colonial games
- Suggested time allotted: 1-2 hours

Tomb Ceremony: 10:30 am – 1 pm

- Lay a flower, provided by Mount Vernon, inside the Tomb of George Washington
- Visit the Slave Memorial
- Suggested time allotted: 15 minutes

Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center: Feb 9 am – 4 pm Mar 9 am – 5 pm

- Highlights:
 - 23 gallery and theater experiences – many of them with interactive technology – that illuminate the detailed story of Washington’s life, including his military and presidential careers.
 - 3 lifelike figures of George Washington at 19, 45 and 57
- Suggested time allotted: 1 hour minimum

Ford Orientation Center: Feb 9 am – 4 pm Mar 9 am – 5 pm

- Highlights:
 - *We Fight to Be Free*, a dramatic, 20-minute movie featuring an action-oriented re-enactment of the defining moment of the Revolutionary War – Washington crossing the Delaware River. Please note that this film contains battle scenes that may be disturbing to some children, especially those eight and under.
 - *Mount Vernon in Miniature*, an authentic, one-twelfth scale exact replica of the Mansion.
- Suggested time allotted: 40 minutes



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Student Group Lunch Special:

The Mount Vernon Food Court offers a \$4 lunch special for student groups visiting Mount Vernon. This lunch special must be preordered, and is for students, teachers, and all guests accompanying the field trip group. The lunch includes:

- ❖ Chicken Tenders
- ❖ French Fries
- ❖ Jello Cup
- ❖ 12 oz Fountain Drink

To Order the Lunch Special

Please place an order by submitting the Online Reservations Form located at: http://www.mountvernon.org/learn/teachers_students/field_trips/, or by calling our Group Sales office, 703-799- 8688.

Payment

Either prepay when you receive your invoice from Group Sales, or pay upon arrival at the Group Sales window.

Lunch Time

Schools ordering the Lunch Special should meet at the Food Court as a group. Please check in at the Red Devon Grill. To speed the lunch distribution, have large groups divided into lines of no more than 30 each outside the Food Court.



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Colonial Days Goodie Bags:

To enhance your students' Colonial Days experience, and for your convenience, a Goodie Bag special is offered at the cost of \$3 each (tax included).

Each bag includes:

- ❖ A postcard of the Mansion
- ❖ Trading cards of major events in George Washington's life
- ❖ A logo pencil
- ❖ An educational activity sheet
- ❖ An exciting button, magnet or ornament

To Order Goodie Bags

Please place an order by submitting the Online Reservations Form located at: http://www.mountvernon.org/learn/teachers_students/field_trips/, or by calling our Group Sales office, 703-799- 8688. If your numbers increase at the last minute you can purchase smaller, additional quantities at The Shops as you exit the Education Center and the Estate.

Payment

Either prepay when you receive your invoice from Group Sales, or pay upon arrival at the Group Sales window. Save your receipt for Goodie Bag pick up.

Pick Up

Bags are picked up at the Education Center Information Desk at the end of your visit. Please show your receipt but retain for your records.



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Title One Bus Grants for Colonial Days:

Mount Vernon provides a \$50 grant for each bus from qualified Title One public schools, through the generous support of the Mars Family Foundation.

Bring completed form to the Colonial Days check in desk upon your arrival at Mount Vernon.
The grant will be mailed to your school principal approximately two weeks after the conclusion of Colonial Days.

Date of Field Trip: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

County: _____

Principal Name: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Number of Students: _____

Number of Teachers: _____

Number of Buses: _____

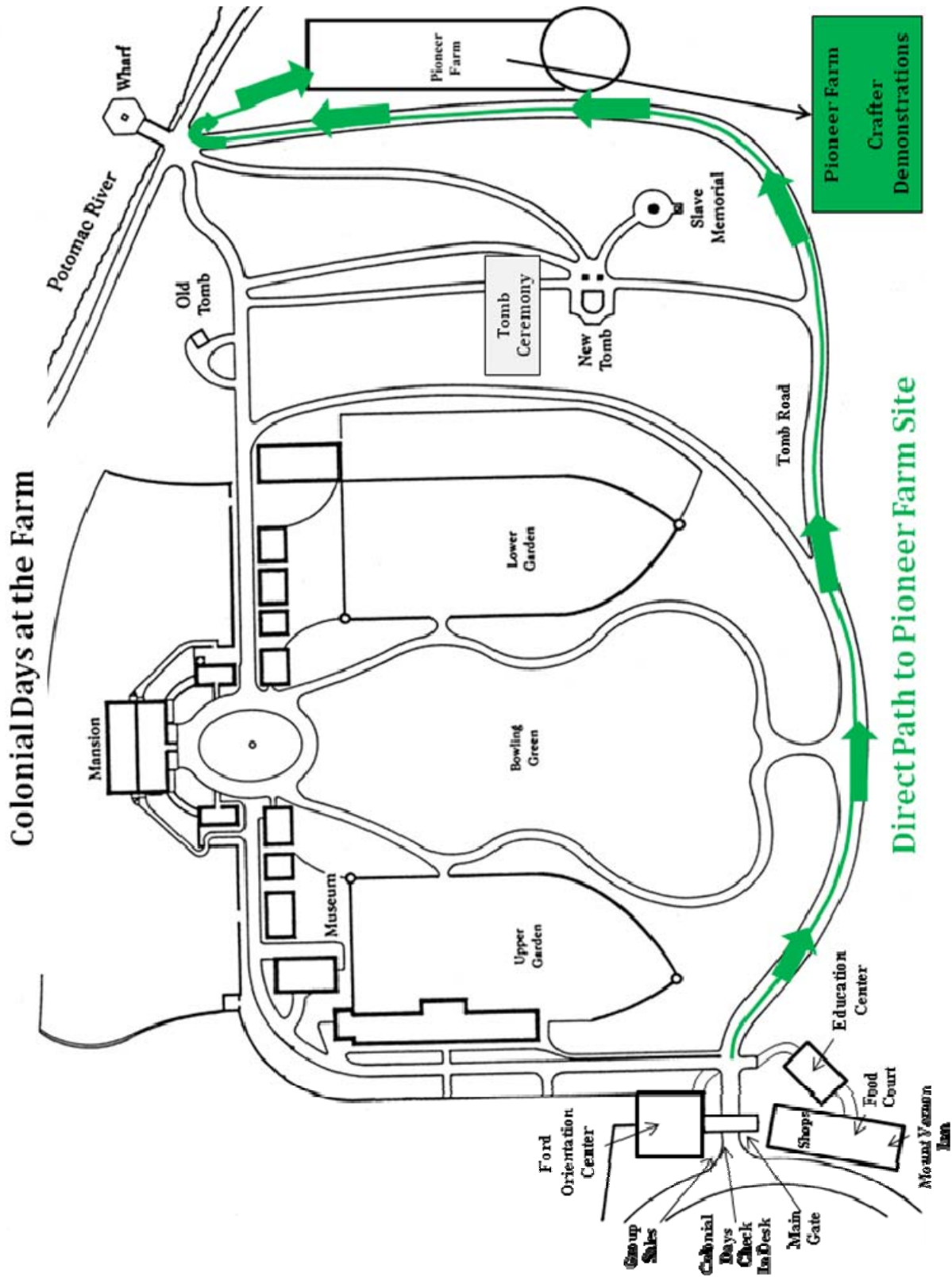
Teacher Signature: _____

**This form is also accessible from our Colonial Days webpage:
www.mountvernon.org/learn/teachers_students/index.cfm/ss/114/**

Mount Vernon Internal Use Interpreter Signature: _____



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Contact Us:

Field Trip Registration, Payment or Cancellations, Lunch Special or Goodie Bag orders: groupsales@mountvernon.org or 703-799-8688

Colonial Days Program questions or comments (including Title One Bus Grants): education@mountvernon.org or 703-799-8604

Gift Shop (Goodie Bags content questions): 703-799-6301

Food Court (Lunch Special content questions): 703-799-5225