



CONOCOCHÉAGUE

INSTITUTE

Experiential Learning Catalog

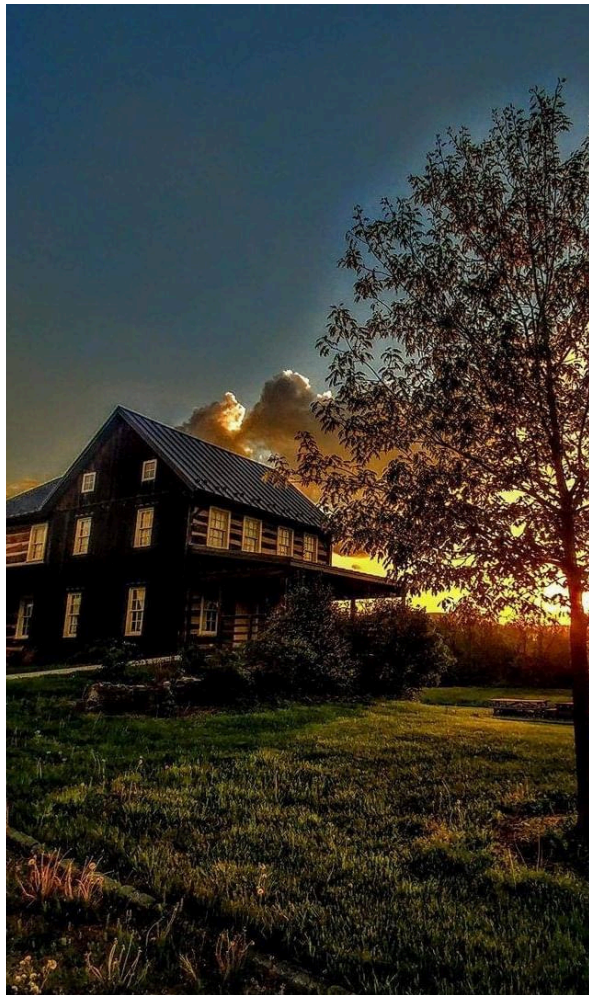


**Now
Booking for
the '25/'26
School Year!**



About Us

The mission of the Conococheague Institute is to develop and foster awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the cultural and natural history of the Appalachian frontier of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.



The Conococheague Institute is a hands-on regional learning center. We are headquartered within Rock Hill Farm, a well-preserved historic farmstead that was established in the early 18th century in southern Franklin County, Pennsylvania, near the village of Welsh Run. Our 30-acre site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and includes two historic house museums with outbuildings, a research library, two relocated historic log structures, walking trails with access to a pioneer cemetery, several historic gardens, an early childhood playground and picnic areas.

Your Visit

A standard booking is around 2 hours of guided instructional time. As well as access to our Visitor Center exhibits and gift shop



Our 30 acre site is free to explore! We have multiple walking trails and plenty of space to run around and play. We have self guided activities such as site and nature scavenger hunts that we can have printed and ready if requested.



We have picnic tables and shaded areas throughout the site for groups wanting to eat lunch and make a day of it.



Scheduling a Learning Experience

Reservations are made on a first-come first-serve basis. We recommend you book at least 4 weeks in advance, and you can book up to 18 months ahead!



Payment

Payment can be made day of in our museum store via cash, check, or credit card. Groups can also request a invoice ahead of the tour date.

Group Rates

We ask for a minimum of 10 for on-site scheduled bookings. There is no upper limit (though advanced booking is required for 60+ so we can organize more educators in advance).

Participants: \$7 per (\$14 per for added premium experience)

Chaperones: Free with groups of 10 or more paid participants

3 and under: No charge with paid group

Outreach

As bookings allow, we offer outreach programs where we will bring the program to you!

These programs are a flat fee of \$300 that encompasses all costs (presenter; program; and travel fees)

Please contact visit@cimlg.org for more information and to see if this is right for you!

Cancellations or Changes

For cancellations or changes please email visit@cimlg.org or call 717-328-2800



Conococheague Field Days

Looking to book a very large group, like an entire school grade or a scout group?

For tours over 150 participants book our Conococheague field day!

This program lets a large group experience the most out of what CI has to offer! Participants will self guide or chaperones will guide students through our program area where they can talk to presenters, ask questions, and try out activities at their own pace.



Interested in learning more about this new program?
Contact us with questions and inquires!



Testimonials

"It's always fun and unexpected!"
-Homeschool Parent

Very educational & entertaining.
Learned something new each time
we've visited.
-Local Visitor

"You've gone above and beyond
to give us all an incredible
experience. I'm eternally grateful
to you and thankful for the
growing partnership we are
creating!"
-Mercersburg Academy History
Teacher

Excellent place to learn and observe
history in an authentic and beautiful
setting. Extremely knowledgeable
and friendly staff to educate you.
Highly recommended!
-Local Visitor





I liked the flow of this year's field trip! The kids said they loved the musket demo and the science talk the most.

-4th Grade Teacher Johnathan Hager Elementary

"Thank you for putting so much effort into our program. Your passion for the subject matter made this fun."

-Mercersburg Academy Student

Beautiful grounds, fun people, and lots of neat history. I really enjoy activities and events here!

-Program Participant



Programs

Colonial Life on the Frontier

Discover the simple, day-to-day skills people used throughout early American history, including fire-starting, water drawing, gardening, animal husbandry, and cooking. Learn what our ancestors wore and how they lived. Our frontier cabin provides the perfect setting for this immersive program.

18th Century Medicine and Surgery

Learn about colonial physicians, the origins of medicine, and the surgical tools they used. A fascinating blend of science, history, grossness, and entertainment! Best suited for ages 9 to 90.

The Colonial Farmstead

Get your hands dirty with a hands-on learning experience all about the 18th-century farm. Meet our animals and learn about their uses. While many of the practices used in the garden at CI date back over 200 years, they are just as relevant for the modern organic hobby gardener. This program teaches visitors how to manage their garden through an 18th-century lens, including building garden structures, turning over soil, and planting the first seeds of spring— all done in a manner familiar to the 18th century.

From Civilian to Soldier – Enlistment in the 18th Century

This program provides an immersive experience as participants are transported back in time to the frontier during the American Revolution. Participants will follow several actions undertaken during a militia muster at the tavern at the time of the revolution, including: enlistment and oath of allegiance, marching drill, musketry demonstrations, unit tactics, soldiers' songs, and a mock battle.

Programs (Cont.)

Women's Roles in Early America

Much of history focuses on the Founding Fathers, but what about the mothers, sisters, aunts, nieces, and daughters, whose stories often go untold? In this program, learn about the daily life of women in the 18th century, including their clothing and dress, daily chores (such as child-rearing and caring for farm animals), skills and professions, and the restrictive law of coverture, which denied them equality.

Fit and Fun: Early American Games

Join in the fun by trying your hand at some of history's best-loved games from several cultures. From simple wooden tops and yoyos to tabletop games like draughts, and large outdoor group games like cricket and lacrosse. Some may seem familiar, some may seem strange, but all are a lot of fun.

Nature Walks: Birds and Botany

Explore the beauty of nature and learn as a group about some of the wonderful facts regarding the flora and fauna at CI. We have plants that can be used as medicine and beautiful flowers that support our thriving pollinator population. Our birds range from wetland herons to bald eagles to tiny finches. Why do birds fly? What can a bird's beak tell you? Find out these answers and more.

Exploring the Past

Can't decide which program is best for you? Have your group experience a small selection with this 'À la carte' option. Select 2–3 programs, and we'll determine how they can fit together for your group in a shortened version. Premium experiences marked with * will bring the booking price to \$14 per participant.

Choose from any of the above or the following (and note it when you book): Butter Making*, Maternity and Motherhood, Enslaved on the Frontier, Arrowheads and Archery*, Colonial Music and Entertainment, Rock Hill House Tour, Firelocks on the Frontier*, Bake Oven Fun*, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Farmstead Animal Meet and Greet.



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