



Old Stone Fort Museum Complex

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**The Biggest Small Museum in the Capital Region
with seven buildings, a big collection and big programs!**

GROUP TOURS, ON-SITE AND TRAVELING PROGRAMS

**Experience New York history at a Revolutionary War battle site
located half way between Cooperstown and Albany**

There is nothing quite like experiencing history exactly where it happened. Here are the genuine objects and documents of the past – not re-created, not virtual – that separate fact from legend. A trip to the Old Stone Fort inspires the imagination and is the key that unlocks the skills of observation and critical thinking.

GUIDED TOURS

These tours offer the most affordable way in which to see our site. All tours include:

- The Old Stone Fort, a 1772 High Dutch Reformed church that was fortified and later attacked by the British during the American Revolution.
- The second floor of the fort is a century-old “Museum of a Museum.”

You may also explore three centuries of rural New York history in the rest of the museum complex, including:

- The Age of Wood and 20th Century Technology exhibits featuring our 1903 Rambler automobile, early photography and communications devices.
- The 1780s Dutch Barn and Hartmann’s Dorf House, 1830 Jackson Law Office and Oliver one-room schoolhouse

Or to choose Experiential Programs - see page 2!

Tours are organized according to the size of your group. Cost is \$1.50 per student.

Tour I

For 10 to 30 persons in one or two groups. Requires 1½ to 2 hours on site.

Tour II

For 31 to 60 persons divided into four groups. Requires 2 to 3 hours on site.

Tour III

For 61 to 110 persons divided into six groups. Requires a minimum of 3½ hours on site.

Tour IV

For our youngest visitors we introduce the concepts of collecting, comparing, categorizing, and caring for objects of value. Awareness of history - that things were not always as they are now - is raised. This exploration may include all or part of the museum complex. Limited to 10 to 30 children in one or two groups. Requires 1 to 1½ hours on site.

EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS

For a more in-depth, curriculum based program, customize your visit by combining up to four tour and experiential components. *(subject to group size, time and staff constraints)* **Fees start at \$2.50 per student.**

Or let us bring them to you! Call for details.



E 1- School Days

Children gain first hand experience with a costumed “school marm” who leads them in an experiential program according to turn-of-the 20th century educational methods and curriculum.

Also available off-site

E 2 Join the Militia

Participants will be given a demonstration of 18th century weapons* and perform a few simple maneuvers as a company. We also take a surprising look at the Second Amendment!

Available off-site *subject to school policy



E 3 The Industrial Revolution in upstate New York

The impact of the Industrial Revolution in rural communities is traced from the 18th century to the 20th century. Learn how factory-made goods and transportation improvements linked cities and farms to change everyone’s life and environment.

E 4 Dutch Barn Experience

The group will explore the 1780 Dutch Barn and a vast exhibition of related artifacts to uncover agricultural links to Colonial history, the Erie Canal, and the Industrial Revolution, including social, economic, and technological changes.



E5 Communication: From Cannons to Cell Phones

Explore the technology of communication since the 18th Century by testing a telegraph transmitter, tin can telephone, and a phonograph (record-player). See how photographs evolved into movies.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

For a full day that is truly focused on your curriculum, combine your trip to the Old Stone Fort with a visit to one of Schoharie County's other educational resources.



P1 Limestone, Ancient Seas and Glaciers – with *Secret Caverns*

Earth Sciences and Geologic History – Learn to read the history of the earth from our fossils, minerals, and the geography of the Schoharie Valley, and travel back in time as you descend into the cavern. **\$6.00 per student**



P2 Land, Money and Power – with *Lansing Manor*

Privilege, class and the Anti-Rent Wars – the early 1800s at the Old Stone Fort's Hartmann's Dorf House and Lansing Manor. **\$4.00 per student**



❧ OR ❧

If transportation is a challenge, our History Consultants can come to you!

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Looking for a memorable, interdisciplinary way to meet New York State Standards for social studies, including history, geography, economics, and even science and math? We can help your students have a fun-filled educational experience.

Several of our experiential programs can be taken “on the road.” (see page 2) We can also customize a classroom experience to illustrate virtually any historical concept with objects and documents from the unique perspective of a museum and archive. **Fees range from \$100 to \$250.**

To request a more detailed education packet or to make reservations contact Dan Beams at (518) 295-7192 or e-mail curator@schohariehistory.net.