



PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE
AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

School Programs

Visit Lincoln's country home and workplace where he spent a quarter of his presidency. Historical "voices" and images illuminate the compelling stories of Lincoln as father, husband, and Commander-in-Chief. The words of Lincoln and his contemporaries bring the struggle of wartime decisions, such as emancipation, to life.

Lincoln's Hat Program

According to his eldest son Robert, Abraham Lincoln was a "very deliberate writer, anything but rapid." The president would often jot down his ideas on paper scraps and store them in his stovepipe hat. Wearing reproduction top hats, students are asked to imagine themselves as Lincoln for the day. They imitate his writing techniques and examine his ideas, through an interactive multimedia cottage tour and a small group activity. Lincoln's Hat may be reserved for students in kindergarten through third grade.

- Programs meet DC, VA, MD and McREL learning standards.
- Cost per class (up to 25 students): DCPS: Free / Non-DCPS: \$150.
- Classroom teacher or Tour leader free, adults \$10 each. One (1) adult for every 10 students required.

I See the President

President Lincoln commuted daily from the Soldiers' Home to the White House in the summers of 1862-64. Along the way, Lincoln came in contact with front line soldiers, soldiers who had been wounded in battle, escaped slaves living in contraband camps, and Washington residents, such as Walt Whitman. These encounters brought President Lincoln closer to the war. In the Cottage's new school program, *I See the President*, which will launch this fall, 4th and 5th grade students will analyze first hand accounts from some of those who met President Lincoln on his daily commute to discuss their unique views of the war and will participate in a creative writing activity.

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Award Winning Program: Lincoln's Toughest Decisions

Students can take part in our featured program *Lincoln's Toughest Decisions*, which won a Silver MUSE Award in April 2008. This innovative interpretive program puts students in the role of President Lincoln's closest advisors, and touch screen monitors allow students to explore historical documents in an interactive media program that recreates the heated discussion of Lincoln's preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on July 22, 1862. The *Debating Emancipation* program may be reserved for school groups grades 6-12, college students, and adult groups.

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Teacher Workshops

Living Lincoln: A Workshop for Teachers

In this special teacher workshop, teacher groups receive a customized tour of the Cottage, an information packet regarding academic offerings and activities for students, and an introduction to our innovative, interactive school program, *Lincoln's Toughest Decisions: Debating Emancipation*. The program lasts approximately 1.5 hours.

- Cost for this program is \$15/teacher with a minimum of 10 teachers.

Teaching American History Grant Workshops

President Lincoln's Cottage is pleased to provide customized program experiences for recipients of Teaching American History grants. Education staff will work closely with your group to plan a unique session in which educators explore President Lincoln's time at the Cottage by examining primary sources from the period, the Cottage's historic grounds, and the home that he loved so much, in a session that is tailored to meet the needs of your educators and TAH grant focus. We also encourage you to consider pairing a visit to President Lincoln's Cottage with a visit to the following members of the Civil War Washington Museum Consortium: Ford's Theatre Society (www.ford's.org), Frederick Douglass National Historic Site (www.nps.gov/frdo), and Tudor Place Historic House and Garden (www.tudorplace.org).

- Cost for this specialized program is \$35/teacher with a minimum of 10 teachers and does not include additional catering fees.

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS/TEACHER WORKSHOPS RESERVATION APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION					
Organization Name:					
Contact Name:					
Address/Line 1:					
Address/Line 2:					
City/State/Zip Code:					
E-mail Address:		Fax Number:			
Daytime Phone:		Cell Phone:			
GROUP INFORMATION					
Total Group Size:		Do you have any wheelchairs?			
# Adults:					
# Students:		Grade Level(s):			
Please note any special needs or disabilities so that we can best prepare for your visit.					
PROGRAM, DATE, & TIME REQUESTED					
First Choice:					
Program:		Date:		Visit Time:	
Second Choice:					
Program:		Date:		Visit Time:	
When you have completed this form, please email it to Callie_Hawkins@nthp.org or fax it to 202-829-0437.					
Submitting this application does <u>not</u> mean your reservation is confirmed. Upon receipt of the application, you will be contacted within 48 hours to confirm or reschedule your tour. Confirmation emails are sent weekdays only. Requests submitted on weekends or holidays will take longer to process.					

A Lincoln

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Reservation Guidelines

Reservations must be made three weeks in advance of a visit and secured with a *non-refundable* deposit. Groups of 10-30 will be required to secure their reservations with a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit, payable by credit card or check. For groups of more than 30 people, the non-refundable deposit is \$100.00. The deposit will be credited to the total group admission fee.

The remaining balance and final group count *are due one week in advance of the visit*. Once you have paid the group tour balance, you will not be able to reduce your numbers. All tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable.

Tour Guidelines

All groups must check in at the Museum Store in the President Lincoln's Cottage, Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center. School programs, workshops, and guided tours begin in the Visitor Education Center.

It is important to arrive on time. If your group is late, we reserve the right to cancel or shorten your program as necessary in order to avoid interfering with other scheduled tours.

Tours will occur rain or shine. We require 21 days advance notice to reschedule your tour or program. All groups are limited to one rescheduling request.