

# School Programs

## Grades K-12



2019-2020

# PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE

is located on an uplifting hilltop in northwest Washington, DC. President Lincoln and his family resided here from June to November of 1862, 1863 and 1864. While living at the Cottage, Lincoln visited with wounded soldiers, spent time with self-emancipated men, women, and children, plotted Union wartime strategies, and developed the Emancipation Proclamation. Opened to the public for the first time in 2008, President Lincoln's Cottage reveals Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life—where it happened. Walking in President Lincoln's footsteps, visitors gain insight into his most influential ideas and decisions. President Lincoln's Cottage is a home for brave ideas that offers students of all ages a remarkable window into Lincoln's life as father, husband, and commander-in-chief. Our unique, multimedia guided tour uses historical voices and images to bring to life the challenges Lincoln faced as president and the evolution of his emancipation strategies. A visit to President Lincoln's Cottage inspires young minds to consider the example of Lincoln's leadership and character and his impact on students' lives today. Abraham Lincoln's personality, wartime decision-making, political maneuvers, and relationships with family, friends, and colleagues come to life for students and teachers through education programs at President Lincoln's Cottage.

## Learning at President Lincoln's Cottage

On-site programs are available for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and include a specialized tour of the Cottage and an interactive program component that meet Common Core and national standards of learning. Educator materials and lesson plans are available to prepare your students for their visit to President Lincoln's Cottage, provide logistical information for your on-site experience, and help facilitate meaningful post-program reflection. To download, visit our website at [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org).

Additionally, the site offers distance-learning programs that can be used in the classroom for 3rd–12th grade students.

## Registration

To register for an education program at President Lincoln's Cottage, please visit [www.lincolncottage.org/education/school-groups/](http://www.lincolncottage.org/education/school-groups/). There you can find the School Group Reservation form along with our group tour guidelines and additional resources.

When planning your student or teacher visit, please keep the following in mind:

- 3 weeks advanced notice required.
- Submitting the reservation form does not mean your program is confirmed.
- Upon receipt of the application, a representative from the Programs Department at President Lincoln's
- Cottage will contact you within 48 hours to either confirm or reschedule your program. Confirmation emails are sent between 9am–5pm on weekdays only.
- Ample, on-site bus parking is available at no charge.
- Picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost for education programs at President Lincoln's Cottage is \$7 per student and \$10 per adult. One adult is waived for every 10 students attending. A nonrefundable \$50 deposit is required to secure your reservation; final payment is due one week in advance of your visit. The Cottage welcomes District of Columbia Public Schools and Public Charter Schools to participate in its programs at no cost.

## Scholarships

Additional program and transportation scholarships are available to Title 1 Maryland and Virginia schools on a first come, first served basis. To inquire about these scholarships, please contact the Programs Department at [LincolnEd@lincolncottage.org](mailto:LincolnEd@lincolncottage.org). President Lincoln's Cottage is pleased to offer program and transportation scholarships thanks to the generous support of the Pulvermann Trust, the Newburger-Schwartz Family Foundation, and the Richard Schwartz Family Foundation.

President Lincoln's Cottage participates in the Arts and Humanities for Every Student program, an initiative of the DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative. Visit [www.dccollaborative.org](http://www.dccollaborative.org) to learn more about this organization that connects DC public school students with cultural and arts organizations around the city.





# Core Education Programs

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All programs include a hands-on component in the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center and a modified tour of President Lincoln's Cottage.



Curriculum areas met by Cottage programs:

- Art/Visual Arts
- Social Sciences/Studies
- Technology
- Geography
- Language Arts

## Lincoln's Hat

Grades K-3

As a young man, Abraham Lincoln began forming his ideas on issues such as justice and freedom. As he grew, so too did his ideas. While living at the Cottage, President Lincoln developed his ideas on the Civil War and emancipation and turned these ideas into action. In Lincoln's Hat, students discover the ideas that President Lincoln developed from notes he stored inside his signature stovepipe hat. Lincoln's unique note-taking practice serves as a model to students as they develop their own creative ideas, articulate their values, and practice self-awareness and problem-solving skills on everyday decisions and complex issues. Following a reading of the book Abe Lincoln's Hat (K-1st grade) or What Do You Do With an Idea? (2nd-3rd grade), a hands-on exercise provides students with a special place to keep their own powerful ideas.

Program typically lasts 1.5 hours but can be modified into a shorter program. Plan to spend 2 hours onsite.



## I See The President

Grades 4-5

During the Civil War, President Lincoln commuted daily from the Cottage through the heart of Civil War Washington to the White House. Along the way, Lincoln encountered soldiers heading for the front lines; self-emancipated men, women, and children living in contraband camps; wounded soldiers; and Washington residents like Walt Whitman. These diverse people influenced Lincoln and his ideas on the Civil War and emancipation and taught him lessons that are still relevant to today's students. Lincoln's desire to exchange ideas with those around him in order to gain new perspectives and better understand important issues served as a model to young minds as they develop interpersonal awareness and learn to respect each other's ideas. In I See the President, students take on the role of the people President Lincoln interacted with on his daily commute, analyze their personal stories, and write a fable that teaches their classmates an important lesson.

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## Students Opposing Slavery

Grades 9-12

Students Opposing Slavery (SOS) is a grassroots youth engagement program that encourages high school students to join the fight to end modern slavery. This network of modern abolitionists raises awareness on modern slavery and helps students develop the tools they need to continue Lincoln's fight for freedom in their own communities.

For more information on how you and your students can be involved in SOS and the 2019 SOS International Summit, contact Callie Hawkins at [CHawkins@lincolncottage.org](mailto:CHawkins@lincolncottage.org).



## Additional Programs

Deepen your experience while onsite at President Lincoln's Cottage with any of these options, each lasting about 45 minutes:

- The American Dream game: This innovative board game from Point Made Learning provides a forum for conversations around equity and privilege across facets of race, gender, religion, and ability. PLC staff serve as facilitators while students play and discuss.
- UNITY: This reflection exercise, adapted from a public art project, addresses one of the great challenges facing Lincoln while he lived at the Cottage: how do we build unity in a divisive time? Using bright yarn to map their conversation, students each have an opportunity to contribute their perspective, and work to bring many disparate voices together into a whole. Adaptable to the issues that are most pressing for your community, the exercise connects historical challenges with present concerns.
- Visit to the US Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery—the nation's first National Cemetery: Established in 1861, this cemetery saw active use while Lincoln was in residence at the Cottage, and filled up entirely before the war concluded. Walking in the cemetery, students can reflect on its impact on Lincoln's decision-making and gain new perspective on the Civil War.



## NEW beginning in fall 2019...

President Lincoln's Cottage offers distance-learning programming, allowing students to connect with Lincoln's work from afar.

*the open field project*  
from  
President Lincoln's Cottage

Grades 3-12

Lincoln, in explaining what he was working towards as president, said: "It is in order that each one of you may have through this free government which we have enjoyed, an open field and a fair chance for your industry, enterprise and intelligence: that you may all have equal privileges in the race of life, with all its desirable human aspirations." Lincoln's reflection here at President Lincoln's Cottage as he wrestled with the challenges of his presidency - including the development of the Emancipation Proclamation - serves as inspiration for students to reflect on their own civic priorities and take action. In the Open Field Project, students bring Lincoln's work into their classroom, plant an idea garden with the seeds of their ideas, and can tend this open field going forward as a reminder of the ongoing work necessary to make change. The program includes a live 45-minute videoconference with President Lincoln's Cottage staff and a fully-stocked idea garden kit with soil from the Cottage's own grounds.

For pricing, please contact [LincolnED@lincolncottage.org](mailto:LincolnED@lincolncottage.org).

## For Educators

### Living Lincoln: A Workshop for Teachers

During his presidency, Abraham Lincoln developed a unique leadership style that continues to resonate with today's leaders. In Living Lincoln: A Workshop for Teachers, a museum educator facilitates an interactive workshop for school leaders that uses Lincoln's pragmatic style as a model for helping students develop the skills they need to be effective leaders. In this workshop, educators receive a customized tour of the Cottage, a resource packet of reflection activities and lesson plans, and an introduction to Lincoln's Toughest Decisions: Debating Emancipation.

### Civil War Washington Teacher Fellows

The Civil War Washington Museum Consortium, including President Lincoln's Cottage, Ford's Theatre Society, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, and Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, offers week-long, summer workshops for educators. These workshops provide a place-based approach to exploring Washington during the Civil War, as teachers spend time at each participating site, discover Civil War neighborhoods through walking tours, and leave with an array of resources to use in their classrooms. For more information on the Civil War Washington Teacher Fellows program, please contact [LincolnEd@lincolncottage.org](mailto:LincolnEd@lincolncottage.org).

## Lincoln's Toughest Decisions: Debating Emancipation

Grades 6-12, College Students, and Adults

Abraham Lincoln's presidency was marked by the development of big ideas and nation-changing actions. A key element of Lincoln's collaborative process was to consult the ideas of those around him while leading the country through turmoil toward a new birth of freedom. Lincoln's approach provides a model for students to develop their own decision-making skills as they strive to understand the value of conflicting ideas, building support to achieve positive change in modern society, and their own responsibility and power within their communities. In Lincoln's Toughest Decisions: Debating Emancipation—an award-winning program that puts students in the role of President Lincoln's adversaries, allies, and friends—students use touch-screen monitors to explore historical documents and recreate the heated discussions that President Lincoln had over emancipation.

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