



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 (GRADES K-3)

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: DCPS and DCPCS: Free Others: \$7/student.
- Classroom teacher or tour leader free, adults \$10 each. One (1) adult for every 10 students required.

I SEE THE PRESIDENT (GRADES 4-5)

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 school program, *I See the President*, 4th and 5th grade students 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 participate in a creative writing activity.

- Programs meet DC, VA, MD, and McREL learning standards.
- Cost: DCPS and DCPCS: Free Others: \$7/student.
- Classroom teacher or tour leader free. A minimum of 4 adults is required and will be admitted at no charge. Each additional adult is \$10 each.

AWARD WINNING PROGRAM: LINCOLN'S TOUGHEST DECISIONS (GRADES 6-12, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ADULTS)

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puts students in the role of President Lincoln's closest advisors, and touch screen monitors allow students to explore historical documents in an interactive media program that recreates the heated discussion of Lincoln's preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on July 22, 1862.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.

- Programs meet DC, VA, MD, and McREL learning standards.
- Cost: DCPS and DCPCS: Free Others: \$7/student.
- Classroom teacher or tour leader free, adults \$10 each. One (1) adult for every 10 students required.

To make school and teacher program reservations, complete the online reservation application at www.lincolncottage.org. For additional information, send an e-mail to: lincoln_ed@nthp.org.



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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. The 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.fords.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:	
<p style="text-align: center;">When you have completed this form, please email it to lincoln_ed@nthp.org or fax it to 202-829-0437.</p> <p>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.</p>					



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SCHOOL GROUP TOUR POLICIES

Reservations

To register for an education program at President Lincoln's Cottage, download a Reservation Application and Tour Guidelines from our website: www.lincolncottage.org. When planning your student or teacher visit, please keep the following in mind:

- Reservations are required 3 weeks in advance.
- Send the complete form as an email attachment to lincoln_ed@nthp.org or send via fax to 202.829.0437.
- Submitting the application does not mean your program is confirmed. Upon receipt of the application, you will be contacted within 48 hours to either confirm or reschedule your program. Confirmation emails are sent between 9am-5pm on weekdays only.
- A *non-refundable* deposit of \$50 is required to hold a reservation unless your group is eligible for free admission. We accept deposits via credit card or check. Once the deposit is received, you will receive a confirmation letter. Your non-refundable deposit is credited to your total group admission fee. The tour balance is due one week (7 days) prior to your confirmed tour date.

Group Size

- Larger groups may require multiple tours.
- We must know your school group's size at the time of your reservation. If you wish to change your group size, you must notify the site at the time of final payment.
- For school programs, 1 adult is required for every 10 students. Adults are charged at the discounted group rate of \$10 each unless otherwise specified by the Cottage, or if eligible for free admission.

Refunds, Tardiness, and Cancellations

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

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- If your school group is late, we reserve the right to shorten your program as necessary in order to avoid interfering with other scheduled tours. ***If your school group is more than 30 minutes late, President Lincoln's Cottage reserves the right to cancel your program without refund or possibility of rescheduling.***
- President Lincoln's Cottage ***will not*** extend its operating hours to accommodate tardy groups. Tours will be shortened or cancelled according to the above guidelines.
- Always give yourself extra travel time and plan for unforeseen circumstances. President Lincoln's Cottage is not responsible for tardiness due to traffic, city events, and/or any other issues encountered while traveling to the site. If any problems arise on the day of your scheduled program, please contact the Visitor's Center at 202-829-0436 x31231 to speak to an attendant.
- **Tour Logistics**
- To access the property, enter the Eagle Gate, at the intersection of Rock Creek Church Rd. and Upshur St.
- All groups must check in at the Museum Shop in the President Lincoln's Cottage, Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center.
- Ample, on-site bus parking is available at no charge. Picnic tables are also available on a first come, first served basis.

To speak to someone regarding educational programs at President Lincoln's Cottage, contact the Education Department at 202-829-0436, ext. 31232