

BELLE MEADE HISTORIC SITE

Field Trip and Student Group Options
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HOW TO REQUEST A FIELD TRIP



TO REQUEST A FIELD TRIP, PLEASE EMAIL THE FOLLOWING DETAILS TO EDUCATION@VISITBELLEMEADE.COM:

- Your full name and email address
- School name or group name
- Age of participants (grade level or age range)
- Approximate number of participants
- Name of program interested in (see following pages)
- First preference for date of tour
- Second preference for date of tour

A representative from the Education Department will get back to you within 1 week to schedule your tour.

ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

LENGTH: 1.5 - 2 HOURS // ALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE A GUIDED, INTERACTIVE TOUR AND HANDS-ON CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES



FRONTIER FAMILIES

Discover how children and families lived on the Tennessee frontier when you visit the Harding's 1807 log cabin. Compare and contrast their home with your own and find out what has changed over time and what has stayed the same! Learn the names of the earliest enslaved people on this farm and find out how two of them escaped from this property. Try your hand at carding wool, doing laundry in a washtub, and more!

This tour does not go inside the Mansion. Available Feb-Nov.



STEAM INTO HISTORY

What was daily life like for young Nashvillians in the 1880s? In the years between the Civil War and the 20th century, the South experienced many social, economic, and industrial changes. What was it like to grow up in such a time of change? How did their lives compare to ours today? Find out when you tour Belle Meade Mansion to uncover the story of the Harding-Jackson family and the many people who labored on their farm and in their house. Discover more about 1800s technology innovation when you explore how telegraphs and early telephones worked, and make a tin-punched candle holder to take home!

This tour goes inside the Mansion. Available year-round.



STORIES OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM

Learn about the African American experience at Belle Meade as you tour the Slave Cabin and the Kitchen House. On your visit, you will follow a day in the lives of Millie and Monroe, two children who labored on the Belle Meade Farm in the years surrounding the Civil War. Interact with our engaging storytellers and examine the symbolism found in African American music and folk art of the time. Create your own symbolic art as you develop a deeper understanding of the African American experience in the 1800s, from the daily struggles of slavery, to the complicated nature of freedom, and the ways in which enslaved people survived in difficult times.

This tour goes into the Mansion Kitchen House. Available year-round.



EVE OF EMANCIPATION

Discover how the Civil War changed the lives of the people who lived and labored at Belle Meade, including members of the Harding family, enslaved men and women, and soldiers. During the tour, we will hear about multiple perspectives of those who lived through the war, including African American soldiers, enslaved people, and women. After the tour, we will show how communication worked throughout the war, by using the telegraph and code-breaking. We will also have a surgeon's kit to complete the understanding of doctors and nurses work during the Civil War.

This tour does not go inside the Mansion. February-November.



BEFORE BELLE MEADE

Discover the history of Native American tribes that lived in Tennessee. Compare five main tribes to show the diversity and complexity of Native tribes. Also, learn what happened to the Native tribes who lived here once settlers such as the Hardings continued to move West. Then try your hand at basket weaving, water drumming, and more!

This tour does not go into the Mansion. Available February-November.



A CENTURY OF CHRISTMAS

Uncover the history behind today's winter holiday traditions as you go room by room through the Belle Meade Mansion. See how the earliest Christmas trees were decorated, find out when popular Christmas carols were written, and learn how the Christmas season was experienced for those who were enslaved. After the tour, make your own paper ornaments and optical illusion toy!

The tour goes into the Mansion. Available November through Christmas.

	IN STATE	OUT OF STATE
STUDENT	\$12	\$15
STUDENT (TITLE I)	\$6	
TEACHER* / GROUP LEADER	FREE	FREE
ADULT CHAPERONE	\$18	\$22

*For homeschool groups, we offer a discount of 1 free parent/family. Additional parents or adult chaperones pay the adult chaperone price.

*For out of state groups booked through travel agencies, we offer 1 free adult teacher/chaperone per 10 students.

HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE PROGRAMS

LENGTH: 1.5 - 2 HOURS // ALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE A GUIDED, INTERACTIVE TOUR AND TIME TO INDEPENDENTLY EXPLORE THE GROUNDS



MANSION TOUR

The Mansion Tour tells the century-long history of Belle Meade through the stories and experiences of the Harding and Jackson families, as well as the women, men, and children who labored here



JOURNEY TO JUBILEE

The Journey to Jubilee Tour invites discussion and explores the stories of the enslaved African Americans who were brought to and born at Belle Meade from 1807 through the years following Emancipation.

COMBINED MANSION AND JOURNEY TO JUBILEE TOUR AVAILABLE**

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**For combined Mansion and Journey to Jubilee Tour, groups pay fee for both tours.

LUNCH OPTIONS

We offer multiple options for lunch add-ons through our catering kitchen and on-site restaurant, Belle Meade Meat & Three.

GROUP SIZE	BOXED LUNCH	HOT LUNCH
1-49	\$12/person (picnic tables available for use)	\$15/person for one meat and two sides or \$18/person for one meat and three sides Group receives lunch vouchers to dine at the restaurant.
50+	\$12/person (picnic tables available for use)	\$20/person Group receives buffet-style lunch

BOXED LUNCH

Boxed lunches include chips, fresh fruit, a cookie, a bottle of water, and a choice of sandwich or salad:

- Ham/cheese sandwich
- Turkey/cheese sandwich
- PB&J sandwich
- Gluten-free salad

Boxed lunches must be requested at least 3 weeks in advance.

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunches include a selection from the Belle Meade Meat & Three. For groups of 50 or larger, the buffet includes:

- Chicken Fingers
- Mac & Cheese
- Green Beans
- Cookie
- Soda (of their choice)

*Alternative menu for dietary restrictions available upon request

Hot lunches must be requested at least 1 week in advance for groups of 1-49 or at least 2 weeks in advance for groups 50+.

ICE CREAM TOKENS AVAILABLE FOR ANY GROUP SIZE FOR \$2/EACH (GOOD FOR 1 SCOOP OF ICE CREAM)

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

WE OFFER ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOL GROUPS!
MINIMUM OF 10 STUDENTS REQUIRED TO BOOK.

LENGTH: 1.5 - 2 HOURS // ALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE A GUIDED,
INTERACTIVE TOUR AND HANDS-ON CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

SELECT FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOURS:

- A Century of Christmas
- Before Belle Meade
- Eve of Emancipation
- Frontier Families
- Nature Exploration
- STEAM Into History
- Stories of Slavery and Freedom

PRICING:

	COST/PERSON
STUDENT	\$12
TEACHER* / GROUP LEADER	FREE
ADULT CHAPERONE	\$18
SIBLING 5 AND YOUNGER	FREE

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GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS

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Add on butter churning for \$3/scout.

This tour works toward the Playing the Past Badge. Includes Belle Meade Harding Cabin patch while supplies lasts.



TEA TIME

Available year-round.

You are cordially invited to a Victorian Tea Party! Tour the Mansion to discover the lifestyles of wealthy southern families. While you sip tea with us, learn how tea time changed in the United States throughout the 1800s, discover the difference between "Afternoon Tea" and "High Tea," and find out how elegant tea parties were connected with the Suffrage Movement!

Add on a 30-minute, scone-making lesson for \$3/scout!

This program works toward the Playing the Past Badge. This program can be adapted for the Dinner Party badge upon request.



A CENTURY OF CHRISTMAS

Available mid-November through Christmas.

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NATURE EXPLORATION

Available March through November.

Belle Meade is a Level 2 Certified Arboretum and hosts several beautiful gardens. All levels of Girl Scouts can learn how to bring the outdoors inside through art, the importance of nature to people, and how to make a myriad of crafts to bring home! Receive your own Tree Identification Key, so that you can amaze your friends and family with your new-found knowledge of local trees. Learn about the many uses of trees (past and present) and explore the connection between people and trees with hands-on crafts and activities.

This program works toward the Bugs badge, Flowers badge, and Trees badge.



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	COST	TEA TIME COST
SCOUT / SIBLING	\$12	\$15
SCOUT LEADERS (UP TO 2)	FREE	FREE
ADULT CHAPERONE	\$18	\$18
SIBLING 5 AND YOUNGER	FREE	FREE