



Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center / Henry Hudson Planetarium / 2011-2012 School Programs

Early Life in Albany

Participatory program explores Henry Hudson's voyage, Native American and Dutch trade, colonial history and Albany's resulting development. Student re-enactment, audio-visual presentation, interactive History Mystery Game and archeological artifacts from several local excavations are used as teaching tools. *Grades 2-12*

Henry Hudson & Friends Puppet Show

Puppetry is used to tell the story of the Hudson River, the Mohicans and Mohawks, and the arrival of Henry Hudson and his crew from Europe in 1609. Students embark on an historical exploration with Nawa, a Mohican girl; Anna and Pieter, early Dutch settlers; and Henry Hudson, Captain. Program is also available as outreach. *Grades preK-2*

Albany Walking Tour

Guided walking tour of historic downtown Albany (seasonal) *Grades 3-12*

NEW! Adventures of Owney, Albany's Rail Mail Dog

The story of Owney, Albany's hometown dog recently commemorated with a U.S. postage stamp, is told utilizing books, videos, a geography game, and puppet making and letter writing activities. *Grades K-3*



Twinkle Time: Friendly sun, planets, twinkling stars and storytelling. *PreK-1*

Little Star That Could: The story of one star's journey traveling the universe in search of planets. Each planet is introduced with basic information about our solar system. *Grades K-2*

Wonders of the Universe: Exploration of seasonal constellations, planets, galaxies and other wonders of the universe. *Grades 2-12*

Follow the North Star and the Underground Railroad: Sky show explores the important role astronomy played in the freedom seekers' search along the Underground Railroad. *Grades 2-12*

Stars of the Pharaohs: Exploration of ancient Egypt through astronomy. *Grades 3-12*

**The above programs are \$3 per student/ minimum group fee is \$60*





Double the Educational Experience

The following programs have been developed with local museums for double the education.

Hudson River Trading Game & Navigating the Seas

A 34-foot interactive Hudson River game board recreates the challenges of trading and sailing on the Hudson River during the late 1700's, illustrates how Hudson River trade was linked to global trade and includes a lesson in star navigation in the Henry Hudson Planetarium. Program takes place at the Visitors Center in partnership with Historic Cherry Hill. \$5 per student/ minimum group fee is \$100. *Grades 4-5*

Double Dutch

An exploration of archeological artifacts from Fort Orange, touchable objects, and life size representations of Native and Dutch people brings to life the story of early Dutch inhabitants of the upper Hudson Valley. This program takes place at Crailo State Historic Site and at the Visitors Center (see the Early Life in Albany program above). \$5 per student/ minimum group fee is \$100. *Grades 3-12*

Ancient Egypt and Stars of the Pharaohs

A collection of art artifacts from ancient Egypt, two mummies and astronomy are the tools used in this program about ancient Egypt hieroglyphs and the culture and customs of daily life in Egypt. Program takes place at the Albany Institute of History & Art and at the Henry Hudson Planetarium. \$10 per student/ minimum group fee is \$200. *Grades 3-12*

Voyage to Albany with the Albany Aqua Ducks

A guided tour of historic Albany and the Hudson River takes place aboard an Albany Aqua Duck. The Early Life in Albany program (see above) takes place at the Visitors Center. Option: Substitute a planetarium program for Early Life in Albany. *Grades K-12 Seasonal – call for pricing*

The Half Moon

The story of Hudson's journey up the Hudson River and life aboard the Half Moon is told utilizing re-enactments, an audio-visual presentation, and an interactive tour of the replica ship. Program takes place aboard the Half Moon and at the Albany Visitors Center. *Grades 3-12 Most appropriate for 4th and 7th grades due to its strong emphasis on NYS history. Seasonal – call for schedule and pricing*

Outreach

Heritage Garden and Archeology Trunks are available on loan at no charge, and include program curriculum.

Albany Roots: A Heritage Garden Trunk

A hands-on exploration of plants reveals how they influenced the culture and traditions of native people and the immigrants who settled the Hudson Valley.

Archeology Discovery Trunks

Educational objects and resources reveal life along the Hudson River for the past 400+ years.

Group Reservation Information

Programs are available by appointment only. Call (518) 434-0405 or email accvb@albany.org.

Programs address NYS curriculum and National Standards and include an interactive activity designed to reinforce topics explored during programs.

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