

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TOUR OF SENATE HOUSE & MUSEUM

COST: \$5/PERSON

Note: All other Education Programs include a guided tour of Senate House at no charge.



Participants will receive a grade appropriate tour of Senate House, where they will learn about daily life in the 18th century, as well as the Revolutionary War and how it impacted both the Van Gaasbeek household and the inhabitants of Kingston.

They will also have a chance to explore the museum building, with exhibits on the Kingston artist John Vanderlyn, and 17th century Kingston under the Dutch.

18TH CENTURY

CHILDHOOD

COST: \$5/PERSON

DURATION: 90-120 MINUTES

The 18th Century Childhood Program is an interactive program, geared towards grades 6 and below, where students participate in a group discussion and activities such as butter churning and carding wool to actively learn about what life was like growing up in the Hudson Valley in the 18th century. Time permitting, students will play with some 18th century toys and games.

18TH CENTURY MEDICINE

COST: \$5/PERSON

DURATION 90-120 MINUTES

The 18th Century Medical Program is an interactive program, geared towards grades 6 and up, where children learn about colonial medicine, practices and theories. Students will then examine medicinal herbs, and learn how certain medical tools were used from the 18th century.



ARCHEOLOGY

PROGRAM

COST: \$5/PERSON

DURATION 90-120 MINUTES



The Archeology Program is an interactive program, geared towards students grades 4 and up. Students will get a brief lesson on the basics of archaeology before becoming actual archaeologists. They will be handed gloves and a trowel and will work in the dirt, digging for their own artifacts. Participants will also learn about the different archeological digs that have taken place at Senate House, and what was found!

TO SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT, OR FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PLEASE; CALL

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OR

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About Senate House:

Amidst the turmoil of the Revolutionary War, in the fall of 1777, the elected representatives of rebellious New Yorkers met in Kingston to form a new state government. While convened in Kingston in September and October, New York's first Senate met in the stone house of merchant Abraham Van Gaasbeek.

In 1887, to recognize Senate House's role in the formation of state government, New York State acquired the property, which quickly became a vital community museum. A two-story Museum Building was constructed in 1927 to house and display the site's burgeoning collection.

Today, visitors can explore the museum's exhibits, featuring "Kingston Stockade: New Netherlands Third City" on Kingston's early history, as well as a gallery of original works by Kingston artist John Vanderlyn.

Visitors will also take a guided tour of Senate House and experience the space as it would have likely appeared during the Senate's meetings in 1777. It is here that visitors will learn about the Van Gaasbeek family, the individuals they enslaved, and how each of their lives intersected with the American Revolution and the formation of New York State's first government.

OPERATING HOURS:

APRIL 17—OCTOBER 31

OPEN FOR DROP-IN TOURS
WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY 10AM-5PM
SUNDAYS: 1PM-5PM

Admission Fees

Adults	\$7.00
Students/Seniors	\$5.00
Children 12 and under	FREE
School & Group visits	\$5.00 / person

Group tours and school group visits of the Senate House and Museum are offered year-round by advance appointment.

The site's grounds are open year-round from dawn to dusk.

Tours of the Senate House and Museum are open by appointment only from November to mid April.



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