

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

COST: \$5/STUDENT

LET US BRING SENATE HOUSE TO
YOU!

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION DURING THE 2025 SEASON, SENATE HOUSE WILL BE OFFERING OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO SCHOOLS AND OTHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS. EACH PROGRAM CAN BE TAILORED TO YOUR CLASS SIZE AND NEEDS.



Participants will receive a grade appropriate program, 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 participate in activities related to the programs offered in this brochure.

18TH CENTURY CHILDHOOD

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 and classroom space permitting, students will play with some 18th century toys and games.

18TH CENTURY MEDICINE

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.



THE SENATE HOUSE EXPERIENCE



The Senate House Experience is geared specifically towards 4th graders. Students will learn about what happened at the Senate House and the family who lived there during the American Revolution. Students will discover who came “knocking” at Senate House, what existed in 1777, and learn about voting and casting their ballot for the first Governor of New York State.

TO SCHEDULE A VISIT TO YOUR
SCHOOL
OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PLEASE, CALL

845-338-2786

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.



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AVAILABLE YEAR—ROUND

Senate House	Program Cost
Outreach visit to schools	\$5.00 / Student

Due to ongoing construction during the 2025 season, some site offerings may be unavailable

SITE OPERATING HOURS

Mid-April—October 31st

Wednesday—Saturday 10am—5pm

Sunday—1pm—5pm

On-Site education programs are also available. Contact the site for more details.

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



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<https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/18/details.aspx>

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