

Thomas County Historical Society

Field Trips

Utilize the wonderful resources to available inside and outside the Museum!

On-site programs incorporate:

- Hands-on learning and group discussion to expand students' understandings of local, state, and national history. Programs last roughly **90 minutes**.
- Using the Museum's 8 historic structures, including the Lapham-Patterson House, and extensive archival and artifact collections, students can explore the past through activities, games, discussion, and primary source analysis.
 - Each program incorporates the current Georgia Performance Standards for Social Studies.
 - Grades 2-12
 - **New in 2017**
 - **Basement & Fall-Out Shelter:** The basement multi-purpose room of the Museum has undergone a full renovation and will be available as a "classroom" space. Included in this space is an authentic 1950s Fall Out Shelter, constructed by the Roberts family who lived at 725 N. Dawson from the late 1930s through the late 1960s.
 - **Learning Garden:** Located behind the Joyner House, the raised beds will supplement our interpretation of Thomas County's agricultural past and features vegetables, herbs, and cotton!



When, Where, & How Much

- Programs are **free** to schools and students located within Thomas County
 - Students from outside Thomas County: fee of \$1/student + \$3/chaperone
- Maximum of **60 students** per visit
 - Groups larger than 60 must schedule a split visit. – for example, half can go on a Landmarks field session and half can visit the Museum and/or Lapham-Patterson House, then switch
- Field trips available *Monday-Friday 9am-4pm*
- Each program begins with a 10-minute introduction to local history topics using archival images and maps from the Museum's collections
- Instructors can choose three "rotations" including the Lapham-Patterson House

Some sample Field Trip Themes:

- Our Story: Thomas County History
- The First People: Native Americans in South Georgia
- South Georgia's Pioneers
- The Victorians: Thomasville's Resort Era
- We the People: Democracy & Voting in Thomas County
- **Add on activities:** Museum Scavenger Hunt, Traditional Games & Toys, Croquet, Archaeology, Log House fire/cooking (additional fee of \$50/group), etc.

Outreach Programs

We invite you to consider an outreach program where we bring the Museum to you! Our **Civil War**, **World War I**, **World War II**, and **American Indian** Outreach programs involve the same primary sources, artifacts, and interactive activities with the added bonus of our Educator's facilitation.



- Each outreach program is designed to accommodate **one class of twenty-five students** within one classroom for roughly **an hour**. The Educator is available to conduct multiple programs per day to accommodate team instruction.
- Some programs may require additional space considerations or exterior access- for example, our *Civil War* lesson requires space for a replica tent.
- All programs align themes across the social studies and literacy standards for reading in history/social studies
- All programs meet current Georgia Standards of Excellence and follow a basic format that includes: Educator-led activities, discussions, games, and primary-source based exploration of a historical era.
- Grades 2-12

The programs listed below reflect existing programs but *if you are interested in creating a new theme or topic, please let us know!*

- The First People: American Indians in South Georgia
- The Civil War
- Primary Source Skills Workshop
- World War I
- World War II

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