

Requesting the Civil War 150 HistoryMobile Information for K-12 schools

The Civil War 150 HistoryMobile, an interactive mobile museum sponsored by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, will travel throughout Virginia and nearby states through 2016.

Applications for bus tour stops in 2015 are due September 5, 2014 for the following year. Demand for the HistoryMobile is high; late applications are considered only when remaining dates are available.

There is no charge for a HistoryMobile school stop, and a typical deployment is at least two days. Groups of approximately 20 students can be accommodated in 20-minute increments, with a typical visit requiring 30-45 minutes. The HistoryMobile curriculum is designed for grades 4 and above.

Tips for a successful HistoryMobile school stop

- Provide plenty of detail in your application: description of the location of the HistoryMobile, projected number of student visitors; plans for involving other schools, overnight security provisions, etc.
- Indicate whether you have scheduling flexibility, that is, whether you would like to be notified of dates that become available because of changes or cancellations.
- Engage participation of schools throughout the school district (or if private school, invite participation of nearby schools). Ideally, the HistoryMobile will be located at a central school to which other students in the school district can be transported to maximize participation.
- Designate a lead contact to coordinate the HistoryMobile visit and establish a schedule for student tours. It is recommended that the designated contact be the lead social studies or history teacher or the social studies/history curriculum development specialist for the school division.
- Prior to the HistoryMobile's arrival, ensure that teachers have received a Teacher's Guide, which corresponds to Virginia SOLs and includes a HistoryMobile Scavenger Hunt and answer key (download at: http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/historymobile_teachers.php)
- Remind teachers that they must remain with their classes during a tour.

Apply online: www.HistoryMobile.org/application

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