

Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame Education Programs 2017/2018

Why We Are Friends - For grades pre-K to 3

Through this interactive program, children discover the similarities and differences of everyday needs and communication styles of humans and horses. The tour begins with a short film, "At the Gate," followed by a walk through the historic timeline stable. Pre-K and first-graders participate in a "horseshoe hunt" and 2nd & 3rd graders learn about the contents of a racehorse "tack trunk." Next visit Stormy, the talking horse, and get up on Greyhound's sulky. Bring your camera for pictures! Students learn about horseshoes and make a horse related craft. Watch horse exercising on Goshen's Historic Track and take a ride on the 3-D Simulator.

Sleighbells and Snowflakes - For grades pre-K to 3 (Available November-March)

Make comparisons between 19th and 21st Century life to understand the importance of horses in the 1800s, including winter travel. Students participate in museum-based activities that will reinforce and enrich their classroom-learning experience. Discover the importance of Hambletonian - born in Sugar Loaf in 1849 - while walking through the Good Time Stable timeline. Visit Stormy, the talking horse, and sit in Greyhound's sulky. Sing "Jingle Bells" and take a ride on the 3-D Simulator. Pre-K to 1st grade have a horseshoe hunt and make a horseshoe beaded necklace. Grades 2 & 3 participate in a foil rubbing craft.

Horse + Power: Transportation Transformations - For Grades 2-6

So how exactly did horses help transform transportation from lumbering wagons to racing engines in just under 200 years? Through interactive activities, students explore and discover the science and history of transportation, including learning how horses worked alongside people at home, on the farm and for business. Students will also have the opportunity to learn how horsepower became the measurement of modern-day engines. Additionally, students will have the chance to see live Standardbreds training at neighboring Historic Track, experience an exciting ride on the 3-D Harness Racing Simulator and create a horse-related craft as a souvenir!

New York Firsts: A Historical Celebration of New York State - For Grades 3-5

Much of America's story originates in the Hudson Valley. The Lenape tribe, Henry Hudson, West Point, Hambletonian, Hillary Clinton and even cream cheese can claim a beginning here. With all these firsts, New York history is surely worth celebrating! In this program students study the ripple effect of historical beginnings and develop map interpretation skills. They have a chance to see live Standardbreds training at Historic Track, take a ride on the 3-D Harness Racing Simulator and more!

Fee: \$4.00 per student (\$3.00 with discount)

Teachers and one chaperone per ten students admitted free

Available during the school year, Monday-Friday

Lunch facilities available upon request