

Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame Education Programs 2019-2020

Why We Are Friends for grades Pre-K to 4

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 & 4th graders learn about barn design and the uses of the contents of a racehorse “tack trunk”. Next visit Stormy the talking horse and get up on Buddy’s sulky. Bring your camera for pictures! Students learn about horseshoes and make an age appropriate horse related craft. Watch horses exercising on Goshen’s Historic Track and take a ride on the 3D 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 19th Century, as well as winter travel. Students participate in museum-based activities that will reinforce and enrich their classroom-learning experience. Discover the importance of Hambletonian who was born in Sugar Loaf in 1849 while walking through the Good Time Stable timeline. Visit Stormy, the talking horse, and sit in Buddy’s Sleigh. Sing Jingle Bells and take a ride on the 3D Simulator. Pre-K to 1st grade participate in a horse shoe hunt and make a horseshoe beaded necklace and grades 2 & 3 participate in a foil rubbing craft.

Horse + Power: Transportation Transformations for Grades 2-6

So how exactly did horses 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 explore the stable timeline and 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 the 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, Henry Hudson, West Point, Hambletonian, 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 partake in a modified letterboxing activity. Children learn how harness racing was instrumental in the creation of motion pictures and also create a flipbook. Students have a chance to see live Standardbreds training at the Historic Track and take a ride on the 3-D Harness Racing Simulator.

Fee: \$4.00 per student, teachers and one chaperone per ten students admitted free. Lunch facilities available upon request.

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