Middleton Place Foundation’s Education Department is excited to present unique learning experiences for students of all ages. With a focus on meaningful interpretations of history, we are happy to welcome your group to learn and grow on your visit to Middleton Place. 

All groups must be booked at least 4 weeks before the date of their visit.

To book a field trip, please fill out the contact form on the website

or

e-mail Carin at education@middletonplace.org with the following:

- School name and address
- Preferred date of visit
- Preferred arrival time
- Number of students** and grade level
- Number of teachers or faculty
- Number of non-faculty chaperones
- Selected experience package
- Whether you wish to have lunch on site
  - Brought by students/school or purchased from us

**Tour size is limited to 30 students. If your group is larger than 30, the students must be divided into smaller groups before arrival onsite. Please discuss group sizes with the Education Manager prior to your visit.

Admission prices for 2024:

$12 per student
$18.50 per chaperone
Faculty complimentary

As you examine the field trip options, please note that your visit can be curated to a specific subject focus, or certain time restraints. Please contact the Education Manager directly to discuss any potential customization.

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Learning Segments

Garden and Landscape Exploration:
Teachers and chaperones will lead a group of their students on a scavenger hunt-style tour through the gardens of Middleton Place. Stops on the tour include history and information about the formal gardens themselves, as well as the people who built, enjoyed, and maintained them. Students will have a goal to accomplish at each stop and will gain a better understanding of the importance of landscape and place in a historical context. (45 minutes)

Meet the Breeds:
Students will receive an overview of the agricultural practices, crops, and livestock utilized between 1740 and 1865 at Middleton Place, including the significant contributions of enslaved people to each of these areas. The program includes a staff and volunteer-guided tour of the animal paddocks, with discussion of the various “heritage breeds” that reside at Middleton Place today, that represent their counterparts of the 18th and 19th centuries. (45 minutes)

Meet the Artisans & Hands-On Opportunities:
Students will observe artisans in the various shops in the Stableyards, and have conversations with them centering on the skills, abilities, and ingenuity of the enslaved who performed these activities historically. The same tools and methods that were used in the 18th and 19th century continue to be employed for these demonstrations, and students will be able to recognize the skills required to do artisan tasks without modern convenience.

If you wish, students will also have the opportunity to try their hands at some artisan crafts in the Outdoor Education Center and Stableyards, led by Middleton Place staff or trained volunteers. The crafts employed will be determined by Middleton Place and are dependent upon group size, availability, and seasonal accessibility. (45 minutes)
Experience Packages

3.5 Hour Field Trip Experience:
Includes three (3) 45-minute learning segments and one (1) 45-minute lunch:
- Garden and Landscape Exploration (Teacher- and chaperone-led)
- Meet the Breeds Tour (MP Staff- or volunteer-led)
- Meet the artisans and participate in a hands-on activity

2.5 Hour Field Trip Experience:
Includes three (3) 45-minute learning segments:
- Garden and Landscape Exploration (Teacher- and chaperone-led)
- Meet the Breeds Tour (MP Staff- or volunteer-led)
- Meet the artisans and participate in a hands-on activity

1.5 Hour Field Trip Experience**:
Includes two (2) 40-minute learning segments, centered in the Stableyards:
- Meet the Breeds Tour (MP Staff- or volunteer-led)
- Meet the artisans (MP Staff- or volunteer-led)

**This shorter experience is limited to 50 visitors, or two (2) groups of 25, including students, faculty, and chaperones

Safety while at Middleton Place

Teachers and chaperones of school groups at Middleton Place are an integral part of the learning experience! We expect that they will help us prioritize the safety of students in their charge. Students are expected to stay a safe distance from all heritage breed animals, and to refrain from climbing on trees, structures, fences, and any other part of the built or natural environment at Middleton Place in the interest of their safety. We also ask that everyone leaves nature in nature, refraining from picking up sticks or stones, or plucking flowers or leaves from the plants and trees.

Additionally, we hope that teachers and chaperones will set the right example for their students by respecting all Middleton Place Foundation personnel and following instructions when given. We understand that emergencies happen, and that you may need to take a call in the middle of a visit. Please keep all mobile phones silenced or on vibrate, and step away from the group if you must take a call, in order to minimize distractions.

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Boxed Lunch Menu

Every boxed lunch includes:
1/2 sandwich, a bag of chips, whole fruit, a soda, condiments and disposable flatware

Sandwich choices:
- Chicken Salad (grapes, pecans, celery) on Sourdough
- Ham and Cheddar on Sourdough
- Turkey and Swiss on Sourdough
- Pimiento Cheese on Sourdough (Vegetarian)
- Uncrustables Peanut Butter & Jelly (2 per order)
- Chicken Salad Scoop (grapes, pecans, celery) with Crackers
- Small Chopped Salad (tomatoes, cucumbers, cheddar, boiled egg) (Vegetarian)

$14/person