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THE 1820  
COLONEL  
*Benjamin*  
*Stephenson*  
HOUSE



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**Hours**

Thursday thru Saturday

10 am—4 pm

Sunday

Noon—4 pm

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**Historical Classroom  
Trunks**

Each grade level has its own unique Historical Trunk. Teachers may check out the trunk to use in their classroom prior to their tour date. Children's books, hands-on activities and lesson guides are included.

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**Tours**

Each tour is two hours long. Classrooms are divided into 4 groups (Kindergarten-5 groups). Groups rotate through the 4/5 stations designed for their grade level. House Docents guide the lesson for each station.

Please call the Director for group prices and available dates.

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**Educational Concepts**

**The 1820  
Colonel  
Benjamin  
Stephenson  
House**

409  
S. Buchanan  
Edwardsville  
618-692-1818

**School Field  
Trips**



## Kindergarten

- \* **Stories & Songs—**  
Children participate in 1818 stories & songs
- \* **ABC Lesson—**Children explore the ABC's through the use of an early 19th century battledore
- \* **Kitchen—**Students perform chores necessary in the kitchen
- \* **House—**Children compare and contrast the Stephenson House and their house
- \* **Garden—**Spring: hoeing and spading and examining plants. Fall: identifying seeds, storage of seeds

## Second Grade

- \* **Games—** Students play period games on front lawn
- \* **Children's Bedroom—** Students try on period clothing
- \* **Garden—**Identifying herbs and their uses
- \* **Servants' Quarters—** Compare the lives of servants to the Stepsons

## Third Grade

- \* **Video—**Students will watch introductory movie
- \* **House—** Discussion of weather and symmetry as students tour parlor and master bedroom
- \* **Kitchen—** Food preservation, How does weather effect food supply?
- \* **Laundry—**Students will have hands-on experience doing the laundry

## Fourth Grade

- \* **Folk Arts & Crafts—** Samples demonstrating crafts made during 1800's
- \* **Militia—** Equipment for a soldier, marching orders and drill work
- \* **Images of Greatness—** Students focus on the lives of important men during Stephenson's time
- \* **Kitchen—** Recipes used in hearth cooking and demonstration of starting a fire

## Fifth Grade

- \* **Archeology—** How we discover the past by digging in the earth
- \* **Indentured Servitude & Slavery -** Discussion about the servants who lived at the house, slavery vs. indenture, culture of the servants
- \* **Trades & Apprenticeships—**Kinds of trades in the Illinois Territory, Are the items made functional or decorative
- \* **House—**As students tour the house they find examples of items illustrating the concepts of culture

## Seventh Grade

- \* **Video—**Students look for social customs
- \* **Fact or Fiction—**Illustrated true or false statements about the War of 1812
- \* **Kitchen & Servants Quarters \_** Way of life is discussed from the servants point of view
- \* **House—**In odd years the mourning of Col. Stephenson or Way of life from the Stephenson's point of view