INDEPENDENCE DAY AT MONTICELLO

There is no more inspirational place to celebrate the Fourth of July than Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence. Since 1963, more than 3,700 people have taken the oath of citizenship on the historic West Lawn. Monticello’s annual Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony is the oldest continuous naturalization ceremony held outside of a courtroom. Visit monticello.org/july4 for more information about Independence Day at Monticello, including an invitation to join the celebration in person or via live stream.
Jefferson’s Ideas

Opportunities & Resources

Traveling Exhibition for Schools & Libraries
Monticello and the Legacies of Slavery

Monticello and the Legacies of Slavery is an 11-panel pop-up temporary exhibition that examines slavery at Monticello and its painful legacies today. The exhibition is available to middle and high schools. Email education@monticello.org to learn more about the exhibition and related resources.

Electronic Field Trips
Can’t bring your students to Monticello? Monticello can now come to your classroom! Free virtual field trips for K-12 classrooms are now available! These 45-minute sessions connect students in real time with Monticello educators via Skype or Zoom. Two virtual field trips are available: Jefferson and Monticello and Slavery at Monticello. Visit classroom.monticello.org or email digital.learning@monticello.org for more information.

Summer Archaeology Teacher Workshops
Join Archaeology staff for a one-day workshop to engage in archaeological field excavations, process artifacts, discuss archaeological analyses, and explore classroom applications of archaeological methods and data. Participants will receive a certificate of completion, a resource packet, refreshments, and one-day access to the grounds. This program is designed for professional educators, ages 18 and older. Prior registration is required. Contact archaeology@monticello.org for dates and pricing.

Family Friendly Programs
Are there children in your family? In addition to school programs, Monticello offers exciting and enriching experiences for families too. Visit monticello.org to learn more about our summer day camp, Family Friendly Tours, the Mountaintop Activity Center and the Griffin Discovery Room.

Home Educators’ Day:
An Annual Tradition at Monticello
Enjoy special pricing and activities for home school students of all ages at this popular annual event. Advanced registration is recommended. See monticello.org/homeeducatorsday for more information.

Plan Your Field Trip to Monticello
A visit to Monticello prompts students to strengthen their skills in historical inquiry by combining hands-on learning with the power of place.

Onsite field trips for K-12 students range from 45-minute guided tours of Monticello’s first floor spaces to 2.5-hour and 4-hour guided school programs in the house, grounds, galleries, and Mulberry Row. 4-hour programs include hands-on activities in our Visitor Center educational spaces, as well as time to visit our Parks. All programs include an exploration of Jefferson as a Founding Father and Man of the Enlightenment, as well as Monticello as a plantation and the man, women, and children who were enslaved here. Explore topics relating to migration, freedom, the Declaration of Independence, daily life at Monticello, architecture, and the legacies of slavery in America today. Please visit our website to learn how to select programs that match your learning standards.

To view program descriptions and submit a program request, visit monticello.org/visit/groups-fieldtrips/school-fieldtrips or contact a group reservations specialist.

Phone: (434) 984-9570
Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM
Email: reservations@monticello.org

Group policies:
25 individuals max per group, 10 students minimum. Adults not to include in the total reservation request may be put on a public house tour, separate from the student program. At least two teachers or official school representatives must accompany each group of minors; 1 teacher ticket is complimentary with every 23 student tickets.

Reservations are required for all school group visits and are available on a first come, first served basis. A deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Please check with reservations for current pricing and availability.

Ask about our Admission Scholarships, admission waivers or visit Monticello.org/student-scholarships to learn more about our various student and teacher programs. Qualifying Virginia schools may apply for a FREE field trip to Monticello, including transportation, through our Charles Angel program.

Questions? Contact Monticello’s Education and Visitor Programs Department at education@monticello.org.