

2025-2026

# SCHOOL TOUR INFORMATION GUIDE

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# GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS

**All Guided School Tours are from 10am-12pm, Monday-Friday\***

*\*If a school tour is booked on a Monday, please note that the museum is not open to the general public. Atlanta History Center will provide schools full access to the designated tour areas. However, additional spaces, exhibitions, historic homes, gardens, and the museum shop will be closed. The outdoor picnic areas are still available for groups that choose to have lunch onsite.*



## **We Are Still Here**

***Accommodates 100 students***

Explore the history and culture of the Cherokee in this facilitator-led tour, including the Cherokee syllabary, the Trail of Tears, oral history, and an artifact exploration.

## **Georgia Farm Life**

***Accommodates 200 students***

Experience demonstrations of life on at North Georgia farm during the 1850's and learn about the people who lived and worked on the farm during this facilitator-led tour.

## **The Price of Freedom**

***Accommodates 125 students***

Explore different aspects of the Civil War in this facilitator-led tour, including discussions focused on artifacts, primary sources, the lives of enslaved people, and Atlanta's railroads.



## **Fight for Your Rights**

***Accommodates 125 students***

Atlanta is often called the cradle of the modern Civil Rights Movement. Step into that time period in this facilitator-led tour that takes students through a variety of interactive experiences, helping them understand the methods, risks, and outcomes of the Civil Rights Movement.

## **Going for Gold: Atlanta and the 1996 Olympics**

***Accommodates 80 students***

Learn about the organization it took to bring the Olympics to Atlanta in 1996, the hopes the community had for the games, and the variety of outcomes for the city in this facilitator-led tour.

Request Onsite  
School Tour

*\*Tours must be requested at  
least three weeks in advance*

- **Price: \$11.50 per student**
- **Student-Chaperone Ratio: 1 FREE required chaperone for every 10 students**
- **Additional Chaperones: \$11.50 per person**
- **Title I students receive free guided tours for the 2025-2026 school year, dependent upon availability of grant funding. Some chaperone restrictions apply.**

For questions or concerns, please email [schooltours@atlantahistorycenter.com](mailto:schooltours@atlantahistorycenter.com)

# SELF-GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS



For groups of 10 or more, self-guided tours allow groups the opportunity to spend as little or as much time as they like on our 33-acre campus. The all-inclusive ticket includes access to the Atlanta History Museum, the 1850s-era Smith Family Farm property, the 1928 Swan House mansion, and 22 acres of gardens.

Teachers interested in a self-guided tour may request a free teacher planning visit when registering for a tour. Educators are encouraged to create their own lesson plan prior to their field trip. This offer only applies to teachers scheduling self-guided tours.

## Maximum Group Size

Bookings before 12pm— 100 students

Bookings after 12pm— no group size limit, but must meet chaperone requirement.\*

*\*Self-guided tours require 1 chaperone for every 5 students. There will be an \$18 fee for each insufficient chaperone.*

- **Price: \$10.50 per student**
- **Student-Chaperone Ratio: 1 FREE chaperone for every 5 students**
- **Additional Chaperones: \$10.50 per person**

[Request Self-Guided  
School Tour](#)

*\*Tours must be requested at  
least three weeks in advance*

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How do I request a school tour?

School groups must submit a reservation request using the online forms (links below).

[Guided School Tour Request Form](#)

[Self-Guided School Tour Request Form](#)

## What is the minimum group size?

A minimum of 10 students is required for the school discount.

## When is our payment due?

A **non-refundable** \$50 deposit is due within 14 days of receiving confirmation for non-Title I schools. The remaining balance must be paid 3 weeks prior to the date of your visit.

## What if I need to cancel or reschedule my tour?

All cancellations forfeit the \$50 deposit. To reschedule your tour, you must notify the Atlanta History Center at least 3 days in advance of your tour date. Your payment can be applied towards your new date. There is a \$25 administrative fee to reschedule your tour.

## Where can our school eat lunch?

Outdoor picnic areas are available on a first come, first served basis. [Indoor lunch facilities are not available.](#) In the case of inclement weather, lunches can either be eaten on the bus or back at school. [School box lunches must be left on the bus until lunch time.](#) NOTE: Outside food deliveries or catering are not permitted.

## Where can our buses park?

There is designated bus parking located between the parking deck and roundabout.

**Guided School Tours Only:** A staff member will be available for assistance when your school arrives.

## Can we explore the museum after the tour?

Yes, admission to Atlanta History Center gives you access to all 33-acres of campus. This includes the exhibits, Cyclorama, the 1850s-era Smith Farm property, the 1928 Swan House mansion, and 22 acres of gardens. Due to size limitations, please remain in small groups when going through the Historic Houses. If you would like to tour the museum after your guided school tour, please inform our staff and we will provide you with wristbands. **The museum and grounds are closed on Mondays.**

## How long is the tour?

Guided school tours last approximately 2 hours and are scheduled to start at 10am.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What tour would be appropriate for our grade level?

| Tour Name                                     | Target Grade(s)                                                                                         | Standards Addressed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Georgia Farm Life                             | This tour aligns with Social Studies standards for Kindergarten–2nd grade, as well as 8th grade.        | <p><a href="#">SSKH3</a><br/>Words and phrases related to chronology &amp; time</p> <p><a href="#">SS1H1b</a><br/>Describe everyday life of historical figures</p> <p><a href="#">SS2G2</a><br/>Cultural and geographic systems during different time periods</p> <p><a href="#">SS8H4</a><br/>Westward expansion in Georgia</p>                                                                                                 |
| We Are Still Here                             | This tour aligns with Social Studies standards for both 2nd and 3rd grade.                              | <p><a href="#">SS2H1b</a><br/>Sequoyah</p> <p><a href="#">SS2H2a</a><br/>Georgia Creek &amp; Cherokee cultures</p> <p><a href="#">SS2G2bd</a><br/>Cherokee adaptations to environment; how Cherokee used their local resources</p> <p><a href="#">SS3H1</a><br/>American Indian cultures and their development in North America</p>                                                                                              |
| The Price of Freedom                          | This tour aligns with Social Studies standards for 4th and 8th grade, as well as high school US History | <p><a href="#">SS4H5bce</a><br/>Issues prior to Civil War, major battles, effects of war</p> <p><a href="#">SS8H5</a><br/>Impact of the Civil War on Georgia</p> <p><a href="#">SSUSH9</a><br/>Events, issues and individuals of the Civil War</p>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fight For Your Rights                         | This tour aligns with Social Studies standards for 5th and 8th grade, as well as high school US History | <p><a href="#">SS5H6ab</a><br/>Jim Crow laws, key events and people of the Civil Rights Movement</p> <p><a href="#">SS8H11bc</a><br/>Role of individuals, groups, events in the Civil Rights Movement; resistance to Civil Rights Act and the role of Lester Maddox</p> <p><a href="#">SSUSH21d</a><br/>Growth, influence and tactics of civil rights groups and individuals</p>                                                 |
| Going for Gold: Atlanta and the 1996 Olympics | Primary Audience Level: 8th Grade<br>Secondary Audience: 5th Grade                                      | <p><a href="#">SS8H12</a><br/>Explain the importance of developments in Georgia since the late 20th century</p> <p><a href="#">SS8H12.a</a><br/>Explain how the continued development of Atlanta under mayors Maynard Jackson and Andrew Young impacted the state</p> <p><a href="#">SS8H12.c</a><br/>Evaluate the short-term and long-term impacts of hosting the 1996 Olympics on Georgia's economic and population growth</p> |

# SCHOOL VISIT GUIDELINES

## Chaperones

- Chaperones are essential to the success of any school tour.
- Guided tours require one adult per 10 students. Groups are welcome to bring additional chaperones at a discounted rate of \$11.50 per ticket
- Self-Guided tours require one adult per 5 students. Groups are welcome to bring additional chaperones at a discounted rate of \$10.50 per ticket
- Teachers/Chaperones must stay with their group at all times. They are responsible for the safety and behavior of their group.
- Other Education and Guest Experience staff may assist tour facilitators if needed.
- Please make sure that all cell phones are silenced during your tour.

## Museum Rules

- Students must stay with their group at all times. An adult must accompany any and all students if they leave for any reason.
- Please keep your hands to yourself. Help us preserve museum artifacts for future generations!
- No gum, food, or drinks are allowed in the museum. These guidelines apply to outdoor tours, as well as indoor tours.

## Lunch

- Indoor lunch facilities are not available.
- Outdoor picnic areas are available on a first come, first serve basis. In the case of inclement weather, lunches can either be eaten on the bus or back at school.
- School box lunches must be left on the bus until lunch time.
- Outside food deliveries or catering are not permitted.

## Inclement Weather

- Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately, according to the daily weather report.
- In the event of severe weather, outdoor activities will be cancelled and not be accommodated indoors.
- If schools are closed due to weather your tour will be rescheduled.

## Medical Needs

- If any student requires medication, please bring the necessary items with you.
- Basic first aid kits are available throughout Atlanta History Center.

## Accessibility

- The Atlanta History Museum and McElreath Hall are accessible to people with disabilities.
- Paved paths and ramps allow access to most of the site. Some historic sites used during school tours are not wheelchair accessible.
- For more information on accessibility, call 404.814.4000.

## Museum Shop

- Museum Shop only accepts credit cards for purchase.
- The gift shop is located near the entrance to the museum, with items selling for \$1 and up.
- We do ask that an adult accompany 5 students at a time on their visit to the shop.

# SAFETY GUIDELINES

## Know Before You Go

Any person entering the premises waives all civil liability against this premises owner and operator for any injuries caused by the inherent risk associated with contracting COVID-19 at public gatherings, except for gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm, by the individual or entity of the premises.

## RULES OF CIVILITY

By visiting Atlanta History Center, you agree to refrain from the following:

- Any distracting or unsafe behavior that interferes with other visitors, staff, or volunteers.
- Any historical costumes and/or period attire (unless approved by AHC in advance).
- Any violation of museum procedures or policies, including staff requests.
- Any acts or conduct in violation of federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, or regulation.

Atlanta History Center does not allow threatening, insulting or harassing behavior, or abusive language. This includes behavior and/or speech based on, but not limited to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, age, citizenship status, ethnicity, veteran status, gender expression, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

By visiting AHC and/or an AHC event, you accept our Rules of Civility. You are further acknowledging that AHC reserves the right to deny or revoke access to any person who AHC believes is violating our Rules of Civility. Noncompliance may result in your being required to leave and being denied access to AHC in the future.