



Education Programs 2023-2024

Self-Led (or Teacher-Led)

NEW Pioneers of Fort Bend County (Exhibit Gallery #1)

Find out who called this area home before the European settlers and the pioneers who formed Fort Bend County. Students will travel back in time to meet local leaders who paved the way for change in our county. Activities: interactive search-and-find through our gallery exhibit. (Grades 3-8)

Younger students will listen to a read-aloud and find out who called Fort Bend home before the early European settlers and why they chose Fort Bend. They will also have the chance to dress in early settlers' clothing and participate in a hands-on exploration of artifacts. (Grades 1-2)

NEW Natural Texas

Explore the breathtaking grounds of the museum to gain an understanding of the natural resources Texas provides. Learn how these resources were used to meet basic needs and the effect they had on economic growth. Activities: Reading/following a map, early surveying, bee conservation. (Grades 2-8)

NEW The Art of Proper Etiquette

During the Victorian and Edwardian periods, some children were trained to behave like adults. Prepare to learn social etiquette skills, train in art, and learn about precious family heirlooms. Activities: Cottage tour, Would You Rather...1800's edition, self-portrait sketch. (Grades 3-5)

Victorian Games

Through friendly competition, students will experience how children played and passed the time in the 1800s. Victorian games included physical exercise, cooperation, and imagination to play and create. Activities: graces, stilts, ball-and-cup, hoops, and more. (All ages)



NEW The American Dream (Exhibit Gallery #2)

Uncover what makes Fort Bend one of the most diverse counties in the United States and why people migrated to this part of Texas. Investigate how the invention of the railroad influenced their decision and the impact migration and immigration had on the development of Fort Bend County. Activities: Map their journey, The Price is Right-1800's version, Can you name that item? (Grades 3-8)

NEW Ordinary Heroes

Students will be immersed in the role of a Red Cross volunteer during WWII and practice daily tasks that support their community. They will learn about ordinary people who did extraordinary things. Activities: packing a First Aid kit, Morse Code, disaster relief bag. (Grades 3-6)

NEW Shapes are Everywhere

Search the museum grounds on this self-guided shape finding adventure! Shapes make-up everything around us and help with the development and design of art-worthy architecture. There will be an array of materials in various sizes and shapes for students to create with while working on their social skills. (Grades K-1)

Guided

*Our Clothes are made of What?!

Follow the transformation of various plants and furs to textiles and the progression of tools that aided the process. A deep dive into understanding how difficult textile work was prior to modern inventions. Activities: Carding and ginning various plants/furs, textile timeline sort. (Grades 3-8)

*One-Room School House

Learn about the progression of education in Fort Bend County and experience a school day as a student in the mid-1800's. Compare a one-room schoolhouse to the modern conveniences in classrooms today. Activities: writing on slate, 1800's school activities. (Grades 2-7)

*All in a Day's Work

A glimpse into daily responsibilities for farm upkeep and how people in various socio-economic situations used every aspect of what they had to make what they needed. Children played an important role in this, but also managed to fit in some



play time. Activities: washing clothes, setting a table, real life “Game of Life”. (Grades 2-5)

*Trash Tales

Digging into our trash at home might sound disgusting, but to Archeologists, it’s where history is discovered! Through archeology, we can better understand past civilizations, learn its impact on history, and the importance of following the excavation process. Activities: artifact puzzle with hieroglyphic code, box excavation. (Grades 2-7)

NEW Soul Songs and Entertainment

A look at entertainment in the 1800’s, specifically music and theater, and how different cultures incorporated entertainment into their daily lives. Activities: theater games, music samples, thaumatrope craft. (Grades 2-8)

NEW Bravery Beyond the Brazos

Delve into the conflict that started the Texas Revolution, review how our government works, and explore the leadership qualities of our county’s early political representatives. Activities: walking tour around historic downtown Richmond. (Grades 4-8)

Cemetery Tour (requires 2 rotations)

Morton Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Texas, and is the resting place for Mirabeau B. Lamar, Jane Long, and other famous Texans. Students will learn how to discover interesting facts about the past and decipher gravestone symbols. This program is longer than the others and there is travel involved. Activities: grave rubbings. (Grades 3-8)

*Indicates program has been refocused.