

School Programs

'History comes alive!' – at the largest original African-American historical site in the United States – The Banneker Historical Park and Museum. It was here that Benjamin Banneker became one of the nations first great renaissance men, with his work as a:

- ☀️ Mathematician
- ☀️ Astronomer
- ☀️ Clockmaker
- ☀️ Almanac Writer
- ☀️ Abolitionist
- ☀️ Tobacco Farmer
- ☀️ Musician
- ☀️ Surveyor of Washington, D.C.

Join us for unique adventure in history and nature

The 142 acre Park and Museum offers rare educational insights into Colonial life, African-American History and environmental study.

Schedule a tour for your student to learn about:

- ☀️ Benjamin Banneker's extraordinary life and accomplishments
- ☀️ African-American history in Maryland
- ☀️ Settlement and development of the Patapsco River Valley
- ☀️ Life in the 18th Century with a visit to a replica Colonial Log Cabin
- ☀️ Nature and Environmental Study

Films • Storytellers • Gift Shop

Book early for the best time slots and accommodations



*Ample Parking for cars and/or buses
Indoor or Outdoor Lunch Accommodations*

Museum Hours:
Tuesday through Saturday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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not so far away...*



*Experience hands-on
history close to home.*

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History Workshops

All workshops are aligned with the Maryland Department of Education's Common Core Curriculum. These sessions will take one and a half to two hours.

Life in Colonial Maryland

Grade Levels 4 - 8

During this two-hour program experience, students will become history detectives as they probe artifacts, the Banneker gallery, a colonial cabin and statements of a re-enactor to uncover Maryland's colonial past. After exploring these primary and secondary sources centered on the life of Banneker, students will be asked to synthesize findings and reflect on their learning experience. As a take-away, students will record their findings in a History Detective Booklet, which will allow for further classroom discussions and serve as a guide for citing various historical data.



Exploring Childhood Adventures in Colonial America

Grade Level 3

Children in the colonial era played to learn. Students in this session will experience, through activities, the life-ways of colonial youth and the cross-cultural exchange of ideas in this era. In addition, they will gain an understanding of societal norms and expectations. For historical context, they will learn about the life and times of Benjamin Banneker.



Defining Democracy in the New Republic: Banneker and His Contemporaries

Grade Levels 5 - 9

Following a documentary and a tour of the Banneker Gallery and farmstead, students will be engaged in a captivating workshop. Using early American primary sources, they will explore protest literature – namely Benjamin Banneker's letter to Thomas Jefferson as well as other African American writings in the 1700s. These writings will be studied in view of the founding principles of American government and responsible citizenship.

Science and Math Workshops coming soon...

Exhibit Tours

These half-hour to an hour tour experiences may be combined with other program choices or utilized exclusively.

Benjamin Banneker Gallery

Grade Levels 3 - 12

Students will explore the gallery to learn more about Benjamin Banneker after viewing a brief orientation DVD or a documentary about Banneker. Several original artifacts and documents belonging to the Bannekers are displayed in this room. Afterward, students will tour a furnished colonial cabin. *A storyteller is often included in this experience. Storytellers involve an additional fee and are optional.*



Nature Tour

Grade Levels Pre-School, 1 - 3 and Special Needs

Students will enjoy this fascinating hands-on animal adventure. The program includes stories and facts about some of our native mammal and reptile neighbors that inhabit the Piedmont region. This session also includes an up close look at the animals in an exhibit case as well as the park's turtle habitat. The park's naturalist, during her turtle presentation, will invite students to examine and touch the animals. Before the close of the program, students will participate in a Nature Scavenger Hunt. Each student's learning experience will be enhanced as they are challenged to use multiple senses to uncover animal facts.



Discovery Tour

Grade Levels 4 - 8

Under the direction of a gallery assistant, students will independently explore the Banneker Gallery while using an activity sheet. This guide will acquaint them with Banneker's 1791 prediction of a solar eclipse, his farm and other fascinating facets of his life.

Natural History Exhibit

Grade Level Elementary

While viewing one of Maryland's richest resources, students will have a close encounter with some of our native mammal and reptile neighbors that inhabit the Piedmont region. Each student's learning experience will be enhanced as they are challenged to use multiple senses to uncover animal facts. This exhibit, at the teacher's request, is often combined with the General Tour.

Storytellers

Available on a limited basis. With advance notice, experienced re-enactors, in period costumes, are available to bring the remarkable stories of the Banneker family as well as his contemporaries to life.



Fees and Accommodations

\$3.00 per student

No charge for teachers and chaperones at a ratio of one teacher/chaperone per 15 students, additional teachers/chaperones will pay the student rate.

Please let us know in advance about special needs so we can make accommodations. To book or for detailed information please contact Willa Banks, Educational Programs Administrator (Tuesday thru Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at 410-887-1081.