



Coastal Heritage Society

Educational Field Trip Guide



Top Left: Battlefield Memorial Park
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We invite you and your students to visit our sites and participate in Coastal Heritage Society's field trip programs! We operate five National Historic Landmark sites in Savannah, GA: Battlefield Memorial Park, Old Fort Jackson, Georgia State Railroad Museum, Savannah History Museum and Pin Point Heritage Museum.

Battlefield Memorial Park commemorates the site where 800 soldiers were either killed or wounded on October 9th, 1779 in one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolution. More than 8,000 troops, from what are now eight modern countries, clashed for control of the city of Savannah. The combined French and American force failed to extract it from British control.

Old Fort Jackson, named after Revolutionary War hero James Jackson, was built to defend the port of Savannah from attack via the river. In 1777 & 1778, there was an earthen artillery battery located on the site. During the administration of President Thomas Jefferson, the United States began building a series of coastal fortifications, including Fort Jackson, to provide for the defense of major rivers and harbors along the east coast.

Georgia State Railroad Museum is the site of the former Central of Georgia Railroad Savannah Repair Shops, and a vibrant part of Savannah's industrial heritage. Construction began on the site in 1851 and the majority of buildings were completed by 1855. The Civil War brought damage and destruction to the Central of Georgia Railroad, but soon after the war the Central was back in full operation. It was reorganized in 1895 and renamed Central of Georgia Railway. The Central used this site until 1963.

Savannah History Museum is housed in the old Central of Georgia Railway passenger shed, a National Historic Landmark built in the 1860s and 1870s. Coastal Heritage Society took over operation of Savannah History Museum in 1990. The museum is home to more than 10,000 artifacts-- the largest collection of artifacts in the entire coastal community.

Pin Point Heritage Museum is located just off the Diamond Causeway, in the recently restored A.S. Varn & Son Oyster and Crab Factory on the Moon River. The Museum is more than just the story of the Oyster Factory. It is the story of the Pin Point Community founded in 1890 by freed slaves, many from Ossabaw Island. Pin Point Heritage Museum, with its more than 3,000 square feet of exhibition space, artifacts and interactive displays, helps to tell the story of the history, traditions, language, spiritual life and culture of the community.

All of our programs are based on the Georgia Performance Standards that are included in this information guide, and are age- and grade-specific. Each offers an engaging, interactive and fun educational experience for visitors of all ages. If you have any special needs, please speak with one of us. With sufficient notice, we can tailor our programs to meet the needs of your group. We hope to see you soon!

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Student Programs



The American Revolution in Savannah Program

Students participate in a multi-site visit that begins at Fort Jackson and ends at the site of the Battle of Savannah. They are introduced to the causes of the American Revolution and its impact on Georgia, learn about Great Britain's southern strategy resulting in the capture of Savannah in 1778 and the Battle of Savannah in 1779 and experience the military tactics and weapons employed during the battle.

Through hands-on interactive experiences, students will learn about:

- The causes of the American Revolution and its impact on Georgia
- The role of patriots and loyalists in Savannah during the Revolutionary Era
- Great Britain's southern strategy that resulted in the capture of Savannah in 1778, the Siege of Savannah in 1779 and Savannah remaining under British control until after the Battle of Yorktown in 1781
- The involvement of French regular army troops for the first time on American soil and the largest involvement of black soldiers (the Chasseurs Volontaires de Saint Domingue, now Haiti) to fight in the American Revolution
- Weapons and military tactics used during the Revolution
- How a musket is fired and observe the actual firing of the musket

Interactive, Hands-On Activities Include:

- Musket Firing Demonstration on Battlefield Memorial Park
- Cannon Firing Demonstration at Old Fort Jackson

Cost: \$16.00 per person
Group Minimum: 25 people
Length of Program: 2 hours
Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th



Siege of Savannah Program: Battlefield Memorial Park

During this one hour program, students learn about the 1779 Battle of Savannah, where soldiers from what are now eight modern countries participated, and the impact of the battle on Great Britain's southern strategy. They experience the military tactics and weapons employed during the battle.

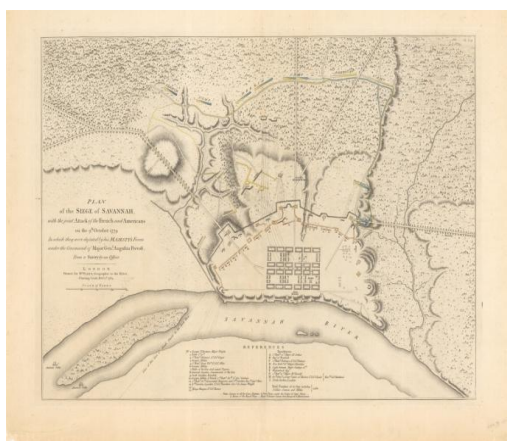
Through hands-on interactive experiences, students will learn about:

- The first involvement of French army troops on American soil during the American Revolution
- The largest involvement of black soldiers (the Chasseurs Volontaires de Saint Domingue, now Haiti) to fight in the American Revolution
- The role of patriots and loyalists in Savannah during the Revolutionary Era
- The impact of the battle on Great Britain's southern strategy that ultimately led to the Battle of Yorktown
- Weapons and military tactics used in the battle
- How a musket is fired and observe the actual firing of the musket

Interactive, Hands-On Activities Include:

- Musket Firing Demonstration

Cost: \$8.00 per person
Group Minimum: 25 people
Length of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th



American Revolution in Savannah and Siege of Savannah programs

help fulfill the following Georgia Performance Standards:

SS4H4

The student will explain the causes, effects and results of the American Revolution. The student will be able to trace some of the events that shaped the American Revolution and describe some of the major events of the Revolution.

SS8H3

The student will analyze the role of Georgia in the American Revolution. The student will be able to explain some of the immediate and long term causes of the American Revolution and their impact on Georgia. He or she will be able to analyze some of the significant people and events in Georgia in the Revolutionary War.

SSUSH4

The students will identify some of the ideological, military and diplomatic aspects of the American Revolution. The students will explore the significance of the French Alliance.

MAP SKILLS

Use maps to explain impact of geography on historical events.

Use maps to draw conclusions and make generalizations.

INFORMATION PROCESSING SKILLS

Identify main ideas, detail, sequence of events and cause and effect in a social studies context.



Student Militia Program (Civil War)

During this one hour program, students will be “inducted” into the Georgia Militia and be instructed in what a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson during the Civil War would have to know. They learn why this fort was constructed and the impact of Sherman’s March to the Sea. A cannon firing closes the visit.

Through hands-on interactive experiences, students will discover:

- The role of Fort Jackson as the headquarters for the River Defense of Savannah
- What life was like for the soldiers stationed at Fort Jackson
- Importance of communication in command and control of the armies
- How soldiers were supplied during the war and the importance of the railroads
- Important historical figures linked to Fort Jackson
- Effects of Sherman’s March to the Sea
- Use of heavy artillery and how a cannon was fired

Interactive, Hands-On Activities May Include:

- Drill and “induction” into the Georgia Militia by a uniformed soldier
- Battlefield communications
- Sick Call
- Equipping a soldier
- Artillery
- Cannon Firing Demonstration

Cost: \$8.00 per person
Group Minimum: 25 people
Length of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th



The Student Militia program (Civil War)
helps fulfill the following Georgia Performance Standards:

SS5H1

- C. Identify major battles and campaigns: Sherman's March to the Sea.
- D. Describe the roles of Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, William T. Sherman and Jefferson Davis.

SS5E3

- A. Explain how competition, markets and prices influence people's behavior.

SS8H6

- A. Explain the importance of key issues and events that led to the Civil War: election of 1860 and the debate over secession in Georgia.
- B. State the importance of key events of the Civil War including the Union blockade to Georgia's coast and Sherman's March to the Sea.

SS8E1

The student will give examples of the kinds of goods and services produced in Georgia in different historical periods.

SSUSH9

- A. Describe roles of Robert E. Lee, William T. Sherman and Jefferson Davis.
- F. Explain the importance of the growing economic disparity between the North and South through an examination of population, functioning railroads and industrial output.

MAP SKILLS

Use maps to explain impact of geography on historical and current events.

INFORMATION PROCESSING SKILLS

Identify main idea, detail, sequence of events and cause and effect in a social studies context.



Student Militia Program (Revolutionary War)

During this one hour program, students will learn about the Revolutionary War in Savannah and become part of Thomas Lee's Company which was garrisoned at Five Fathom Hole (location of Fort Jackson) as they prepare to defend Savannah. They will learn about the strategic importance of Five Fathom Hole and be instructed in what a soldier in Lee's Company would have to know. A cannon firing closes the visit.

Participants will learn about:

- The Sons of Liberty and the early years of the Revolutionary War in Savannah
- The Battle of the Rice Boats and the building of the "Mud Fort," the first fort built on this site
- What life was like for the soldiers who were members of Thomas Lee's Company stationed at the "Mud Fort"
- The importance of drilling and the skills needed as infantry soldiers
- Use of artillery, roles of the members of a cannon crew and how a cannon was fired

Through hands-on interactive experiences, students will discover:

- What life was like for the soldiers stationed at the "Mud Fort"
- Importance of music in command and control of the armies
- How soldiers were drilled using the Drill Manual of 1764
- Use of heavy artillery and how a cannon was fired



Cost: \$8.00 per person
Group Minimum: 25 people
Length of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th

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helps fulfill the following Georgia Performance Standards:

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Use maps to draw conclusions and make generalizations.

INFORMATION PROCESSING SKILLS

Identify main ideas, detail, sequence of events and cause and effect in a social studies context.



Student Program

During this one hour program, students will learn about one of the first railroads chartered in the State of Georgia, its impact on the history of Savannah and the state of Georgia, the function of the important repair facilities at Savannah and how a railroad operated.

Through hands-on interactive experiences, students will discover:

- The importance of railroads to the development of agriculture and industry in the United States and the State of Georgia
- How steam power and industrialization changed American life
- Contributions of railroads to the development of American society
- Reasons for the establishment of the Central of Georgia and its impact on the State of Georgia and the City of Savannah
- How railroads operated
- The impact of roads, trucks and airlines on railroads

Interactive, Hands-On Activities May Include:

- Communication Signal Lantern Game
- Hand Car Ride
- Tour of Executive Office Cars and/or other Railcars
- Steam Power Demonstration
- Belt-Driven Machinery Demonstration
- STEM Activity: Bernoulli's Principle

Cost: \$8.00 per person

Group Minimum: 25 people

Length of Program: 60 minutes

Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th

Add a train ride! Check for availability and pricing.



Georgia State Railroad Museum Student Program
helps fulfill the following Georgia Performance Standards:

SS4H6

B. Describe the impact of the steam locomotive and the telegraph on life in America.

SS4E1

F. Give examples of technological advances and their impact on business productivity during the development of the United States.

SS8H5

C. Explain how technological developments, including the railroads, had an impact on Georgia's growth.

SS8E1

The student will give examples of kinds of goods and services produced in Georgia in different historical periods.

SS8E2

A. Describe how Georgians have engaged in trade in different historical time periods.

SS8E3

B. Explain how entrepreneurs take risks to develop new goods and services to start a business.

SSUSH11

C. Explain the impact of the railroads on other industries and on the organization of big business.

MAP SKILLS

Use map key/legend to acquire information from historical, physical, political, resource, product and economic maps.

Draw conclusions and make generalizations based on information from maps.

INFORMATION PROCESSING SKILLS

Identify main idea, detail, sequence of events and cause and effect in a social studies context.

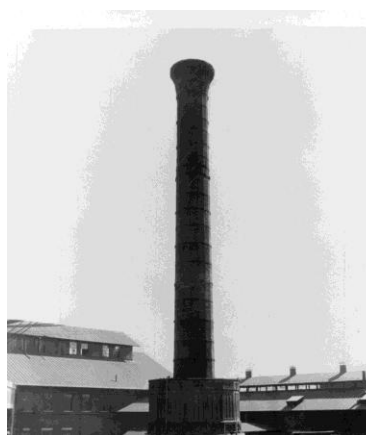


***NEW!* Student STEM Program**

During this one hour program Students (**Kindergarten-Eighth Grade**), will explore the railroad as they never have before! GSRM offers a hands-on STEM experience unlike any other in the Savannah area. Our interpreters will engage students in the unique science and technology involved in the daily operations of the Central of Georgia Railroad. Students will learn age appropriate STEM concepts, while emphasizing a very basic history of the railroad, new vocabulary, and be fully engaged in a tactile learning experience.

This program always includes the following age-appropriate STEM experiences around our site. Students will learn and explore:

- The ingenuity behind the smokestack and boiler room: *Bernoulli's Principle*
- How *simple machines* played an important part in daily railroad operations
- The unique wood block floor in the roundhouse: *Tessellation*



Cost: \$8.00 per person
Group Minimum: 25
Group Maximum: 150
Length of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Level: K-8th grade
Add a train ride! Check for availability and pricing.

Georgia State Railroad Museum STEM Program

helps fulfill the following Common Core Georgia Performance Standards:

Standards for Mathematical Practice

- 1) Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- 2) Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- 3) Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- 4) Model with mathematics.
- 5) Use appropriate tools strategically.
- 6) Attend to precision.
- 7) Look for and make use of structure.
- 8) Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Benchmarks for Science Literacy Concepts

- 1) The Structure of Matter
- 2) Energy Transformations
- 3) Motion



Student Program (Guided Tour)

Students will learn about the history of Savannah beginning with the Native Americans living in the area, Savannah's role in the American Revolution, the importance of the technological development of the cotton gin and railroads and, finally, the impact of the Civil War on Savannah. This program is fully customizable based on the needs of the group.

Structured programs in the museum will help students fulfill the following Georgia Performance Standards:

- Learn about the early Native American culture that developed in the region around Savannah and the impact of European settlement on that culture
- Learn about Savannah's role in the events of the American Revolution in Georgia
- Learn about the impact of technology (i.e. cotton gin and railroads) on the development of Savannah and Georgia
- Learn about the impact of the Civil War on Savannah (including Union Blockade of Georgia's coast, defending Savannah, Sherman's March to the Sea)

Cost: \$8.00 per person
Group Maximum: 25 people
Length of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th

Self-Guided Tour

Self-Guided Tour group rates are available for groups of ten or greater.

The Self-Guided Tour includes:

- Showing of our 18-minute introductory film, "Savannah the Survivor", which runs every 30 minutes.
- Admission to Savannah History Museum, which showcases the city's history from its founding in 1733 to the present day

Cost: \$4.00 per person
Group Minimum: 10 people
Average Museum Stay: 60 minutes



Student Program

The Pin Point school program combines elements of history and science as it looks at one of the few remaining African American communities on the coast of Georgia – its history, intimate relationship with the natural environment, and the challenges to retain the values and traditions of the community.

Through hands-on interactive experiences, students will learn about:

- The journey from Africa to Pin Point, the struggle to own land after Emancipation and the Gullah-Geechee Culture that developed.
- The founding of the community of Pin Point, what it is like to grow up in this community and what the future holds
- The importance of the surrounding marshes and rivers to the livelihood of the community
- The life cycle of the blue crab and oyster, how they were harvested and who participated in this activity
- How the blue crab and oysters were processed and the people who worked in the factory

The Museum offers two different School Group Programs:

1. An hour and a half program begins with the viewing of the award winning documentary *Take Me to the Water*, then a tour of the factory buildings, an introduction to the community and the people that worked there as well as what it was like to grow up in Pin Point.

Cost: \$10.00 per person
Maximum Size of Group: 50 people
Length of Program: 1.5 hrs,
Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th

2. A two hour program begins with the viewing of the award winning documentary *Take Me to the Water*, followed by a tour of the factory site and a walking tour of the community of Pin Point.

Cost: \$16.00 per person
Maximum Size of Group: 50 people
Length of Program: 2 hours
Grade Levels: 3rd – 12th

Young Student Programs





Young Student Militia Program

This program is designed for young students (**Preschool – Second Grade**) and introduces them to the role of Fort Jackson in the River Defense of Savannah. Students explore the fort, march as the militia and engage in multiple learning activities.

This program includes:

- Learning to march and obey orders as the soldiers did
- A tour of our site that includes seeing the soldiers' quarters, cannons, the river and the Fort's relationship to the City of Savannah
- Learning stations that may include military communication through music and semaphore, writing with berry ink, foods the soldiers ate and building a fort
- Story Time
- Learning how a cannon is fired and observing the actual firing of the cannon

Interactive, Hands-On Activities Include:

- Drill and "induction" into the Georgia Militia by a uniformed soldier
- Story Time
- Cannon Firing Demonstration



Cost: \$8.00 per person
Group Minimum: 12 people
Length of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: Preschool – 2nd

The Young Student Militia program

helps fulfill the following Georgia Performance Standards (K-2nd grade):

SSKH3a

The student will correctly use words and phrases related to chronology and time to explain how things change (now, long ago, before, after).

SSKCG2

The student will retell stories that illustrate positive character traits and will explain how the people in the stories show the qualities of honesty, patriotism, loyalty, courtesy, respect, truth, pride, self-control, moderation and accomplishment.

SKP2

Students will investigate different types of motion.

MKG2

Students will understand basic spatial relationships.

SS1G3

The student will locate major topographical features of the earth's surface.

M1P4

Students will make connections among mathematical ideas and to other disciplines.

SS2G1

The student will locate major topographical features of Georgia and will describe how these features define Georgia's surface.

SS2E1

The student will explain that, because of scarcity, people must make choices and incur opportunity costs.

M2P3

Students will communicate mathematically.

The Young Student Militia program

helps fulfill the following Georgia Early Learning and Pre-K Standards:

P3G

The child will begin to develop gross motor skills.

P3F

The child will begin to develop fine motor skills.

S3SE

The child will begin to engage in self-expression.

A3L

The child will begin to acquire learning approaches that support development and school success.

L3FR

The child will begin to develop the foundations for reading.

C3M

The child will begin to develop the foundations for mathematical reasoning and logical thinking.

LD1d, ELAKR6a

Listens to stories read aloud and shows understanding.

Pre-K LD 3, ELAKLSV1g

Children will develop an understanding of new vocabulary introduced in conversations, activities, stories and books. Increases vocabulary to reflect a growing range of interests and knowledge.

Pre-K MD 1, MKN1a, SKCS2a

Children will begin to develop an understanding of numbers.

Pre-K SS 3, SSKH2, SSKG2, SSKG3

Children will express beginning geographic thinking. Develops awareness of the community, city and state in which he/she lives.

Pre-K SE 2

Children will develop curiosity, initiative, self-direction and persistence.



Young Student Program

Georgia State Railroad Museum offers a hands-on experience unlike any other in the Savannah area for young students (**Preschool – Second Grade**). Our interpreters will teach young students about trains, machinery and railroad culture in an age-appropriate way, emphasizing a very basic history timeline, new vocabulary, and an engaging, tactile experience for all students.

This program always includes an age-appropriate tour of our site. Students will see:

- Real locomotives and rail cars in a real roundhouse
- Our repair shops, including the blacksmith shop, the smokestack, the tender frame shop, the workers' garden, the boiler room & the ruins of the machine shop

GSRM strives to tailor our programming to fit both the needs of the students and those of our museum. Depending on the size of our group, weather, daily museum operations at the time of the student program, and your activity preferences, **GSRM Young Student Programs may also include the following:**

- Railroad Communications Signal Game
- Handcar Ride
- Story Time
- Steam Power Demonstration
- Belt-Driven Machinery Demonstration
- Turntable Ride
- Coloring and Crafts
- Free Play on the No. 9 play train
- Workers' garden activities
- Walk-through of Executive Rail Car *Columbus*
- Walk-through of Boxcars & Caboose

Cost: \$8.00 per person

Group Minimum: 12 people

Length of Program: 60 minutes

Grade Levels: Preschool – 2nd grade

Add a train ride! Check for availability and pricing.

The Young Student Program at Georgia State Railroad Museum
helps fulfill the following Georgia Early Learning Standards (K-2nd grade):

P3G

The child will begin to develop gross motor skills.

P3F

The child will begin to develop fine motor skills.

S3SE

The child will begin to engage in self-expression.

A3L

The child will begin to acquire learning approaches that support development and school success.

L3FR

The child will begin to develop the foundations for reading.

L3FW

The child will begin to develop the foundations for writing.

C3M

The child will begin to develop the foundations for mathematical reasoning and logical thinking.

C3S

The child will begin to demonstrate early scientific inquiry skills.

C3SS

The child will begin to develop the foundations for social studies.

The Young Student Program

helps fulfill the following Georgia Early Learning and Pre-K Standards:

ELAKR6a

Listens to stories read aloud and shows understanding.

Pre-K LD 3, ELAKLSV1g

Children will develop an understanding of new vocabulary introduced in conversations, activities, stories and books. Increases vocabulary to reflect a growing range of interests and knowledge.

Pre-K MD 1, MKN1a, SKCS2a

Children will begin to develop an understanding of numbers.

Pre-K SD 3, SKCS4b

Children will acquire scientific knowledge related to physical science. Investigates and describes the states of matter.

Pre-K SS 3, SSKH2, SSKG2, SSKG3

Children will express beginning geographic thinking. Develops awareness of the community, city and state in which he/she lives.

Pre-K SE 2

Children will develop curiosity, initiative, self-direction and persistence.



Young Student Program (Guided Tour)

This program for young students offers them a trip through Savannah's past as they explore Savannah History Museum. This guided tour through the museum includes games and activities to facilitate their understanding not only of Savannah's past, but of their role as they participate in and create their own history. Students explore a number of questions: *What is history? What is a museum? Why are museums important? Am I a part of history?* Students start at Savannah's beginnings in the early 18th century and then travel nearly 300 years through history, as program leaders emphasize transportation and city growth, people and occupations, and preservation and restoration.

Interactive, Hands-On Activities Include:

- Revolutionary War battle reenactment at Battlefield Memorial Park
- Create their own History Journal
- Savannah's music activity
- Tactile artifact interaction with historical reproductions
- Blockade of Georgia's coast, defending Savannah, Sherman's March to the Sea
- Transportation: Boats, Trains, Cars

Cost: \$8.00 per person
Group Maximum: 25 people
Length of Program: 60 minutes
Grade Levels: Pre-school – 2nd grade

The Young Student Program at Savannah History Museum
helps fulfill the following Georgia Early Learning and Pre-K Standards:

Standards for Social Studies

A. Goals

- 1) Bridge essential understanding about the past to contemporary events.
- 2) Assist students in understanding the nature of historical inquiry and the role of primary and secondary sources.
- 3) Encourage the consideration of multiple perspectives on events.
- 4) Engage students in speculation about the known and unknown motives and actions of historical figures.

B. Skills

- 1) Organize items chronologically.
- 2) Identify issues and/or problems and alternative solutions.
- 3) Identify the main idea, detail, sequence of events, and cause and effect in a social studies context.
- 4) Identify and use primary and secondary sources.
- 5) Analyze artifacts.
- 6) Draw conclusions and make generalizations.
- 7) Appropriately use terms of chronology.
- 8) Identify important historical figures and places in Native American, American, and Georgian history.
- 9) Identify important American symbols and explain their meaning.
- 10) Describe American cultural and geographical systems.
- 11) Describe human resources, goods, services, producing, consuming.
- 12) Identify factors that shaped British colonial America.
- 13) Identify significant events of the American Revolution.

Boy Scout Programs



Coastal Heritage Society offers a special Boy Scout Program at Old Fort Jackson. The fort, named after Revolutionary War hero James Jackson, was built to defend the port of Savannah from attack via the river. Originally, the site played host to the "Mud Fort," an earthen battery used to house guns during the Revolutionary War. During the administration of President Thomas Jefferson, the United States began building a series of coastal fortifications for continued defense, one of which was Fort Jackson. During the Civil War the fort was headquarters for the river defenses of Savannah.

Boy Scout Militia

During this hour and a half program Scouts experience the lives of the soldiers stationed at Fort Jackson during the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Civil War. Learn about the strategic importance of this site to the defense of Savannah and the country; participate in a military drill, be a member of a cannon crew and signal corps, and watch a musket and cannon demonstration.

Cost: \$10 per person.
Group Minimum – 10
Length of Program – 90 minutes



Coastal Heritage Society offers two special Boy Scout Programs at Georgia State Railroad Museum, which is located at the former Central of Georgia Railroad Savannah Repair Shops, a vibrant part of Savannah's industrial heritage. Construction began on the site in 1851 and the shops soon flourished as engines and rolling stock were built and repaired there. The Civil War brought damage and destruction to the Central of Georgia Railroad but, by 1895, the renamed Central of Georgia Railway was reorganized and better than ever. The Central used this site until 1963.

1. Tour of Georgia State Railroad Museum

During this one hour program, scouts will learn about one of the first railroads chartered in the State of Georgia, its impact on the history of Savannah and the State of Georgia, the function of this important repair facility at Savannah and how a railroad operated. **Through hands-on interactive experiences, scouts will discover:** The important contributions of railroads to the development of the United States, how steam power and industrialization changed American life, reasons for the establishment of the Central of Georgia and its impact on the State of Georgia and the City of Savannah, and how railroads operated.

Cost: \$8 per person
Group Minimum – 10
Length of Program – 60 minutes
Add a train ride! Check for availability and pricing.

2. Railroad Merit Badge

During this three hour program Boy Scouts will have an opportunity to work on their Railroad Merit Badge. Scouts that register for this program will receive a Railroad Merit Badge Workbook to be used to complete all their requirements. Some of these requirements need to be completed before coming to the museum. When coming to the museum for the program all scouts need to bring their Railroad Merit Badge Workbook with them.

Cost: \$20 per person
Group Minimum – 10
Length of Program – 3 Hrs.
Add a train ride! Check for availability and pricing.

Girl Scout Programs

Visit our National Historic Landmarks and learn how three generations of the Gordon family served Savannah and the country and shaped the life of Juliette Gordon Low. Coastal Heritage Society offers three different programs.

Juliette's Family Tree Program

(Savannah History Museum, Battlefield Memorial Park and Georgia State Railroad Museum)

Let us introduce you to three generations of the Gordon Family – Ambrose Gordon, William Washington Gordon I, and William Washington Gordon II. Learn how each served Savannah, the country, and influenced Juliette's life. This two-hour program begins in Savannah History Museum and includes the Women of Merit Exhibit on the life of Juliette Low, a trip to Battlefield Memorial Park, and a tour of Georgia State Railroad Museum. The program concludes with a ride on an open air passenger car pulled by a steam or diesel engine (subject to availability).

Cost: \$17.00 per person (includes a one-of-a-kind activities patch)

Group Minimum – 10

Grandfather Gordon's Railroad (Georgia State Railroad Museum)

Juliette Gordon Low's grandfather, William Washington Gordon I, was instrumental in the development of the Central of Georgia Railroad first as Mayor of the City of Savannah and then as the first President of the Central. Experience the growth and impact of the railroad on Savannah and the nation.

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes a one-of-a-kind activities patch)

Group Minimum – 10

Add a train ride! Check for availability and pricing.

Girl Scout Militia Program (Old Fort Jackson)

Answer the call to arms and defend your founder. Go back in time to the 1860s and learn to be a soldier like Juliette's father. Find out how the Civil war affected Juliette and her family.

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes a one-of-a-kind activities patch)

Group Minimum – 10



Available Options

- **30-minute Site Tour by Rail of Georgia State Railroad Museum.** During this train ride in an open air passenger car built by the Museum staff, participants will learn about the history of the Central of Georgia Railroad, the function of the Savannah Repairs Shops - many of which were built between 1851 and 1855 - and the preservation and restoration efforts by the staff. Several times during the tour, participants will experience riding on a fully restored 1907 turntable. Locomotives used are diesel or steam. Please check availability of locomotive power when making a reservation.

Cost: \$4.00 per person; \$120 min on operating days; \$250 for non-operating days.

Program Confirmation and Payment Information

Program Bookings/Reservations

All programs must be reserved **at least 2** weeks before the intended date of visit. To book a program, please call or email:

Megan Cox

Director of Sales, Educational Programs

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Booking Procedures

At the time of contacting the booking department, a confirmation sheet will be created to identify your group's date/time of visit and number of guests. A final guest count is required 7 business days prior to your program date. A signed copy of your confirmation sheet and deposit is returned prior to your visit.

Deposits

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required upon booking for groups of 100 people or fewer.

All deposits/payments will be deducted from the final billed amount. Please note, any groups that are unable to attend their scheduled program time will not be refunded their deposit.

Balances

Balances for all programs are due the date of visit. We accept the following payment methods: cash, check, and all major credit cards.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **My group has less than 25 people. May I book a program?**

We enjoy providing educational programs for groups of all sizes! First, please note that the group minimum applies to the entire group; parents, chaperones and teachers included. If your group does not meet the minimum of 25 total guests, you may book a program, but will be required to pay for our minimum. In other words, if you have 20 people in your group, you will be required to pay for 25 people. Please contact us to discuss your needs.

2. **The students in my group are of varying ages. Should I choose a Student Program or Young Student Program?**

This choice is dependent upon your group's needs. We see many summer camp and childcare groups that are comprised of a broad range of students. If the group is large enough, we will split the students based on age/grade level (preK-2nd grade for Young Student Programs, 3rd-12th grade for Student Programs). If there are not enough students to split the group, we will adapt the program to ensure that all students have a great experience.

3. **My students are studying a specific topic concerning American history. Can you fit this topic into one of your programs?**

We pride ourselves on the ability to customize any program based upon the needs of the group. We would be happy to work with you if you would like us to cover a specific topic.

4. **What happens if we're late to arrive for our program?**

Your program may be shortened due to our contractual obligations to other groups. If you are aware that you will be late, please call us to let us know. All contact information for each site is listed at the top of the program confirmation sheets.

5. **Is there a gift shop on site?**

Yes. If your group plans to shop, please allow at least 15 minutes to do so before or after your program so that it may begin on time.

6. **How far in advance may I book a program?**

Programs may be booked as far in advance as you'd like. We prefer all programs to be booked at least 2 weeks in advance.

7. **What is the earliest time of day that I may book a program? What is the latest time?**

All of our sites are open from 9am-5pm every day. If you have special needs concerning scheduling, please contact us.

8. Is there a maximum number of students that I may bring at one time?

We are able to accommodate large groups by incorporating additional learning stations and topics. We frequently host large groups on site during the busy spring and fall seasons, and we would be more than happy to have your group!

9. I have students with special needs in my group. Will they be able to be accommodated?

We strive to create a positive experience for each and every one of our guests, and we are happy to work with you on creating the best possible program for your group.

10. I would like my program to last longer than one hour. Is this possible?

Absolutely! We can schedule programs of any length. Please contact us for more details.

11. Will teachers and adults be required to pay for programs?

Yes; program prices are per person for everyone that attends.