

Cost

A Proper Home for Henrietta and Farms and Food: \$5.25 per person (min. \$78.75 per group)

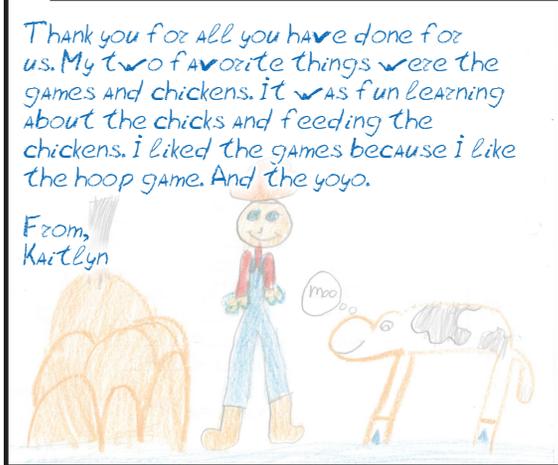
Heritage Quest and Hands on History: \$6.25 per person (min. \$93.75 per group); additional hour for *Hands on History* groups will cost an additional \$1 per student.

Cancellations

Programs are held rain, snow or shine. Students should dress for the weather. Cancellations require at least one hour notice, or the school will be billed for the program.

Lunch

Volkening Heritage Farm has an outdoor shelter that may be available if groups are interested in eating at the farm. Please inform staff when making reservations.



Heritage Farm Group Parking

Heritage Farm parking lot is located on the east side of Plum Grove Road, 1/5 mile south of Schaumburg Road at 201 S. Plum Grove Road. The rest of Spring Valley can be accessed by trails. It is a 15-minute walk to the Nature Center.



Volkening Heritage Farm
201 S. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg
847/985-2102



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Volkening Heritage Farm

at Spring Valley



SCHOOL PROGRAMS



An 1880s German-American
Living History Farm

Rural History

American history is written in our soil.

The United States' rural roots run deep and at Volkening Heritage Farm we teach this rural history by offering immersive and hands-on programs. The lessons these programs teach leave the student with both a solid context of the workday past, as well as a firm grounding in the agricultural realities of the world in which we have lived and continue to live in today.

Grain farming and animal husbandry supported the Schaumburg area during the 1880s. Heritage Farm offers a unique opportunity for hands-on learning about our rural past. You and your class are invited to help with chores and experience our shared history.

Illinois Learning Standards

Illinois State Learning Standards and Performance Descriptors have been incorporated into the design of all Heritage Farm programs. While programs can broadly be applied to numerous goals, the following have been specifically targeted:

Farms and Foods:

SS.G.1.K, SS.H.1.K, SS.H.3.1

Heritage Quest:

SS.CV.2.2, SS.G.2.2, SS.H.1.2, SS.H.2.2

Hands on History:

SS.CV.1.3, SS.CV.4.3, SS.G.2.3, SS.G.3.3, SS.G.2.4, SS.G.1.5, SS.G.3.5, SS.G.4.5, SS.EC.1.3, SS.H.2.3, SS.H.2.4, SS.H.2.5, SS.H.3.5

Let us Come to You!

Can't come to Heritage Farm for a field trip? Let the farm come to you with a traveling program. Program themes may vary, but all involve a visit from a staff member dressed in historic clothing with artifacts from that time period. Programs related to Schaumburg's farming history may be tailored to meet your needs. For information, contact the Heritage Farm Program Coordinator at 847/985-2102.



A Proper Home for Henrietta

After listening to a fun story about a chicken named Henrietta, little ones go on an adventure through the farm to meet the animals, learn how to identify them and see the different ways they live. Children become acquainted with each animal's characteristics and what the animals do on the farm, ultimately gaining a better understanding of farm life and how each creature is important.

Program length: 1.25 hours

Level: Pre-K

Hands on History

Participants engage their senses while performing the chores typical of children their age in the 1880s. Through the work of their own hands, students gain more than just an understanding—they gain an appreciation of the agricultural lifestyle that embodies our agrarian heritage. Whether milking the cow, planting a field, grinding corn with a horse-powered sweep mill or baking in the wood-burning stove, young learners receive an unforgettable experience.

Program content will vary depending on the date and time scheduled.

Program length: 2-3 hours depending on group size

Level: Grades 3 and up

Customized programs are available for junior high and high school students.



Farms and Food

Follow your nose, open your ears, keep your eyes peeled and watch your step! The sights, sounds and smells of a real working farm create a unique learning environment for young students. Participants learn the types of food animals and humans eat, where food comes from and how it is produced. While visiting the barn, chicken coop, farmhouse and garden, students will meet horses, cows, pigs and chickens, and make connections between what they eat and where it comes from.

Program length: 1.25 hours

Level: Pre-K to Grade 1

"It was the best field trip in my 13 years of teaching. It was well organized and the students were thrilled with all of the hands-on activities."

-Mickey Curry, Armstrong School



Heritage Quest

Students go on a quest to learn about farm life and get firsthand experience by helping with jobs on the farm including making butter, carpentry work, taking care of the pigs and giving a helping hand in the farmhouse. After the day is done, students gain an understanding of how important every person is to the farm and how it mimics a community.

Program length: 1.5 to 1.75 hours depending on group size

Level: Grade 2

Call 847/985-2102 for reservations.