



Fall Homeschool Days 2026

1 Meet a Revolutionary War Spy - Crossroad

2 Encampment Programs and Book Cipher Program

3 Family Hub Programs

4 Spy School - Hands-on History room

A Ice Cream Making Demonstration, Beverage Program, and Textiles Program

B Author Book Talk and Signing (Wednesday only)
CIA program (Thursday only) - Smith Auditorium

B General Washington Character Performance - Smith Auditorium

C Oxen Look-and-Learns

D Sheep and Horse Look-and-Learns

E Hog and Turkey Look-and-Learns

F Smithing (Black Smith Shop)

G Lives Bound Together Exhibit

H Character Performances - Interpretive Center

I Storytime Programs and Music of the Revolution

To complete George Washington's Spy Mission, first pick up a "Spy Guide" and then proceed to the locations on the map indicated by a red circle. It does NOT matter the order in which you visit these locations.

Fall Homeschool Days Activities

Visit the Family Hub

9:30 - 3:30

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Explore who Revolutionary War Spies were and what they did, as well as spy techniques, of course! Through hands-on activities, families will think like Revolutionary War spies and reflect on the role of espionage in the war effort.

9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Join the Historic Trades Department to learn how 18th Century ice-cream was made.



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2:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.

Then join the Historic Trades Department to learn how 18th Century beverages were made and the importance of Taverns and Coffee Houses in as places spies could gather intelligence.

Visit the Hands-on-History Center

10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

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Visit the Hands-on-History Center in the Education Center to participate in hands-on activities and attend Spy School to learn how to make and decode with a Cipher Wheel.

Livestock Look-and Learns



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Oxen Look & Learn:
10:30 - 11:30

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Horse Look & Learn:
10:00 - 11:00

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Sheep Look & Learn:
11:00 - 12:00

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Hog/Turkey Look & Learn:
1:00 - 1:30

Encampment

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9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Visit Patriots Path and learn how to decode a Book Cipher



Story Time

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11:00 & 2:00



Listen to a reading of *A Spy Called James*, a true story about a double agent in the Revolutionary war and his fight for freedom.

Character Performances

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Wednesday

All Day : Benjamin Tallmadge
- 1 on the map
10:00 and 3:00: Nelly Custis
12:00 and 2:30: Dr. Craik
1:00 and -2:00: Martha Washington:

Thursday

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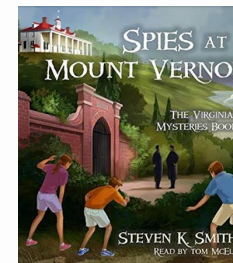
All Day: Benjamin Tallmadge - 1 on the map
10:00: Tobias Lear:
10:30 and 1:30: Nelly Custis
11:00 -12:00 and 2:00-3:00: Martha Washington
1:00: Dr. Craik

Specialty Programs:

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11:00 and 1:00
(Wednesday only)

Meet Steven K. Smith, author of *"Spies at Mount Vernon"*, and listen to a book talk. Steven will also be selling and signing copies of his book.



11:00 and 1:00
(Thursday only)

Listen to special guest David Robarge, Chief Historian of the Central Intelligence Agency, give a presentation on Revolutionary spies and their impact on American espionage today.

Meet General Washington

10:00 - 11:00 and 2:00 - 3:00

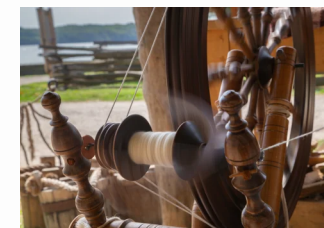


Listen to George Washington discuss the importance of good espionage in the Revolutionary War and his role as Spy Master.



Blacksmith Demonstrations

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Spinning Demonstrations

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