

Programs Offered By The Black Belt Museum

Elementary & Middle School

French Marine (4th & 5th)

A costumed interpreter will lead a discussion on the French presence and life in 18th-century Alabama. An interactive discussion will follow where typical French Colonial personal items will be laid out for students to identify. (45 minutes)

Can you dig it? (3rd)

Students will learn about the science of archeology from museum staff. A short discussion will start the program, followed by a study of modern trash for clues about the people who created it. (45 minutes)

Indian Life (4th)

Rosa Hall will visit classrooms dressed as an 1800's Native American named Moccasin Woman. She will bring her basket of Indian clothing, natural objects, and artifacts to discuss factual and historical life in the Indian southeast at about the time of Alabama statehood. She will also introduce the children to Native American stomp-dancing. (45 minutes)

High School & College

French Marine (10th)

A costumed interpreter will lead a discussion on the French presence and life in 18th-century Alabama. An interactive section will follow the discussion during which 18th-century battle tactics are demonstrated for and by students. (45 minutes)

Captain Bernard Romans

Romans was a jack of all trades during the 18th-century. He was a seas captain for the British, cartographer, amateur botanist, surveyor and officer. He was most famous for a trip down the Tombigbee River and Gulf Coast where his maps and observations shed light onto an area of great interest by American colonists. His book serves as a window into development of natural and Native American life in western Alabama. (1 hour)

On Site

Tour of Fort Tombeche

A tour of Fort Tombeche by museum staff will cover the entire history of a unique 18th-century French, British and Spanish fort. A costumed interpreter will deliver a live 18th-century musket demonstration for all visiting groups. (1.5 hours)

French Mortar Crew

Two highly experienced and professionally trained museum staff members will demonstrate use of a French mortar. Demonstrations show how 18th-century artillery crews functioned. The program includes a discussion of the benefits and problems associated with having artillery part of a colonial French Army. (Please contact our staff about special needs associated with this program.)

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Natural History

William Bartram

Dr. John Hall will discuss the natural discoveries of W. Bartram while he traveled throughout the southeast. Bartram was a trained botanist who discovered new species of plants and recorded descriptions of Native American culture while on his journey in 1775. (1 hour)

Black Belt Prairie

On the campus of UWA, a staff member will lead a 1 mile walk through a portion of refurbished Black Belt Prairie. Participants will learn how the prairie landscape was formed and some of the unique plants inhabiting the area. (45 minutes)

Black Belt Natural Past

Rosa Hall will discuss the natural history of the Black Belt from prehistoric times to present. Her focus will be on the variety of animals that live or lived where the students are standing today. Bones, fossils and representations of common animals will be brought in for hands on learning experience. (30 minutes)



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Educational Programs

Contact the Educational Program Coordinator, Brian Mast to schedule any of these programs for your organization or classroom.

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