

Home School Educators

Colonial Artisans Weekend at Frontier Culture Museum In addition to the Museum's annual Oktoberfest event, an encampment of Colonial Artisans will be sharing their skills and wares for a second year on Friday, Sept.30 and Saturday Oct.1. Both days are open to visitors, but Friday will be a special event for Virginia home school groups in particular*. Held in the vicinity of the American farm, they will be showing and demonstrating various 18th century skills and trades including leather working, knife making, metal and gunsmithing, engraving, cooking over an open fire, and period style music. New artisans expected to join the group this year are skilled in basket making, bee keeping, and finger weaving. Pomology, or the study of apple varieties, will be featured as well. Come, learn, and take seedlings home to plant for your own historic apples!

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There will be regularly scheduled talks and demonstrations as well as ongoing exhibitions throughout the day. Some limited interactive, hands-on experience where safe and appropriate.

Attend a session at the Museum's Early American Schoolhouse to see how home schooling compares to that of students in the early nineteenth century! This program includes a brief history of early American education, and a basic lesson from early American textbooks led by the "schoolmaster!"

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For more information about the home school day, please contact:
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