



2020 | Educational Programs

Learn about the area's heritage through a variety of educational programs offered to groups of all ages. Programs focus on history, frontier lifestyles, pioneer crafts, early railroading and forest ecosystems.

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS

Mountain Men Living History

May 5, 6, 7

Explore the lifestyle of 1840s' pioneers as trappers, traders and settlers demonstrate their skills in blacksmithing, open-hearth cooking, spinning and weaving. Learn candle making, gold panning, pioneer games and square dancing. This program includes a trip on a vintage locomotive and narrative of the California Redwood Forest.

Students: \$29.50 (an adult rides for \$17.00 with every four student tickets purchased)

Additional adults: \$25.50

Westward Expansion Living History

May 12, 13, 14

Relive the history and experiences of pioneers who took part in the movement west. This educational program focuses on developments and influences that took place through the 1800s that transformed the country. Hands-on classes include gold panning, candle making, square dancing and others, plus a trip on a vintage locomotive.

Students: \$29.50

(an adult rides for \$17.00 with every four student tickets purchased)

Additional adults: \$25.50

EDUCATION COMES TO LIFE

Big Trees by Rail History Program

Local history is brought to life by a special rail history program. Students board vintage passenger coaches for an hour train excursion exploring the history and ecology of the famous Welch Big Trees Grove and San Lorenzo Valley. Retrace the steps of President Theodore Roosevelt when he visited more than 100 years ago. Included in the program is a guided walk among giant coastal redwoods along the Redwood Grove Nature Trail in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. Minimum of 100 paid participants is required for this package.

Students: \$22.50

Additional adults: \$22.50

Halloween Program

Pumpkin Train | October

Combine learning with a day of old-fashioned fun. Schedule your class to ride a vintage steam train through a majestic redwood forest to Cathedral Grove and Bear Mountain. At the summit, passengers holding a pumpkin ticket may select and take home a pumpkin of their choice. The Pumpkin Train operates Mondays through Fridays during the month of October.

Students: \$17.00

Additional adults: \$25.50
(plus optional \$5 for pumpkin)

HANDS-ON LEARNING PACKAGES

Gold Panning Package

Students stake their claim and experience how "pay dirt" got its name. Learn gold panning techniques. Flakes and nuggets are yours to take home. Minimum of 20 paid participants required for this package. Forest train included in this program.

Students: \$23.00

Additional adults: \$25.50

Allow approximately 20 minutes for gold panning and 1½ hours for the train ride.

Country Western Dance Package

Social activities were a treat for the hardworking pioneers. Learn how to dance as they would have at a social gathering in the 1840s. Forest train included in this package. Minimum of 40 paid participants required for this package.

Students: \$22.00

Additional adults: \$25.50

Allow approximately 20 minutes for dance lesson and 1½ hours for the train ride.

Candle Making Package

Students make their own hand-dipped candles and learn first-hand how much time and effort was required for the pioneers to have a little light at night. Forest train included in this package. Minimum of 20 paid participants required for this package.

Students: \$22.00

Additional adults: \$25.50

Allow approximately 20 minutes for candle making and 1½ hours for the train ride.

One Room Schoolhouse Package

1800s school life is re-created in a one-room country schoolhouse. Students are cautioned to mind their manners when addressing the local schoolmarm. Students will read from the McGuffey Eclectic Reader. Forest Train included in this package. Minimum of 20 paid participants required for this package.

Students: \$22.00

Additional adults: \$25.50

Allow approximately 20 minutes for schoolhouse lesson and 1½ hours for the train ride.

Sneak to the Beach

Sneak to the beach and retrace the route of the Picnic Line, which ran between Felton and the beach during the 1880s up to the early 1900s. The Beach Train departs from Roaring Camp, travels along the scenic and spectacular San Lorenzo River Canyon, and arrives at the Beach Boardwalk in Santa Cruz. Allow a minimum of three hours for the round trip. Or relax in the sun and spend five hours at the beach, a seven-hour excursion with train rides. Riders may originate from Santa Cruz for three-hour round trip to Roaring Camp and back.

Minimum of 25 participants required for group rates. Program available on regularly scheduled beach trains. Call for public schedule.

13 years and older: \$27.00

2-12 years: \$24.00

ADD-ONS TO PACKAGES

Engineer Talk: No charge (15 min. prior to first train of day)

Gold Panning: \$6.00 per person

Candle Making: \$5.00 per person

Schoolhouse Lesson: \$5.00 per person

Roaring Camp school packages are available Monday–Friday (January 2–June 5, 2020 and August 17–December 18, 2020) for regularly scheduled train departures and only to enrolled K through 12th grades, in-session, and California state schools.

Advance reservations and deposits are required. Group minimum varies according to the program offered. Eighty percent of the group must be less than 18 years of age. Cash or credit card, purchase order, or one check per group reservation. Bus drivers are given complimentary admission. As a service to schools, we are pleased to provide FREE PARKING to school groups (buses, vans or cars).

Student groups desiring times and dates other than those offered should contact Roaring Camp's Group reservation office at (831) 335-4484, extension 135, for alternative group rates, group minimums, and availability.

Prices subject to change without notice.



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