



Historic Huguenot Street Launches Two New Virtual Field Trip Experiences



NEW PALTZ, NY (December 7, 2020) – Historic Huguenot Street is pleased to launch two new virtual field trip experiences: “Learning & Leisure in the 18th Century” (grades 3 to 6) and “In Her Shoes” (grades 7 to 12)! Modeled after our on-site school programs, these virtual field trips replicate the experience of visiting Historic Huguenot Street and learning about the many groups of people who inhabited it and made our community what it is today through interactive house tours and hands-on activities.

“Learning & Leisure,” HHS’s most popular on-site program, allows students the opportunity to travel back in time and be immersed in the history and culture of the Esopus Munsee, Huguenot,

and enslaved Africans who lived on Huguenot Street in the past. The program takes students through the day-to-day lives and experiences of these groups through four engaging modules composed of virtual house tours and hands-on craft activities.

Though the “Learning & Leisure” program will be familiar to many educators who have supported Historic Huguenot Street over the years, the “In Her Shoes” program is brand new. As part of Historic Huguenot Street’s 2020 programming initiative to focus on the history of women’s rights and suffrage, the “In Her Shoes” virtual field trip program was created specifically to inform students about the lives, roles, and responsibilities of Indigenous, African American, Huguenot, and early American women in their respective communities and time periods. Over the course of the program, students will learn about the differing roles and rights of women in these communities through virtual house tours, interactive craft activities, and a research-based debate. The program also contains an optional module with supplemental information and activities.

By early 2021, Historic Huguenot Street hopes to adapt all on-site field trip experiences into virtual opportunities available for purchase by schools and individuals. All existing and future school programs are aligned with New York State’s Next Generation and Common Core Learning Standards. Please contact School Programming Coordinator Alyssa Bruno at alyssa@huguenotstreet.org for more information about programs, pricing, and registration.

On-site educational programs are still available to private groups at a limited capacity. Visits are capped at ten students and availability is subject to change based on developing COVID-19 health and safety restrictions. In order to arrange an on-site visit, contact the School Programming Coordinator for rates and program opportunities.

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About Historic Huguenot Street

A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to

preserving a unique Hudson Valley Huguenot settlement and engaging diverse audiences in the exploration of America's multicultural past in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America.

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