

YOUTH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

FIELD TRIPS

Students in grades K-12, as well as college/university courses, are invited to visit our local history museum to explore our exhibits, collections, Archives & Local Research Library. Field trip topics include: The Tommy Plane & the spirit of innovation, Haudenosaunee history & culture, and The People of Tompkins County – 1900 and beyond. Educators may also request field trips exploring their particular curriculum needs. All field trips are interactive and hands-on, and New York State standards-aligned.

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM AT THE EIGHT SQUARE SCHOOLHOUSE

The Eight Square Schoolhouse is an original one-room schoolhouse built in 1827 in Dryden, NY. It was operational as a school until 1945. Now, The History Center in Tompkins County runs a living history program at this site to explore a day in the life of students in 1892. We invite student groups (primarily 4th grade, though also available for homeschool/multiage classes) to step back in time and consider the purpose of education, in 1892 and today!

ORAL HISTORY

Deepen your engagement with local history by hearing the narratives of local people. The History Center can provide training to you and your students in how to conduct oral history interviews, as well as introduce you to our collection of local oral histories, which you can use in the classroom. Visit the Story Vault on a visit to The History Center to hear clips from oral histories, and record your own.

OUT OF SCHOOL

The History Center engages with children and their families out of school during monthly free family events and summer camp programming. Follow our calendar or view our website for upcoming events and programs.

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