

Spring 2008 IPI Professional Development Workshops (January-May)



The Independence Park Institute (IPI) offers a variety of workshops encompassing many interests and grade levels. History is our focus, however, components from multiple disciplines are frequently utilized that could be used in many curriculum areas. These workshops are hands-on learning experiences that involve using Independence National Historical Park as a classroom. It is a classroom where there is much to learn, teach, and encounter.

Registration:

Registration for each workshop will be taken in the order received. To register please send an e-mail to inde_education_comments@nps.gov or call 215-597-2760. Include your name, e-mail address, phone number, and how you learned about the program. Payment must be received 2 weeks before the workshop.

January

A "Ben" of-All-Trades **New!**

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2008

Location: The Independence Park Institute Education Center at the Independence Living History Center (corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets) – please enter through the Dock Street doors/ school group entrance.

Description: Come spend the morning learning about Benjamin Franklin, a jack; or should I say Ben; of-all-trades. This session provides teachers with many helpful and practical ideas for lesson plans, engaging classroom activities, and assessments that can be done using primary source materials related to Franklin's life and achievements. Good teaching resources such as books and websites will be shared.

We will also take a field trip to Franklin Courtyard, where teachers can view the actual foundations and privy pit of Franklin's home. Next we will visit the Franklin Court Printing Office to see a demonstration of how Franklin's printing press actually worked. Franklin printed newspapers, almanacs, and money, as well as contributing to many of these publications through his own writing. We will end our morning in the Underground Museum where you can explore the museum's exhibits on Franklin's life and view a film about his incredible talents and achievements.

Time: 9:00-12:00

Grades: K-12th

Act 48/NJ Professional Development Hours: 3

Cost: \$30.00

February

From Paper to the Press

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2008

Location: Workshop begins at Historic RittenhouseTown (206 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, PA, 19144). Participants will be transported to Independence National Historical Park and back to RittenhouseTown during this workshop.

Description: Come learn about the history of paper and how it is made at the site of America's first paper mill, Historic RittenhouseTown. Participants will tour the site and make paper using the same tools and methods that were used in the 18th century. After a picnic lunch, all will board the bus to Independence NHP.



At Independence NHP educators will learn what paper meant to the founding of our country and 18th century America. See a printing demonstration at the Franklin Court Printing Office. Then explore the Independence Park Institute's newly opened Benjamin Franklin: Man of Many Talents Learning Lab where you will try setting your name in type as well as many of Franklin's other activities. At each location, teachers will learn about education programs and field trip opportunities.

Time: 9:00-3:00 (please bring a sack lunch)

Grades: 3rd-12th

Act 48/NJ Professional Development Hours: 5

Cost: \$50.00

March

A Curator's Look at 18th Century Life

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008

Location: The Independence Park Institute Education Center at the Independence Living History Center (corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets) – please enter through the Dock Street doors/ school group entrance.

Description: Learn about material culture, see 18th century objects rarely seen by the public, tour the Todd and Bishop White houses, and talk with a curator and museum educator! Teachers from Pennsylvania and New Jersey will earn 3.5 professional development credit hours while taking a behind-the-scenes look at Independence National Historical Park. Educators will learn about teaching with primary source documents and objects, discover how curators use these clues to piece together history, and have the opportunity to explore Independence Park Institute's newly opened hands-on student learning labs.

Time: 9:00-12:30

Grades: 4th-12th

Act 48/NJ Professional Development Hours: 3.5

Cost: \$35.00



April

The Politics of the American Revolution **New!**

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2008

Location: The Independence Park Institute Education Center at the Independence Living History Center (corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets) – please enter through the Dock Street doors/ school group entrance.

Description: The decision to declare ourselves an independent nation was not one that came quickly or easily. Come and learn about the politics of the American Revolution as you visit places like Carpenter's Hall, Independence Hall and the Declaration House. Learn about the risks that were taken and the compromises that were made. Educators will go home with education materials, teacher guides, and new ideas for teaching the American Revolution in the classroom and beyond.

Time: 9:00-4:00 (lunch on your own)

Grades: 5th-12th

Act 48/NJ Professional Development Hours: 6 hrs 30 min

Cost: \$70.00



May

History Found in Pieces

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Location: The Independence Park Institute Education Center at the Independence Living History Center (corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets) – please enter through the Dock Street doors/ school group entrance.

Description: Discover what archeology is and how we learn from what others have left behind. Participants will become archeologists as they participate in the *Archeology: History Found in Pieces* program, visit Franklin Court and hear how archeology was used to learn about Franklin and how it plays an important role in how we interpret Franklin today. Educators will learn about teaching with primary source documents and objects, discover how archeologists and curators use these clues to piece together history, and have the opportunity to explore Independence Park Institute's newly opened hands-on student learning labs.

Time: 9:00-12:00

Grades: 4th-12th

Act 48/NJ Professional Development Hours: 3

Cost: \$30.00



IPI Open House – Saturday, January 26, 2008 ■ 9:30 AM- 4:00 PM Meet Author Ann Rinaldi - Author of *Taking Liberty* and *Finishing Becca*.

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2008

Location: The Independence Park Institute Education Center at the Independence Living History Center (corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets) – please enter through the Dock Street doors/ school group entrance.

Description: Teachers, have you been hearing about the Independence Park Institute (IPI)? You are invited to come see what it is all about! Get help planning your field trip to Independence NHP, reserve a fun, interactive, standards-based education program for your class, see the IPI learning labs, and learn about the programs we offer.

We also invite you to stay and meet award winning author Ann Rinaldi! Ms. Rinaldi is the author of many great historical fiction novels for young adults including *Taking Liberty* and *Finishing Becca*. She will be talking with educators about her work and taking questions from the audience. We hope that you will be able to join us for her engaging presentation.

9:30 AM – Doors open for IPI Open House

10:00 AM – Talk by Ann Rinaldi with a Q&A section at the end

11:30 AM- Book signing by Ann Rinaldi

1:30 PM- Talk by Ann Rinaldi with a Q&A section at the end

3:00 PM- Book signing by Ann Rinaldi

Time: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Grades: K-12th

Cost: This open house is FREE to area educators. Registration is strongly encouraged. Please e-mail inde_education_comments@nps.gov to register. Come and go as you can. We hope to see you there!

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