



Dear History Heroes and Parents/Guardians,

Our History Heroes Summer Program is finally here, and it's without a doubt our biggest year yet! We are excited that you are going to join us this summer. We have been hard at work planning this year's program and the last thing we need is **YOU!** The helpers are ready, the plans are set and now we are ready for two weeks filled with fun.

This letter will fill our campers and their parents/guardians in on everything you need to know for the next two weeks. During the program, our History Heroes will be learning an array of historical information, all while having some fun too. Topics include everything from Slime, the Rainforest and Conservation, to a tour of the Buffalo Naval Park.

We also invite parents and guardians to get in on the fun during our End of Program Celebration on Friday, July 27th at the old Genesee County Courthouse. Our staff is just as excited as you are to be here this summer and we're pretty sure you'll even make some new friends along the way!

Parents/Guardians, included with this letter is a list of drop off and pick up times, a packing list, and our Camp Dress Code. We would like you and your History Heroes to look over this together and please come to any of our staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Starowitz, Program Coordinator
Ryan Duffy, Executive Director
Nellie Slocum, Museum Assistant

Drop Off/Pick Up Times

Tuesday – Friday: **DROP OFF** will be at **10:00AM**. The only change for this will be for our field trip day, which is **Wednesday July 25th** when we ask that History Heroes be dropped off **as close to 9:45AM as possible**.

****Please do not arrive any earlier than 9:30AM unless pre-arranged with staff****

Tuesday – Friday: **PICK UP** will be at **4:00PM**.

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, please contact the museum at **585-343-4727**. In any case that there is an emergency with your student, we will contact you using the information provided on registration forms as soon as possible.

Important Reminders

- Water bottles will be available to students; however, **refillable water bottles are highly encouraged**.
 - On our field trip day, please **DO NOT** send students with 'souvenir' money.
- Parents, please try to have your History Heroes "sun-screened" and ready to go if at all possible.
- **DO** wear **close-toed**, comfortable shoes – We'll be doing LOTS of walking!
- **DO** wear/send students with their History Heroes shirts daily (past year's shirts are okay too!)
- **Please pack lunches in disposable bags and label them. Also, PLEASE DO NOT PACK SODAS WITH LUNCHES. THEY ATTRACT BEES AND WE HAVE STUDENTS WITH BEE ALLERGIES**

HISTORY HEROES DAILY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY JULY 17TH – WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM!

*****PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH THIS DAY*****

Picnicking in Beautiful Batavia Peace Garden

- T-shirts will be handed out
- HLOM tour
- Water Balloon Relay
- Water Bucket Relay
- Carnival booths chosen by students
- Museum Scavenger Hunt

WEDNESDAY JULY 18TH – WALKING TOUR OF BATAVIA

***** PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH THIS DAY *****

- Walking tour of Batavia to the Batavia Cemetery
- Creating a battle ship using papier- mache
- work on carnival booths

THURSDAY JULY 19TH – ART DAY

*****PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED THIS DAY*****

Ken's Charcoal Pits lunch

- Movie Showtime Theater
- Papier Mache Battle Ship

Students will practice their parts for End of Program Celebration

FRIDAY JULY 20th - ZOO DAY

*****PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED THIS DAY*****

Batavia's Original Pasta

- Italian Day
- Art Lesson with Mrs. Loria:
 - Making Butter
- Buffalo Zoo mobile Tropical Treasurers Presentation
- Students will work on carnival booths/papier mache

TUESDAY JULY 24th – Slime Day

GUEST SPEAKER/PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

*****PLEASE NOTE: PIZZA LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED THIS DAY****

Ficarella's Pizza

- Guest Speaker: Michael Eula – Kids in WWII
 - Student Historical Photographs
 - Paint the Battle Ship
- Dry run of setting up carnival

WEDNESDAY JULY 25th – FIELD TRIP TO THE BUFFALO NAVAL PARK

*****PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH THIS DAY *****

- please make sure to have your child arrive to the museum by 9:45am
- Tour of the Buffalo Naval Park, located near Canalside, Buffalo, N.Y.
 - Picnic lunch

THURSDAY JULY 26TH – HISTORY HEROES PENNY CARNIVAL

*****PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH THIS DAY*****

- Students will set up carnival booths
- Students will participate in the summer program Penny Carnival, complete with games and prizes. Begins at 1:00

FRIDAY JULY 27TH – END OF PROGRAM CELEBRATION

*****PLEASE NOTE: COOK OUT PICNIC LUNCH THIS DAY*****

- Museum open house for parents
- Presentation will be held at 1:00 PM at the Old Genesee County Courthouse (upstairs)