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STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM INTRODUCES PIONEER KIDS WEEK Spring Vacation Program

Storrowton Village Museum introduces a new Spring school vacation program – Pioneer Kids Week – April 16-20, 8:30am – 4:30pm, on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass. The week-long program is open to children ages 7 - 12.

The program will feature themed days full of fun, educational activities. Science will come alive in the Blacksmith Shop. Math skills will be emphasized on a "Geometry walk" through the Village and while doing some 19th century shopping in the Potter General Store. Children will be able to use their imaginations during activities such as working with clay, printmaking and creative writing.

Special homesteading activities will teach about the lives of pioneer children in the 1800s, including cooking, butter churning, candle dipping, seed planting, spinning, weaving and soap making.

During the week, visitors include the goats from Sweet Pea Farm, Native American expert Gail White, and the young musicians of Tree-O Fiddlers. Cactushead Puppets will join the program at the end of the week for an entertaining performance and a make-your-own puppet workshop.

Pioneer Kids Week has a parent-friendly schedule, running from 8:30am to 4:30pm with an extended day option from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost for the five-day school vacation program is \$200 with a \$20 add-on for the late pick-up option.

Pre-registration is required by April 6. To register or find out more about this unique historic program, visit StorrowtonVillage.com or call the Storrowton Village Museum office at 413-205-5051.

It's also time to plan for summer vacation activities. Storrowton Village Museum's Early American Summer Days is the perfect opportunity to enroll your child in a fun, educational experience. This year's dates are: July 30 to Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-10. Visit StorrowtonVillage.com for details.

Storrowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization) and located on its grounds in West Springfield, Mass., presents hands-on school programs and guided tours of its historic buildings throughout the year as well as seasonal 19th century-themed events. It is the site of Storrowton Tavern/Carriage House and Storrowton Village Museum Gift Shop and is a picturesque, popular site for weddings held in its Meetinghouse and Gazebo. For more information, contact Storrowton Village Museum at 413-205-5051, weekdays between 9am and 5pm.