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STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM OFFERING SPECIAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Storowton Village Museum will offer a variety of special summer youth programs for teens and for children during the month of July.

Teen Leader Workshops will take place July 6-9 for youth ages 14-18. Students can experience 19th century trades, like blacksmithing, textiles, and cooking, in a hands-on setting and learn how these trades are still vital in the 21st century. All sessions will be taught by experienced historical instructors and include meeting modern day leaders in these fields.

“Teens will get to roll up their sleeves and work in the Clark Blacksmith Shop and learn about food sourcing and meal prep during the open hearth cooking session. New this year will be a look at S.T.E.A.M. in the 19th century, with activities centered around gears and pulleys, building catapults and exploring anthropological archaeology,” said Museum director Jessica K. Fontaine.

Students interested in Teen Leader Workshops must register by June 25 and can attend full-day sessions for \$250 or half-day sessions for \$150. Students taking two or more Teen Leader Workshops who are interested in attending for free can sign up for the museum’s Teen Leader Training Week, taking place July 13-16. This special second session will impart skills and training needed to become a counselor at Storowton’s Early American Summer Programs, happening July 20-23.

“All skills learned during Teen Leader Training Week are adaptable for life outside of our Village, plus teens will get to meet leaders in our community who once participated in youth opportunities here at Eastern States Exposition,” Fontaine said.

Children who have completed grades 1-5 by the end of the school year may sign up for Early American Summer Programs. They can pick their own 19th century history adventure, via half-day sessions about Toys & Games, Nature, Art & Native American Life, Homesteading or Archaeology. Two full-day sessions will focus on 19th Century Stage and S.T.E.A.M., complete with components like a friends & family stage performance or a spot in Storowton’s Narrow Sea Regatta toy boat race.

“The Narrow Sea Regatta is a long-standing tradition here at the Village and is incredibly fun! Early American Summer Programs are jam-packed with activities, from engineering and the



environment to art and sustainability. We're excited Native American expert Gail White and Cactus Head Puppets will be joining us that week. They're museum visitor favorites and we're glad to have them take part," Fontaine said.

Attend all four days for \$185, a single full day for \$60 or a half-day session for \$40. Pick two half-day sessions for \$60. Registration for Early American Summer Programs closes July 9, 2020.

Registration for all Summer Youth Programs at Storowton Village Museum is now being accepted. For more information about programming, please visit www.storowtonvillage.com/SummerYouthPrograms or call 413-205-5051.

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ABOUT STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM

Storowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (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. For more information, visit storowtonvillage.com or call 413-205-5051.