Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Education Program

Preserving the Past to inspire the Future!
The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Education Program operates as a partnership between the Georgia Department of Education, The National Park Service, and the Friends of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. The partnership is unique in that it is the only one of its kind in existence between a State Board of Education and the National Park Service. Funding for the program is provided by donor support to the Friends of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.
In 1996, Plains High School was officially declared the

**State School of Georgia**

For the past 22 years, the education staff at Plains High School has provided opportunities for approximately 200,000 students from across the United States to participate in on-site and virtual educational opportunities designed to promote the life and legacy of President Jimmy Carter.
The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site is comprised of three locations, each offering a unique perspective and learning opportunity about Jimmy Carter’s Life.

- Plains High School
- The Depot
  Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign Headquarters
- Jimmy Carter Boyhood Home
Plains High School

During a visit to Plains High School, students will be invited to travel throughout the school to participate in grade-specific, cross-curricular activities designed to promote an understanding of government, stewardship, patriotism, human rights, and peace. Students will learn about President Carter’s life and the people who influenced his journey in becoming the 39th President as well as one of the most respected humanitarians of this century.
Talking Peace

The Carter Center was founded on the principle that everyone on earth should be able to live in peace. In pursuit of this goal, the center has earned a reputation for bringing people and resources together to resolve conflict, foster democracy, fight hunger and disease, and promote human rights.

If you had President Carter as a mentor and the resources of the Carter Center, what would you do to promote peace and resolve conflict in your school, community, or even the world?

(Draw a picture or write about your ideas)
The Plains Depot
Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign Headquarters

The Depot contains exhibits focusing on the 1976 Presidential Campaign. It served as a train depot from 1888 to 1951, when passenger service to the area was discontinued. The building was opened in 1976 as Jimmy Carter's Presidential Campaign Headquarters. Students who visit will participate in activities focusing on campaigning and the election process.
Boyhood Home/Farm

The Boyhood Farm was owned by Earl Carter, Jimmy's father, from 1928 until the late 1940s. Jimmy Carter lived here from the age of four until he departed for college. The farm is restored to its appearance before electricity was installed in 1938. Students will have the opportunity to learn about President Carter's childhood as they spend a day on the farm participating in standards-based, cross-curricular activities.
Pre-K -1st Grade Activities

JIMMY CARTER HAD A FARM
Examples of Standards-Based Boyhood Farm Field Trip Activities

**CARTER FARM MATH**

Mr. Earl is preparing the family garden for Spring planting. He will need 4 separate garden plots for his vegetables. Find the area of each plot. Which two have a combined total area of 1,600 sq. ft.?

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**MEASURE THE PERIMETER**

Find 3 objects on the Carter farm that have rectangular faces. Draw a model of each object. Next, measure the sides of 1 face on each object with a ruler or yardstick and label your models. Then calculate the perimeter of each rectangle.

**Example**

- Length: 26 inches
- Width: 14 inches
- Perimeter: 2(26) + 2(14) = 80 inches

**Rain is one of the leading causes of erosion on a farm. Today you will conduct an experiment to observe this process and infer how farmers can slow the harmful effects of erosion.**

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- Water
- Human
- Temperature
- Living Organisms

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- Garden
- Barnyard
- Carter House
- Clark House
- Blacksmith Shop

**Analyze the soil model. Sketch what you see.**

- What do you think will happen when you pour water on the bare soil?

**Use your watering cup to "rain" on the grass and on the bare soil. Describe what happened. Did the water flow more quickly through the bare soil or the grass? Was any of the soil washed away?**

- What do you think will happen when you pour water on the grass?

**How can you prevent soil loss on a bare patch of land?**
Why should teachers choose the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site?

1. No admission fee to the historic site/transportation funding provided.
2. Field trip activities are aligned to the Georgia Department of Education Standards of Excellence.
3. Students actively participate in hands-on, project-based activities designed to promote learning and facilitate understanding of the standards.
4. Standards are taught using primary sources allowing students to make real-world connections.
5. Activities promoting environmental stewardship are incorporated into each field trip as students learn about the mission of the National Park Service.
6. Students and teachers have FUN!
Today’s trip was awesome! The staff was wonderful! Activities were fun, engaging, and educational. Of all the years (13) I have visited, this year's trip was the best!”

(2nd grade teacher- April 2018)

"I am a retired teacher of 32 years who came as a chaperone today to spend time with my grandson. This was the best field trip I have ever attended! This is what a field trip should be, educational and fun!"
If coming to an on-site program is not an option, teachers can request an education staff member to come to the school for a classroom visit. Teachers will be provided with Pre and Post visit activities to compliment each lesson.
Come see us in Plains.

We will be waiting for you!