

JCNHS Education Program Overview

- The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Education Program is a partnership with the Georgia Department of Education, the National Park Service, and the Friends of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. The new partnership began in the fall of 2017.
- The partnership is the only one of its kind in the National Park Service
- Plains High School serves as the State School of Georgia

FREE On-Site Program Activities

Field trips to the JCNHS are FREE for all students, teachers, and chaperones. There is no admission fee to the park and bus transportation funding is available.

Some of the activities about life on the farm are similar for all grade levels with rigor, activities, and questioning designed to meet the standards for each grade level.

Pre-K/Kindergarten/1st

- **Jimmy Carter Had a Farm.** The field trip focuses on Jimmy Carter as a child helping on the farm, comparing seeds to plants, what a seed needs to grow, and the job of a farmer.
- Additional activities for the trip include; **Language Arts:** -Compare/contrast their house with Jimmy Carter's house. **Math-** "Barnyard Discovery Zone"; measurement and Fishing for Numbers, **Science-** Identifying Plants and Seeds/ working in the garden, **Social Studies-** Playtime in the 1930's, **Art-** Vegetable Printing

2nd-5th Grades- The Footsteps of a President

- **English Language Arts- Jimmy Carter- Dreamer, Statesman, Humanitarian**
- **Math-** Measuring the Farm (Grade appropriate activities)
- **Science-** Life Cycles (Butterflies and Pollinators), Archeology- "Digging for Fossils", Simple Machines, Owl Pellets (Life Cycles)
- **Social Studies-** Life and legacy of Jimmy Carter, Cardinal Directions, Life on the farm in the 1930's

Middle/High School

- New Solar Energy Curriculum will be ready for the 2019-2020 school year. The Solar farm across the street from Plains High school will be utilized as an "outdoor classroom" to engage students in activities highlighting renewable energy sources. This curriculum will be used primarily with Middle and High school students.
- Middle and High School students visiting the site are usually participants in tours of Georgia. The students are in Plains for 1 to 2 hours for ranger-led tours of the farm and Plains High School. I have curriculum-based writing activities available upon request for groups that have the time or desire to participate. This tour is written around President Carter's book: An Hour Before Daylight

Off-Site Programming

- Education staff will go into schools to present JCNHS programming to students in their classrooms. Teachers can request programming ranging from story time and Language Arts activities to cross-curricular Science and Math relevant to the life and legacy of President Carter.

Distance Learning Programming:

- Education staff members will Skype with schools at the request of the teacher. Tours of Plains High School or the Boyhood Farm are highlighted with a question/answer session at the conclusion of the tour.

Academic Programming

- Academic Bowl competitions for Middle and High School Students
- Presidents Day Program featuring President and Mrs. Carter as the speakers
- Peanut Festival Art competition (Kindergarten-12th grade)

Web-based curriculum

- Education website: www.jimmycartereducation.org
- Website offers multi-media videos for teachers to use in classroom
- Lesson plans and grade-specific curriculum available for teachers
- Research information for students use
- Field trip information
- Website is linked to, and accessible from the National Park Service website and Georgia Department of Education website.