Free Field Trip Enhancements

Civil War Tech for Field Trips
This series, presented by the ALPLM thanks to the generous support of AT&T, is an exciting series of hands-on history and science programs designed to connect learners to Civil War Technology. Through experiments, artifacts, and games, students in grades 4-8 will gain a broader understanding of the impact innovations in science, technology, mathematics, and engineering (STEM) fields had on America’s greatest national conflict.

Subjects:

Ironclads: During the Civil War, both the Union and the Confederacy clamored for ships with metal armor-Ironclads-that offered better protection that the age-old wooden ship. Students will learn about the race between the Union and Confederate armies to build ironclad ships before constructing their own and putting them to the test!

Submarines: Under the pressure of the United States Navy, the Confederacy turned to Captain Horace Hunley’s hand-cranked submarine to break through an impermeable blockade. Students will conduct buoyancy experiments and discover the issues encountered by the crews of the Hunley submarine.

Railroads: Instead of walking hundreds of miles, carrying food, medical supplies, and ammunition, Civil War soldiers could ride the rails. After building cities, factories, and railroad lines, students will complete challenges to see whose railroads function the best.

Telegraph: Before LOL, there was .-.. --- ... . The telegraph changed the way information spread around the country and helped shape the Civil War. Students will learn how the telegraph operated, how President Lincoln and his generals used it, and then create and send their own coded messages.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

Classroom Connections are 45 minute hands-on history workshops designed to bring history to life! Sessions are offered based on staff availability and must be scheduled at least three weeks in advance. To schedule a classroom connection contact Genevieve Kaplan at 217.558.8935 or Genevieve.Kaplan@illinois.gov.

19th Century Kids
What was it like to grow up in the 19th century? Find out in this exploration of school, work and play. Daily chores, blab schools, games and entertainment will be just some of the topics covered through primary documents from the ALPLM collections. Grade Level 4-6

Life of a Soldier
Learn about the life of a Civil War soldier while getting up close and personal with reproduction artifacts. Students will analyze reproduction artifacts including objects, primary documents, images and more. Grade Level 4-6

Perspectives of the Civil War
Working in small groups, students will examine and evaluate photographs, letters and diary entries of Civil War soldiers. Grade Level 6-12

Women in the Civil War
Learn about how women of the Civil War served as soldiers, nurses, spies, and those who kept the home fires burning for both the Union and Confederacy. Using photographs, letters and diaries, students will examine the many roles women played in the Civil War and their impact on both sides. Grade Level 4-6