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NH School Kids Explore 5 Granite State Icons Virtually

CONCORD, NH—For nearly sixty years, kids have been visiting the New Hampshire Historical Society to participate in what has become a rite of passage—to explore some of the iconic objects that have defined New Hampshire and shaped its history.

Unfortunately, few if any schools will be able to hold field trips in the coming year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Granite Staters are nothing if not resourceful, and the New Hampshire Historical Society is determined that this year's school kids will still be able to take part in an experience that generations of kids in this state have shared.

Students in grades 3–6 can now participate in the New Hampshire Historical Society's virtual field trip program, "5 Granite State Icons," **launching Friday, February 5.**

“The New Hampshire Historical Society has heard from teachers all over the state about the importance of providing high-quality and fun virtual experiences for their students in the coming year,” says Education Director Elizabeth Dubrulle. “Virtual field trips not only support teachers in meeting their instructional goals for their students but they also help provide the sparkle that keeps students engaged in their educational experience, that fires kids’ imaginations and reminds them that they are part of a larger world—past, present, and future—that transcends our current circumstances.”

The program is designed for students working from their homes or gathered together in their classrooms. Lasting about an hour, “5 Granite State Icons” includes a series of short videos, with each video followed by live, interactive,



virtual sessions with a museum educator, who shares stories, prompts discussion, and engages students in an exploration of what it means to be a Granite Stater. New Hampshire school kids can thus participate in a universal experience while ensuring their health and safety during this pandemic.

This virtual field trip experience does not just offer an alternative for the 10,000 New Hampshire school kids who would normally visit the New Hampshire Historical Society during the academic year. It also offers an opportunity to reach children who don’t usually participate in the annual pilgrimage to Concord due to distance or expense. A virtual field trip doesn’t require transportation expenses or a long bus ride. Every school in New Hampshire can have the opportunity to learn more about the state we all love.

A preview video (45 seconds) is available at <https://vimeo.com/498408885>.

Bookings for winter and spring 2021 are now being accepted on the New Hampshire Historical Society’s website at nhhistory.org/educate/school-programs or by contacting Assistant Director of Education Jenn Walton at jwalton@nhhistory.org or

603-856-0645. The program fee is \$75 per session, with discounts for hybrid classrooms.

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