Information on Virtual Classroom Programs

The Jamestown Rediscovery education team is excited to be offering virtual classroom programs focusing on the archaeology and history of Jamestown. Educators may choose from a list of available topics below or suggest a custom theme. Each session consists of a 45 minute presentation with an additional 15 minutes for questions. Shorter or longer sessions can be requested but may entail additional costs.

Online Meeting Platform Information
Schools are responsible for hosting the virtual classroom program through an online platform of their choice. In order to ensure the best experience, the virtual meeting system should offer the following capabilities:

- **Screen sharing**
  - Historic Jamestowne staff will share a Powerpoint presentation from his or her computer, so screen sharing must be available.

- **Chat messaging**
  - Students may use the chat feature to submit questions during the Q&A session.

- **Whiteboard (if using Zoom)**
  - The Whiteboard feature enables instructors and Historic Jamestowne staff to create and share notes.

Examples of possible meeting platforms are Skype, Zoom, and Google Hangouts. Any costs associated with the use of online meeting services will be incurred by the school. Teachers may include as many students as they would like in a virtual classroom program as long as they are not exceeding the participant limits of the school’s selected platform. Instructors should test computer and internet settings before the scheduled meeting. All meeting links/IDs must be emailed to Historic Jamestowne staff at least 30 minutes prior to the time of the meeting.

During the Virtual Classroom Program
Virtual Classroom Programs consist of a 45-minute presentation followed by a 15-minute Question & Answer period. Students are asked to mute their microphones until the start of the Q&A session. During the Q&A, students must wait to be called upon by their instructors or Historic Jamestowne staff. Students may also use the virtual “raise hand” option available on selected platforms.

Request a Virtual Classroom Program
Instructions for requesting Virtual Classroom Programs are below. Please contact Cherelle Cotton at hjeducation@preservationvirginia.org if you need further assistance or have any questions.
Requesting a Virtual Classroom Program

To request a virtual classroom program, please complete the online form and someone from our education team will contact you within 1-2 business days to complete your booking: https://historicjamestowne.org/education/for-educators/virtual-classroom-programs/

All programs must be reserved at least 14 days in advance, but slots can fill up several months out, so early booking is encouraged.

Instructions for Completing the Online Request Form

Contact Information
Please provide your name, email address, billing address for the invoice, and daytime phone number. You should receive a confirmation once the form has been submitted and someone from our education team will follow up with you by email within two weeks of receiving the request.

Group Information
Please provide a little information about the group, including the school or group name, the students’ grade level, and your role. Our programs are recommended for students 4th grade and up. For mixed-age groups, like scouts, please indicate the range of ages, so that we can best tailor the program to the learning levels represented.

When would you like to schedule your virtual classroom program? Please feel free to list specific date(s) and times although we cannot guarantee availability until a member of our educational team has contacted you. If your schedule is more flexible, list approximately when you would like to schedule a virtual program, such as the month or a preferred day of the week.

Number of students? Indicate approximately how many students are expected. The number of students who may participate is not limited as long as they can be accommodated on the school’s virtual meeting platform.

Fees
The total price shown is an estimate based on the option(s) selected. Our education staff will provide a final invoice once the program is confirmed. Each school is responsible for setting up and covering any fees associated with the online virtual meeting platform.
Program Options

**Discovering James Fort** (Recommended Age: All) **Fee: $50**
Join a *Jamestown Rediscovery* historian to learn about the history of the first successful English colony in the Americas and how archaeology has reshaped our understanding of this important site.

**First Africans in Virginia** (Recommended Age: Middle & High School, College) **Fee: $50**
Join a *Jamestown Rediscovery* historian to learn about the arrival of the first Africans in Virginia in 1619 and the legacies that have endured over 400 years. Program includes a discussion of the recent archaeology at the Angela site, where one of the first Africans at Jamestown lived and worked.

**Beyond Brideships** (Recommended Age: Middle & High School, College) **Fee: $50**
Join a *Jamestown Rediscovery* historian to discuss the history created by women at Jamestown from 1607–1699. Going beyond maids, brides, and mothers, this program discusses Jamestown’s English, Powhatan, and African women as fighters, builders, politicians, and diplomats.

**Jamestown vs. Plymouth** (Recommended Age: Middle & High School, College) **Fee: $50**
Join a *Jamestown Rediscovery* historian to compare and contrast the first two successful English colonies, the origins of their rivalry, and some surprising correlations between them.

**The Powhatan and the English** (Recommended Age: Elementary & Middle School) **Fee: $50**
Join a *Jamestown Rediscovery* historian to discuss the varying relationships between the Powhatan Indians and the English colonists beginning in 1607 and throughout the 17th century.

**Custom Lesson Topic** (Recommended Age: All) **Fee: $100**
Educators may request specific topics of interest. A member of our Education team will be in contact regarding lesson content.

**Virtual Site Visit** (Recommended Age: All) **Fee: $100**
Join a *Jamestown Rediscovery* historian for a virtual visit to significant areas of the James Fort site. Weather conditions may affect program availability.

**Talk with a Living History Character** (Recommended Age: All) **Fee: $100**
Join a *Jamestown Rediscovery* interpreter for an interactive, personal account of life at Jamestown.

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