

Onslow County Museum

Discover. Imagine.

2019



2020

Connect. Explore.

Educator's Guide

Welcome to Onslow County Museum

Onslow County Museum is proud to serve area educators and their students.

This booklet outlines the services and programs we offer to

Department of Defense, public, private, and home schools.

We look forward to seeing you and your students soon!

Mission Statement

The Onslow County Museum is a public, non-profit, educational institution whose purpose is to stimulate an interest in and teach about the cultural and natural history of Onslow County and its agricultural, marine, and industrial resources and development so that residents of and visitors to the county will be able to gain an understanding and appreciation of its past, present, and future.

Educational Goals

Our job is to help you and your students....

Discover the natural history in our own backyards.

Imagine what life was like for the people who lived here before us.

Connect our resources to your curriculum goals.

Explore Onslow County's people and places.

About the Museum

Staff

Lisa Whitman-Grice, Museum Division Head

Contact me about: tours, speaker requests, facility rentals, volunteer opportunities, and monetary donations.

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Chance Hellmann, Collections Manager

Contact me about: research requests, photograph requests, exhibits, genealogical resources, & artifact donations.

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Emily Worrell Baker, Education Coordinator

Contact me about: outreach programs, home-school programs, preschool programs, Heritage Day, Summer Art and Wetland Wonders Camp.

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Crystal Elsner, Office Assistant

Contact me about: general information about the Museum, Pelletier House, Environmental Education Center, and the running of the office.

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Contact Us

Onslow County Museum

301 S. Wilmington Street

Richlands, NC 28574

Phone: 910-324-5008

Website: www.onslowcountync.gov/museum

Facebook: www.facebook.com/OCMuseum/

Parking

The Museum has parking for cars, motorcycles, and buses. We also have a bike rack.

Picnic Facilities

Limited picnic space is available. Please call for arrangements. We can also suggest nearby parks and restaurants.

Hours

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 5:00

Gallery Hours

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 - 4:30

Saturday: 10:00 - 4:00

Admission

General Public

Adult (18 & Older) . . . \$2 + sales tax

Youth (3 - 18) . . . \$1 + sales tax

2 & Younger . . . Free

School Groups

Students . . . \$1 + sales tax

Teachers . . . Free

Program Fees

At the Museum

Admission Fee for Tours & Activities:

Students . . . \$1.00 + sales tax (\$0.07)

Teachers . . . Free

Chaperones . . . \$2.00 + sales tax

At Your School

In County . . . Free

Out of County . . . \$1.00 per Student + sales tax

Planning your Field Trip!

Schedule by phone @ 910-324-5008 ~ Or fill out the online form located on our website!

What to Expect

Please book your tour at least 2 weeks in advance.

Location: The Museum is located on the corner of S. Wilmington Street and Highway 258. We are across the street from Richlands Town Hall and Richlands Police Department and next to First Citizens Bank on Highway 258.

Unloading: You may unload students at the front door before parking buses if you wish.

Checking In: Check in with the front desk upon arrival. Please pay for all students at once unless you are part of a homeschool group. We accept checks and cash. **We DO NOT accept credit or debit cards.** We can provide you with a receipt. Please let us know if you need us to provide you with an invoice.

Before Your Tour: Students will be split into multiple groups if necessary. (If your students will have to be split into multiple groups this will be discussed with you in advance.) A museum representative will guide each group to its first activity.

Tour Options: All field trips include a guided tour of our exhibits and a trip to our outdoor fossil find (weather permitting). The following options may be included by request or to accommodate larger groups:

- Worksheets and Coloring Pages.
- History Program. (See pages 7 - 8.)
- Science Program. (See page 9.)

Special Requests: If you would like to request a special topic for your tour please let us know.

Our Exhibits

The Water and the Wood: Imagine traveling back through time following the paths of ancient waterways and trails to Onslow's earliest beginnings. Stand in awe at the 38 foot dugout canoe crafted by the area's native people at least 800 years ago. Witness the transformation of Onslow County from a sparsely populated rural area to a thriving group of communities as diverse as the people who settled here nearly 300 years ago. Experience this and more while enjoying our long term exhibit, *The Water and the Wood*.

Changing Gallery: The changing gallery features a variety of exhibits for children and adults throughout the year. Recent exhibits have included "The African American Experience" and "Local Flavor." The gallery also features a children's discovery exhibit each summer that corresponds with the Museum's Summer Art Camp. Please call the Museum to learn about our newest exhibit!

Richard Tellekamp Memorial Fossil Find: If you want to dig deeper into eastern North Carolina's geologic history, be sure to visit the Museum's outdoor classroom, the Richard Tellekamp Fossil Find. This area, located behind the Museum building, contains reject ore courtesy of the PotashCorp Mines in Aurora, NC. Fossil hunting is a fun and hands-on way of learning about the marine creatures and mammals that once inhabited the Coastal Plain.

Gift Shop: The Museum operates a small gift shop. Please call for details.

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Onslow County *Environmental Education* *Center*

Location: The Environmental Education Center is located on highway 210, 2/10ths of a mile east of the intersection of 210 and Old Folkstone and is connected to the Sneads Ferry branch library. The EEC sits across the street from the Topsail Shores Inn and adjacent to the Shrimp Shack.



Scheduling Your Tour: Please book your tour **at least two weeks in advance** by calling the Museum or by filling out the online form located on our website: www.onslowcountync.gov/Museum. If you plan to bring bagged lunches please notify staff so that recycling and trash receptacles can be arranged.

Before Your Tour: Students will be split into multiple groups if necessary. A museum representative will guide each group to its first activity.

Tour Options: All field trips include a guided tour of our exhibits. The EEC also offers a boardwalk and outdoor classroom where additional activities and workshops can take place.

Special Requests: If you would like to request a special topic for your tour please let us know.

Our Exhibit @ the EEC

Discover Onslow: Discover Onslow County's diverse ecosystems and the wildlife that call Onslow County home. Safely view a 12 foot alligator and a 250 pound black bear that once roamed the County. Explore the New and White Oak rivers that shape the county's wide range of natural habitats. Help preserve these natural spaces by learning how to be a better steward of the environment. Enjoy the many facets of Onslow County's environment by visiting the EEC's signature exhibit *Discover Onslow*.

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The Pelletier House and Wantland Spring



About the Pelletier House & Wantland Spring: A Greek revival structure, the Pelletier House was originally constructed in the late 1850s-1860 as a bachelor's quarters by local businessman and public figure, Rufus Pelletier. Later improvements were made by Pelletier when he married and had a family. It is the only surviving Antebellum structure in the City of Jacksonville, making it the oldest home in the city. The Pelletier House is situated on a rise above the New River and the 18th Century Wantland Spring. The Pelletier House and Wantland Spring were acquired by the Onslow County Historical Society in 1957. An extensive restoration of the property was conducted from 1974-1976, returning the structure to its original office/bachelor's quarters.

Our Acquirement of the Property: The Pelletier House was gifted to Onslow County to be operated by the Museum in 2012. In 2013, the site was selected as a Lowes Home Improvement Hometown Heroes project; including repairs to house, gardens, and spring.

Location: The Pelletier House is located on Old Bridge Street in downtown Jacksonville. It is situated on a bluff above the New River and sits adjacent to the Jacksonville Court House.

Scheduling Your Tour: Please book your tour at least two weeks in advance by contacting Lisa Whitman-Grice at the Onslow County Museum.

*Admission is **FREE!***



History Programs

Schedule by phone @ 910-324-5008 ~ Or by email: Emily_Baker@onslowcountync.gov

Booking Guidelines

1. Please book your program at least two weeks in advance; our busiest months are November & December, thus, the sooner you e-mail/call the better chance at securing your desired date.
2. Groups must have at least 10 and no more than 40 students. Preschool programs are limited to 25 students.
3. Groups may be **no larger** than 40 students for Pirate Fun.
4. Please allow students with exceptional needs to sit at the front of the room, when possible, so that the speaker can better engage them.
5. A teacher or teacher's assistant must be present at all times. Teachers are responsible for maintaining discipline.



Early Inhabitants

Native Onslow: Explore the lives of Onslow County's native people using archaeology and history. Emphasis is given to the native people who lived in the Onslow County area between the Paleolithic Era and the end of the Woodland era. The presentation is enhanced with images and artifacts. *Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: 3 - 12. Please provide one table.*

Native NC--European Contact: Explores early contact between Europeans and North Carolina's native people. Students begin by discussing Native American's first contact with European's via Christopher Columbus. Students will compare Roanoke and Jamestown and will discuss the Native Americans that the Europeans encountered while creating each of these settlements. Students will explore the foods, traditions, and life ways that these cultures shared with each other. *Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: 3 - 12. Please provide one table.*

Colonial Piracy



Pirates: This costumed presentation teaches students what it took to be a pirate during the "Golden Age of Piracy," with a discussion of the everyday lives and culture of pirates such as Blackbeard, Stede Bonnet, Anne Bonny, and Mary Read. *Estimated Time: 45 - 60 Minutes. Grade Levels: K - 12. Please provide one table.*

Pirate Fun: This fun and informative program is available for large groups or classrooms! Students visit three stations to create pirate flags, eye patches, or hats; take pictures as pirates; and hear stories and music related to piracy. Works well as an AR reward party. *Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: K - 12. Teacher is required to provide supplies; please email the Education Coordinator for details.*

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Colonial Life

Colonial Lifeways: Mrs. Mary; In period clothing, Mrs. Emily takes students back to 1770 with a presentation about colonial lifeways in Onslow County. We will discuss Mrs. Mary, an Ordinary Keeper; her daily life, work, and children's role during the 18th century. Please let us know if there is a specific theme or topic you would like us to address. Recent requests have included Colonial Christmas, The American Revolution, and Colonial Schools. *Estimated Time: 45 - 60 Minutes. Grade Levels: Pre-K - 12. Please provide one table.*



Colonial Fun: Students will learn about a variety of Colonial games. After a brief demonstration and explanation of different games and pastimes, students will play with ninepins, bilboquets, cup and ball games, whirligigs, and toy soldiers. Students will also have an opportunity to build card houses. *Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: 3 - 12. Please provide one table. *Students should be divided into six groups.**

Civil War

The Civil War: Students explore the American Civil War through reproduction photographs, documents, and artifacts. This program has three options:

- ☞ *Life in the Civil War Era*, an overview of the Civil War era. (Grades K-2)
 - ☞ *Onslow County in the Civil War*, a discussion of local events. (Grades 3 - 5)
 - ☞ *Ordinary People: Local Voices from the Civil War*, a look at the contributions of individuals (Grades 6-12)
- Estimated Time: 45 - 60 Minutes. Grade Levels: K - 12. Please provide one table and an Elmo projector.*

African Americans in the Civil War: Students use photos, stories, and documents to discuss the lives of African Americans prior to and during the Civil War. Topics include daily life for both free and enslaved African Americans and Civil War service. *This program contains topics and images that may not be suitable for younger children. This program is recommended for grade levels 4 - 12.

Estimated Time: 45 - 60 Minutes. Grade Levels: 4 - 12. Please provide one table and an Elmo projector.

Museums and Artifacts

Curious Curators: What are artifacts and where do they come from? Students will learn what a museum is and explore many artifacts and replicas from our education collection. Older students will also discuss what objects survive to become artifacts, how they are dated and why they are collected.

Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: Pre-K - 12. Please provide one table.

Architectural History: Museum Director, Lisa Whitman-Grice discusses a variety of elements found in local architecture. If walls could talk, they would reveal the details of life discussed with this slide show.

Estimated Time: 60 Minutes. Grade Levels: 9 - 12.

Architectural History Walking Tour: Museum Director, Lisa Whitman-Grice takes your students on a walking tour of downtown Richlands and reveals the details of stories told by architecture and design.

Estimated Time: 60 Minutes. Grade Levels: 6 - 12.

Science & Natural History Programs

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Booking Guidelines

1. Please book your program at least two weeks in advance.
2. Groups must have at least 10 and no more than 40 students. Preschools are asked to limit the number of students to 20.
3. Please allow students with exceptional needs to sit at the front of the room, when possible, so that the speaker can better engage them.
4. A teacher or teacher's assistant must be present at all times. Teachers are responsible for maintaining discipline.

Fossils

Dig It! Using examples from the Museum's education collection, students learn about fossil formation and early life in Onslow County. Discover the prehistoric sea creatures and ice age mammals that dominated Onslow's Mesozoic and early Cenozoic landscapes. Students are invited to search for fossils in reject ore provided by PotashCorp in Aurora, NC, and may keep what they find! *Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: 1 - 12. Please provide one table for the presenter and a zip-top bag and tray/paper plate for each student.*



Dig It! Rocks & Minerals: This Dig It! program option includes a discussion of the rocks and minerals found in Onslow County. Students will also discover what types of rocks and minerals the fossils in the Museum's education collection contain. Students are invited to dig for fossils after the discussion and may keep what they find! *Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: 1 - 12. Please provide one table for the presenter and a zip-top bag and tray/paper plate for each student.*

Dig It! My Sea Bed: Students learn about prehistoric life and fossil formation through play and hands-on activities. Students explore real and replica fossils before making clay fossils using materials provided by the Museum and digging for their very own fossil finds. *Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: Pre-K - K. Please provide one table for the presenter. Please provide a zip-top bag, tray/paper plate, and a ball of salt dough (about the size of a golf ball) for each student.*

Ocean Life

Squishy Fishes: Children learn to interpret the remains of sea creatures found on Onslow's beaches while also learning about their life cycles, adaptations, anatomy, and habitats. The program concludes with students creating Japanese *gyotaku* (fish prints) using rubber fish provided by the Museum.



Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: Pre-K—2. Please provide paint brushes, paint, and paper or t-shirts for the fish printing activity. Please add 15 minutes if you will be making t-shirts.

Under the Sea: Students learn to interpret the remains of sea creatures found on Onslow's beaches while also learning about their life cycles, adaptations, anatomy, and habitats. Gyotaku can be done upon request.

Estimated Time: 45 Minutes. Grade Levels: 3-5.



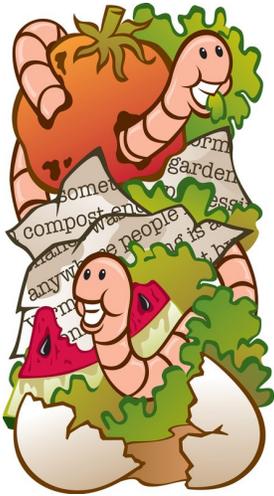
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Plant It! A Bean! Examines the life cycle of a bean plant, along with live examples of the Venus Fly Trap, Purple Pitcher Plant, Red Trumpet Pitcher Plant, and Cape Sundew Plant. These are carnivorous plants that are native to our region of the state. Students will learn the importance of the sun, air, and soil to the growth of plants along with conservation methods taken to preserve these carnivorous plants and our natural habitats. *Estimated Time: 45 minutes. Grades Pre-K-2. Please provide one table.*



Plant It! Ecosystems! Discusses various Ecosystems throughout the state, focusing primarily on Onslow County's ecosystems. Students will have the opportunity to see a Venus Fly Trap, Purple Pitcher Plant, Red Trumpet Pitcher Plant, and a Cape Sundew Plant. They will discuss the importance of these carnivorous plants to our region of the state. Students will also learn about conservation efforts to preserve these plants and our natural habitats. Discussion will also include information about various organisms (decomposers, consumers, & producers) and the job they do for the environment. *Estimated Time: 45 minutes. Grades 3-5. Please provide one table.*



Resources for Educators

For Your Classroom

Supplementary Materials: Supplementary materials for outreach programs are automatically sent to your email address **two weeks before** we are scheduled to visit you. Supplementary materials are provided for field trips by request only. Materials may include worksheets, handouts, and/or activity ideas.

Research Requests: Do you need to incorporate local history or natural history into your lesson plans? Our staff can help you find the resources you need. For more information please contact Lisa Whitman-Grice at Lisa_Whitman-Grice@onslowcountync.gov and/or Emily Worrell Baker at Emily_Baker@onslowcountync.gov, or call us at 910-324-5008.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Museum is an approved volunteer site for the SAT program and accepts high school aged volunteers seeking hours for most community service programs. Please contact Lisa Whitman-Grice for more details.

For Professional Development

Facilities Use: The Museum has space available for teacher retreats, workshops, and meetings. Please contact Lisa Whitman-Grice to request a reservation.

Speakers: Our staff is available to speak to your civic or professional organization on a variety of topics. Please call Lisa Whitman-Grice to arrange a speaker for your next meeting or event!

For Family Fun and Personal Enrichment

Genealogical Research: The Museum's Reference Room holds a growing number of books, family research files, and local history resources for your personal genealogical research. Please call to make an appointment.

Join Us: Become a Friend of the Onslow County Museum. Friends of the Museum receive many perks and are invited to special "Friends—Only" events throughout the year.

Special Events

Onslow County Museum hosts numerous special events. Additional events are added throughout the year - please visit Facebook or give us a call for an up to date list and specific dates for each event.

August: Family Fun Fridays—Free

September 19, 2019: Talk like a Pirate Day—Free

October: Fall Heritage Day—OCS 4th Graders

December: Santa visits Museum

January: New Exhibit Opening

April: Spring Heritage Day—OCS 4th Graders

June/July: Summer Art & Wetland Wonders Camp

Summer: NEW Children's Exhibit Opens

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