

# 2017 2018 School Programs

Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center & Henry Hudson Planetarium

## History & Community



### Early Life in Albany

(Grades 2-12)

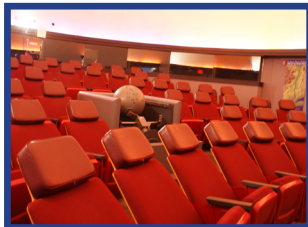
Participatory program explores Henry Hudson's voyage, Native American and Dutch trade, colonial history and Albany's resulting development. Student re-enactment, audio-visual presentation, interactive History Game and archeological artifacts from several local excavations are used as teaching tools.

### Community, Architecture & History

(Grades K-12)

Albany's history and magnificent architecture come alive during a guided walk through the urban community of downtown Albany. Students will be tasked with planning, designing and building their very own urban, suburban or rural community through the use of building blocks and other creative resources.

## Planetarium



### Twinkle Time

(Grades Pre K-2)

Young skywatchers discover twinkling stars, planets, constellation pictures and sky stories inside our planetarium dome.

### Little Star That Could

(Grades K-2)

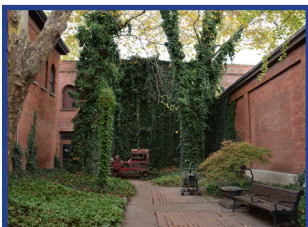
The story of one star's journey traveling the universe in search of planets. Each planet is introduced with basic information about our solar system.

### Wonders of the Universe

(Grades 2-12)

Exploration of seasonal constellations, planets, galaxies and other wonders of the universe.

**\*The programs above are \$3.50 per student. The minimum group fee is \$70**



## Double the Educational Experience



The following programs have been developed with partner museums for double the education.

### Hudson River Trading Game & Navigating the Seas (Grades 4-5)

A 34-foot interactive Hudson River game board recreates the challenges of trading and sailing on the Hudson River during the late 1700's, illustrates how Hudson River trade was linked to global trade and includes a lesson in star navigation in the Henry Hudson Planetarium. Program takes place at the Visitors Center in partnership with Historic Cherry Hill. *\$5 per student / minimum group fee is \$100.*

### Double Dutch (Grades 3-12)

An exploration of archeological artifacts from Fort Orange, touchable objects, and life size representations of Native and Dutch people brings to life the story of early Dutch inhabitants of the upper Hudson Valley. The first portion of this program takes place at Crailo State Historic Site. The second portion of this program, Early Life in Albany, takes place at the Albany Visitors Center. *\$5 per student / minimum group fee is \$100.*

### Ancient Egypt and Stars of the Pharaohs (Grades 3-12)

View the Albany Institute of History & Art exhibit, Ancient Egypt Exhibit, to discover the culture and customs of daily life in ancient Egypt. The astronomy program, Stars of the Pharaohs, takes place at the Henry Hudson Planetarium. *Call for pricing.*

### Voyage on the Hudson: An Adventure Inspired by Henry Hudson (Grades K-12)

This unique experience includes an introduction to Early Life in Albany at the Albany Visitor Center and an adventure on the Hudson River with the Dutch Apple Cruises. Students will learn the tale of Henry Hudson's harrowing adventure on the Hudson River. The river cruise will include a guided tour and a hands on nautical themed craft. *April – October. \$10 per person / minimum group fee is \$500.*

### Follow the North Star & The Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence (Grades 4-12)

At the Albany Visitor Center, students will learn the important role astronomy played in the Freedom Seekers' journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad. The song "Follow the Drinking Gourd" will be decoded and applied to the night sky. The story of Albany's role in the Abolitionist movement will come alive after a journey to The Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence, an important stop on the Underground Railroad. Students can experience the story of Albany abolitionists, through interactive, innovative activities, and learn the challenges that confronted these early civil rights activists. *\$7 per student. For every 10 students, one adult comes free. Additional adult admission is \$10.*

### Time to Trade! A 17th Century Land and Water Experience (Grades 4-7)

**Dates are limited to October 23rd – 29th**

Learn how to become a 17th century sailor aboard The Onrust! The Onrust is an authentic working replica of merchant and captain Adriaen Block's ship, the first European vessel built in New York State in 1614. Students will experience hands on navigational activities and glean insight into the skills and seamanship merchant sailors needed to successfully navigate on an overseas exploration voyage. After disembarking the Onrust, students will visit Crailo, to learn the story of 17th century Dutch colonists and their Native American trade partners through representations of Native and Dutch people, a Dutch house room and kitchen cellar, interactive exhibits and archeological artifacts from Fort Orange and Schuyler Flatts. Please note that the Onrust program will be a dockside nautical experience. Time to Trade! does not include a visit to the Albany Visitor Center. For more information, please call Crailo State Historic **518-463-8738**.

#### Group Reservation Information

Programs are available by appointment only. Programs address Common Core Learning Standards and include an interactive activity designed to reinforce topics explored during programs. Call **(518) 434-0405** or email **accvb@albany.org**.

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