

## School Programs Committee At-a-Glance

The purpose of the School Programs Committee is to create, develop and present activities to school students who visit Historic Rock Ford on field trips. Activities correlate to HRF's mission and are held in the mansion, barn and grounds. Part 2 activities are correlated to School District of Lancaster's science standards and PA Academic Standards for History and Communication Arts.

The Committee has two separate parts. **Part 1** programs are funded by admission fees and **Part 2** programs are funded by our EITC business partners, currently UGI and Fulton Forward.

### **Part 1 School Programs titled "History First Hand"**

Activities inside include:

Mansion tour

In the barn...

Pen and Ink

Letters to Kitty

Shut-the-Box (game)

Dress-up in 18<sup>th</sup> century-style clothing

Architecture: Demonstrating symmetry and pattern with wooden blocks

Texture: Hand rubbings of textural elements

Analyzing Art: The Crossing of the Delaware

Archaeology: Is it Trash or Is it Treasure?

### **Part 2 EIO (Educational Improvement Organization) Programs titled The House That Hand Built and The Trial of Major John André.**

Activities outdoors include:

Mansion tour (indoors)

Surveying

Groundwater

Brick Making

Archaeology: Is it Trash or Is It Treasure?

The Trial of Major John André

Members of our committee present the programs to school students in both History First Hand and EIO programs. Numbers of volunteers depend upon the activities that teachers select for their students. The Committee does not have regularly scheduled meetings. The chair of the committee communicates through emails, mainly for staffing programs. Programs are held in the spring and fall, typically.

The chair of the committee is responsible for scheduling schools and staffing the activities. The HRF office is responsible for collecting admission fees. Committee members are also responsible for writing a newsletter article and completing tasks such as setting up and taking down activity stations in the barn. All materials are stored in the fore-bay of the barn. See the website <http://historicrockford.org/> and brochure for more information.