

# **Battle for Columbia**

## **School Education Day**

Dear Teacher/ Educator,

Thank you for planning to attend the Battle for Columbia Education Day on Friday, May 6, 2016. We hope that you will find this Living History event to be both educational and fun for your students. The following information will help you prepare for your visit.

### **General Information:**

- Cost is \$3 per student. Teachers, Aides, Chaperones, and Parents are free.
- School checks may be made out to “Battle for Columbia”, or you may bring cash, whichever is more convenient for your organization.
- Invoices are available upon request.
- Please have an exact count of the number of children and adults in your group.
- Sutlers and Period Merchants will open for business just before lunchtime for any students who wish to buy a souvenir.
- Students are welcome to bring cameras and are encouraged to ask questions of the participants.

### **Rules for Behavior:**

- Students should stay with their assigned groups.
- Please walk between educational stations.
- When your group is in between stations, please be mindful of others who are trying to listen at a different station.

### **Schedule:**

- Schools will begin touring at 9:00 a.m.
- Groups may tour the different stations at their leisure. Educational Stations are approximately 20 minutes in length. That includes time for questions.
- Please plan on 4 hours to tour educational stations and eat lunch. All tours will conclude at 2:00 p.m.
- Schools may leave at whatever time the Teachers feel necessary. Bus drivers will know how long it takes to get back to your respective school.

### **Food and Lunch Considerations:**

- Groups may stop to eat lunch at anytime they choose.

- Schools are welcome to bring their own lunches to the site. Assistance with moving group lunches from buses to picnic site is available upon request.
- There will be a food vendor on site that will have a limited menu (hot dogs, corn dogs, tomato sandwiches, etc.), beverages (soft drinks, tea, lemonade, bottled water) and snacks (chips, cookies, etc.) available for purchase. Prices will range from \$0.75 to \$3.50 per item. Please call Ida Culler, Food Coordinator, at 803-926-0735 for additional information.
- Drinking water and temporary outdoor restroom facilities will be on site.

### **Contact Telephone Numbers and E-Mail**

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Thank you again for your interest in Battle for Columbia School Day. It has been a pleasure to work with your school. Please find included additional information regarding Educational Stations and directions to the site. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

We look forward to seeing your group.

Sincerely,

J.D.Holt  
Battle for Columbia Education Day Committee

## Educational Stations

Most stations will last about 20 minutes each. **Teachers, please note the time at the beginning of a station.** If your class wants to move to another stations before the instructor is finished, feel free to let them know, or ask the event marshal with your group to inform the instructor. The stations involving “Medical/Surgical” and “A Soldier Returning Home to Lexington” will last 10 – 15 minutes longer, so teachers should plan accordingly.

All the stations listed are excellent and we assure you that you will not be disappointed with any of them. As you arrive, teachers will be given an event flyer, which shows the location of each educational station. **Teachers may choose which stations they would like for their group to attend**, it would therefore be helpful if you had a good idea which stations were of interest. Obviously, due to time, it will not be possible for groups to attend every educational station but it will be useful to acquaint yourself ahead of time with the different subjects available for instruction.

### Educational Stations:

1. **Infantry:** Tommy Rollings of Sandy Run, SC will present how the common foot soldier lived, camp life, drill, how many rounds per minute the average soldier could fire, how to load and fire a musket, accuracy of the musket.
2. **Artillery:** Vernon Terry of Catawba, SC will explain the procedure in firing a cannon, what types of shells were used and their particular purpose and the role of artillery in the war. The “Chester Cannon”, an original gun from the war, which was unearthed in Chester County, will be used for the demonstration.
3. **Cavalry:** Danny Gregory gives an exciting explanation of riding skills needed, weapons used, how to load a musket while riding, and the role of cavalry in the war.
4. **1860’s Cooking:** The Shealy family from York, SC, will discuss how food was prepared and cooked in the 19th century. Samples are given away making this station one of the most popular.
5. **Federal Soldiers Uniforms and Accoutrements:** Ken Robinson of Irmo, SC presents a impersonation of Federal Zouave troops. Their uniforms are strikingly colorful and Mr Robinson gives a great presentation of Federal Infantry life during the war.
6. **The American Indian in the 1860’s**, by D. C. Locke. Mr. Locke presents 1860’s from the perspective of the American Indian including tools, clothing, and arms used during the period.
7. **“Meet The Generals”:** Re enactors portraying War Between the States military leaders such as Generals JEB Stuart, Robert E Lee and Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson.
8. **South Carolina Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum.** Joe Long, Curator of Education, at the museum located on Gervais Street in Columbia, will discuss some interesting Civil War items that he will have on display. Joe has both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia. He is very experienced in talking to school groups and is always a big favorite.

9. **“A Soldier Coming Back Home to Lexington”**. Re-enactor Ken Bickley tells a moving story of a soldier’s life during the war and the hardships he endures on his travels back home to Lexington. This station is truly a “must see”.
10. **Ladies Fashion in the 1860’s** by Susan Bray of Chapin, SC. Susan will have fashion items on display and discuss the various styles, including those humongous “hoop skirts”. Susan sews and makes all her dresses herself.
11. **Artifacts of the War Between the States** by Marion Hutson & Leo Redmond of the Cayce Historical Museum. These two men will discuss many of the interesting and valuable artifacts they have found and collected over many years.
12. **Music**: Mr. Ed Wilkes presents the bagpiper of the 1860’s including playing and discussing how the instrument is used.
13. **Period Minister**: Mr. Mike Short presents the religious guide of an 1860’s minister..
14. **Medical and Surgical**: Matt Farina is a retired pediatric cardiologist and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Albany Medical College in Albany, NY. Matt has combined his interest in War Between the States history and medical background to provide topics to round tables in New York, Vermont, Maine, North Carolina and Melbourne, Australia.

Several additional educational stations will be added up to the time of the event. Any educational stations that will be added after this date will be marked by “new” on the event flyer.

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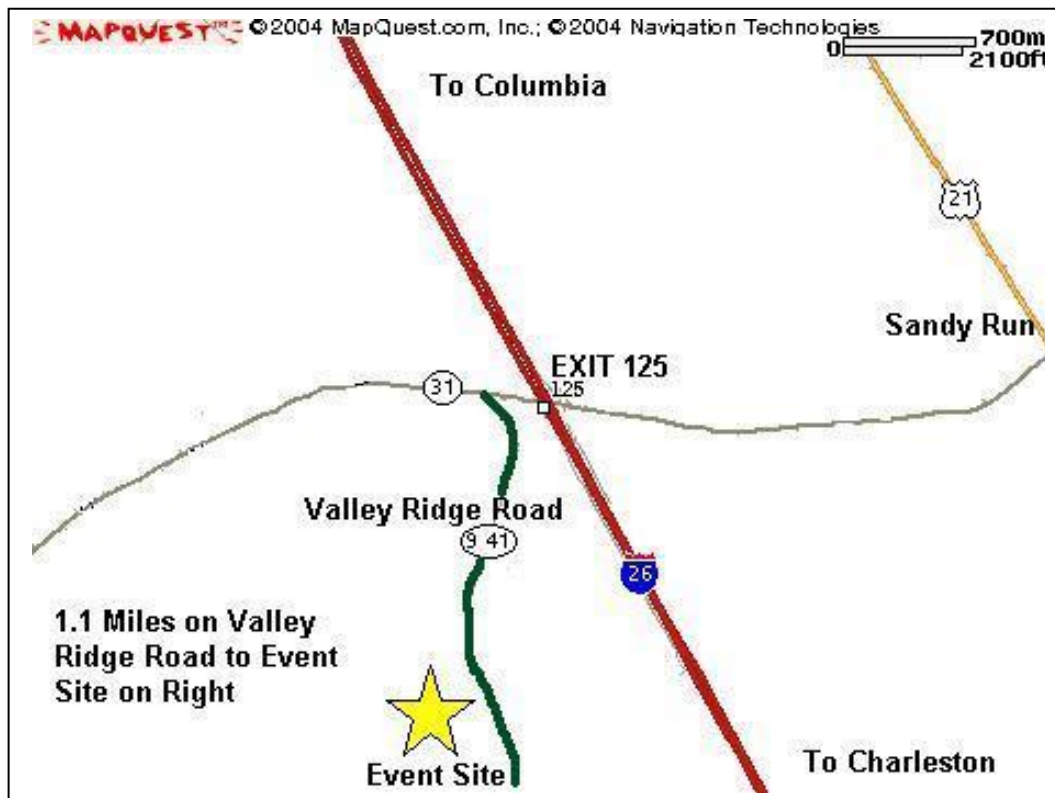


*The men and women who are instructors for the BFC School Day Educational Stations are all volunteers. All uniforms, dresses, equipment, artifacts, and replicas are paid for by these dedicated individuals. They take time off from their jobs and travel to Sandy Run to work at BFC School Day because of their love of history and education for the youth of South Carolina. If you enjoy this event and see it as something of value to your students, please feel free to express your appreciation to these wonderful men and women.*



# *The Battle for Columbia*

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To get to the Battle for Columbia site take I-26 East from Columbia toward Charleston.

Exit at 125 (This is the first exit after you pass the big rest area).

Turn left. This will put you going toward Gaston, not Sandy Run. You should see some signs that say "BFC"

You will go about 75 yards and turn left. This is Valley Ridge Road (first road on the left).

Go 1.1 miles.

The entrance to the Battle for Columbia site will be on the right in a curve.

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