Education Programs

Explore the natural and environmental history of the Connecticut River through our Homeschool Education Series.

Our education programs

- encourage observation, experimentation, and exploration
- employ museum objects, documents, and lab activities to explore the cultural environments of the river
- discuss the physical changes of the River landscape through time
- teach the importance of conservation in protecting the river.

Registration Information

Please Register online at:  www.ctrivermuseum.org

For additional information, contact the museum’s Education Department:
Phone: 860-767-8269 x113
Email: ainsall@ctrivermuseum.org

- All payments must be received in advance.
- No refunds, unless a program is cancelled.
- Space is limited; please register early. All programs are 40 people max.
- Programs are on Tuesdays, 10:00-12:30. (Minimum 6 student enrollment)

The Homeschool Series is designed for children ages 6—15. Children under the age of 6 may accompany participating students, but adults are asked to explore other parts of the Museum with them to allow older students full participation in the activities of the registered program.

Program Fees

Museum, Nature, & Farm Programs: $20.00 per child per session. One adult per family member free. Additional adults $10.00 each. (Includes CRM admission.)

Boat Programs:
$25 per child, $25 per adult No children under 6 please.

For the Entire Series: $90 per child age 6-15 (Includes CRM admission.)
October 12
Maps, Charts, & Onrust Sail
Learn to navigate and to read maps and charts. Older children complete a series of navigational challenges. Younger children learn to read a map and use a compass. All participants take a hands-on sail aboard the Onrust.

November 9
Bushnell Farm - Getting Ready for Winter
Come explore historic Bushnell Farm and discover what getting ready for winter meant for early communities in the lower River Valley. Cook and preserve seasonal food, prepare wood for winter, and engage in a community trade activity.
Route 1, Old Saybrook

January 18
River Dwellers
Acquire insight into the changes that have occurred over time in the river and its watershed. Learn what created and sustained these changes in the past and how they may affect the river in the future.

March 22
CT River in a Jar
Explore the sources and effects of pollution in a river watershed. Participate in conservation problem-solving activities. Beginning with the water cycle, students determine where pollutants originate. Complete a real-time wet lab exercise focused on water quality.

April 26
Signs of Spring Hike
Early spring is the ideal time to witness the bursts of color on the forest floor! Explore vernal pools and find out what the forest is doing at this time of year.
Location to be determined.

Homeschool groups are also welcome to book separate field trips for their groups or co-ops.

The programs listed in this brochure and those listed in the school program listings are some of the available options.

Directions to the Connecticut River Museum

From Rte 95: Exit 69 to Rte 9 north to Exit 3 - Essex. Left off ramp, right at light, straight to traffic circle, take Main St to the end.

From Rte 9 South: Exit 3 Essex, left off ramp, left at light, straight to traffic circle, take Main St. to the end.