Jimmy Carter National Historic Site

Education Program



Preserving the Past to inspire the Future!

The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Education Program operates as a partnership between the Georgia Department of Education, The National Park Service, and the Friends of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. The partnership is unique in that it is the only one of its kind in existence between a State Board of Education and the National Park Service. Funding for the program is provided by donor support to the Friends of Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.







In 1996, Plains High School was officially declared the

State School of Georgia



For the past 23 years, the education staff at Plains High School has provided opportunities for approximately 200,000 students from across the United States to participated in on-site and virtual educational opportunities designed to promote the life and legacy of President Jimmy Carter .

The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site is comprised of three locations, each offering a unique perspective and learning opportunity about Jimmy Carter's Life.



Plains High School



The Depot Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign Headquarters



Jimmy Carter Boyhood Home



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During a visit to Plains High School, students will be invited to travel throughout the school to participate in grade-specific, cross-curricular activities designed to promote an understanding of government, stewardship, patriotism, human rights, and peace. Students will learn about President Carter's life and the people who influenced his journey in becoming the 39th President as well as one of the most respected humanitarians of this century.





The Plains Depot Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign Headquarters

The Depot contains exhibits focusing on the 1976 Presidential Campaign. It served as a train depot from 1888 to 1951, when passenger service to the area was discontinued. The building was opened in 1976 as Jimmy Carter's Presidential Campaign Headquarters. Students who visit will participate in activities focusing on campaigning and the election process.









Boyhood Home/Farm

The Boyhood Farm was owned by Earl Carter, Jimmy's father, from 1928 until the late 1940s. Jimmy Carter lived here from the age of four until he departed for college. The farm is restored to its appearance before electricity was installed in 1938. Students will have the opportunity to learn about President Carter's childhood as they spend a day on the farm participating in standards-based, cross-curricular activities.





Georgia Head Start and Pre-K Students at the Boyhood Farm



The Jimmy Carter Boyhood Farm hosted over 900 Ga Pre-K and 200 Head Start students for on-site field trips this past fall. Students spent an average of 2 hours rotating around the farm participating in hands-on activities designed especially for 3,4 and 5-year olds.

The response from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive for this new program.

The number one comment from teachers has been; "We have needed a trip where students are busy instead of just listening to a guide."











Why should administrators approve, and teachers choose the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site ?

- 1. JCNHS Field Trips are **FREE** ! No admission fee to the historic site/transportation funding provided.
- 2. Field trip activities are aligned to the GaDOE Georgia Standards of Excellence
- 3. Students actively participate in hands-on, project-based activities designed to promote learning and facilitate understanding of the standards.
- 4. Social Studies standards are taught using primary sources allowing students to make real-world connections.
- 5. Activities promoting environmental stewardship are incorporated into each field trip as students learn about the mission of the National Park Service
- 6. Students and teachers have FUN !

7. JCNHS Field Trips are **FREE**. No student will be left behind because of inability to pay .



" I am a retired teacher of 32 years who came as a chaperone today to spend time with my grandson. This was the best field trip I have ever attended ! This is what a field trip should be, educational and fun !



Today's trip was awesome! The staff was wonderful! Activities were fun, engaging, and educational. Of all the years (13) I have visited, this year's trip was the best!"

(2nd grade teacher- April 2018)



Come see us in Plains.

We will be waiting for you!









