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Erie Canalway Ticket to Ride

Program Guidelines

Erie Canalway Ticket to Ride offers transportation and educational program funding for schools across New York State. By covering bus and tour fees, the program makes it possible for schools to take advantage of first-rate educational field trips to designated museums and historic sites throughout the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

The program is designed to:

1. Reinforce classroom learning about the Erie Canal with hands-on experiences at authentic canal sites.
2. Provide greater access to New York's rich historic and cultural sites for rural and urban students from varying environments and demographic backgrounds.
3. Improve critical thinking skills and recall of information by offering contextual experiences for classroom content.
4. Inspire students to consider what their generation might accomplish with the kind of vision, hard work, and spirit of innovation that were hallmarks of canal building in New York State.
5. In addition to reflecting the NYS Education Department's Social Studies Standards, each tour site presents a unique local story that enhances the statewide story of the Erie Canal. For example, your students may:
 6. Gain first-hand knowledge about how boats and cargo were weighed (Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse);
 7. See the remains of one of the largest aqueducts from the 1800s (Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter);
 8. Experience how boats were built and repaired (Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango);
 9. Climb alongside the famous Flight of Five Locks (Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport).

Program Details

WHAT SCHOOLS ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Any school located within New York State is eligible to participate once per school year, subject to available funding. *The program is open to fourth grade classes and above.* One tour per class, per year.

IS THE PROGRAM COMPETITIVE?

- **No.** Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are exhausted.
- Erie Canalway reserves the right to limit the amount of support provided, if any, to any school or district based on distance traveled.

IS REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

- **Yes.** Schools must pre-register with Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (ECNHC) at least two weeks prior to your anticipated tour dates. A registration form is attached.

WHO MAKES ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOST TOUR SITE?

- The school makes tour arrangements directly with the tour provider. ECNHC does not facilitate any tour booking. **Schools must confirm tour dates with provider prior to applying for Erie Canalway Ticket to Ride.**

WHICH SITES HOST FIELD TRIPS? WHERE DO WE GO?

- Erie Canalway Ticket to Ride includes only the approved sites listed on the next page. These sites include as part of their program: a trained curator, educator, or historian; formal docent program; approved tour script reflecting State Education Social Studies standards; as well as demonstrated experience providing school tours.

SITE NAME & CONTACT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Arkell Museum at Canajoharie (518) 673-2314 dforsberg@arkellmuseum.org www.arkellmuseum.org/school-programs	Canajoharie	Program explores the impact of the Erie Canal on industry and the arts in the Mohawk Valley. Students will see the museum's impressive collection of paintings, which includes works by Winslow Homer, George Inness, Mary Cassatt, and more than a dozen paintings of the Mohawk River and Erie Canal.

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Camillus Erie Canal Park (315) 488-3409 janet.conners17@gmail.com http://eriecanalcamillus.com/school.htm	Camillus	Experience the Erie Canal by boat, walk the tow path, explore how locks work and visit the 1850s Sims Store. Tours last approximately 2.5 hours and are available seasonally September – October and May – June.
Chapman Historical Museum/Glens Falls Feeder Canal Alliance (518) 793-2826 educator@chapmanmuseum.org http://chapmanmuseum.org/	Glens Falls	Visit the Field School at the Historic Coal Silos along the Feeder Canal in Hudson falls for an authentic canal experience, travel a towpath where hoggees walked, visit a Flight of Five Locks, and explore five industrial coal silos. Interact with re-enactors, analyze photographs, examine artifacts, explore hands-on Stem based exhibits and learn about the historical and economic impact of NYS Canals.
Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum (315) 687-3801 coordinator@clcsm.org www.clcbm.org/index.html	Chittenango	Located on the old Erie Canal, 90-foot-long cargo boats were built and repaired on this site during the 19th and 20th centuries. Activities may include participating in an archeological dig for canal artifacts, exploring boat building techniques, and doing daily tasks of canal families in the 1800s.
Corn Hill Navigation/Sam Patch Boat Tours (585) 662-5748 capt.lj13@gmail.com http://sampatch.org/	Rochester	Sam Patch offers an on the water educational experience aboard a replica packet boat. Students enjoy a guided tour explaining the history of the Erie Canal, its importance to our nation's development, its existence as an engineering feat and the simple machines that help it work. Each trip includes the signature canal experience of passage through a century old lock.
Erie Canal Discovery Center (716) 434-7433 admin@niagarahistory.org www.niagarahistory.org/discovery-center/	Lockport	The Center showcases the history of the Erie Canal and the famous "Flight of Five" Lockport Locks. Students will learn about challenges that had to be overcome to build the locks and compare the canal of the 1800s with today's canal by visiting the Lockport Flight. <i>(Note: Registrations made through the Niagara County Historical Society) A boat ride is not included.</i>
Erie Canal Museum (315) 471-0593 Steve@eriecanalmuseum.org www.eriecanalmuseum.org	Syracuse	The museum is housed in the only remaining Weighlock Building (1850) where canal boats were weighed when they traveled through the center of Syracuse on the Erie Canal. Programs are based on the museum's extensive collection of Erie Canal artifacts.
Explore Buffalo (716) 245-3032 ext. 203 paisley@explorebuffalo.org https://explorebuffalo.org/school-tours/	Buffalo	Step back in time to discover the importance of the Erie Canal to Buffalo's development. This interactive walking tour leads students through Canalside to learn about the history of Buffalo's waterfront, the Erie Canal, and Canalside's present-day cultural, artistic, and community uses. Targets grades 4 – 12.
Historic Palmyra (315) 597-6981 bjfhpinc@rochester.rr.com www.historicpalmyrany.com/	Palmyra	Five museum sites preserve and showcase the history of Palmyra on the Erie Canal, including William Phelps General Store, Historic Museum, Palmyra Print Shop, Erie Canal Depot, and Alling Coverlet Museum.

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miSci (518) 382-7890 x 237 reservations@misci.org www.misci.org/Educators-and-Groups	Schenectady	Students will investigate technology used to design the Erie Canal's locks and other infrastructure. Activities include exploring properties of hydraulic cement and experiencing the properties of Pascal's Law.
Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site (518) 829-7516 janice.fontanella@parks.ny.gov www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/27/details.aspx	Fort Hunter	Students will see the evolution of the Erie Canal from 1800s to today, including locks, prism and towpath and the remains of the Schoharie Aqueduct. We talk about engineering challenges of building a "water bridge" to take canal boats over the Schoharie Creek. Program includes the use of primary documents and inquiry discussion to understand the canal story.
Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry (315) 568-1510 staff@senecamuseum.com www.senecamuseum.com/education.php	Seneca Falls	The museum showcases the history of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, and the Finger Lakes region, illustrating how the Seneca River and the Cayuga-Seneca Canal powered the rise of industry and fostered the spread of social reform movements.
Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence (518) 432-4432 info@UndergroundRailroadHistory.org http://undergroundrailroadhistory.org/the-stephen-and-harriet-myers-residence/	Albany	<i>Underground Railroad Experience</i> Visit the place where Freedom Seekers stopped and experience their efforts to abolish slavery in New York and in the nation. Reassemble artifacts, search for answers in the Scavenger Hunt, play History Mystery, and bring history to life through the Vigilance Committee readers' theater.

WHO PAYS THE TOUR FEE?

- ECNHC will pay **\$5.00 per child** directly to the museum or historical society once the tour is complete. The museum or historical society should NOT invoice, or otherwise seek to collect a fee from teachers or the school.
- At the completion of a tour, the museum or historical society will submit an invoice to Erie Canalway. Invoice must contain: name and address of tour site, name of participating school, tour date, number of students, and total amount of tour fee.
- Turn around on invoices is approximately 30 days.
- Please note: Teachers, chaperones, bus drivers, and other adults are not eligible for reimbursement of tour fees.

WHO PAYS THE BUS FEES?

- ECNHC pays for bus mileage and driver. Typically the fees are reimbursed after the tour is complete.
- **Schedule your bus through your district's established process.** Charter buses are not eligible, however, "yellow" school buses may be charted privately.
- **The school must submit an invoice for bus services with its registration.** Include school name and tour site, date of tour, total mileage traveled, driver rate, number of buses, and total amount.

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