

A photograph of a man and a young child smiling on a ship's deck. The man, wearing a yellow shirt, is standing behind a large, dark wooden steering wheel with a yellow stripe. The child, wearing a blue t-shirt with the word 'Cape' visible, is pointing towards the camera. The background shows a dark, textured wall, possibly part of the ship's interior or a museum exhibit.

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**Ulster American Folk Park**  
**Schools Events Programme**  
**2011-2012**

## HERITAGE TOURISM (post primary)

**Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd September 2011**

First opened in 1976, the Ulster American Folk Park has established itself as one of the major tourist attractions on the island of Ireland. Student groups are invited to visit the Folk Park to investigate the museum from a tourism perspective and discuss with staff such aspects as visitor management, patterns of visitation, marketing, public services, careers etc.

Please call us to discuss the specific needs of your group.

## SCIENCE IN SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th September 2011**

*Living Lightly Environmental Trail (primary)*

This outdoor environmental programme has been specially designed to allow opportunities to focus on issues of sustainable development by using history as a stimulus. It examines the environment in the context of emigration, looking at how the emigrants used and adapted to their environments before and after emigration.

Rainwear and appropriate footwear essential.

*Health and Habits in the 19th Century (post primary)*

Use this programme as a basis for examining changing standards of personal health. Investigate 19th century housing in Ulster, laundry and hygiene, soap making, diet and food preservation, epidemics, charms, cures, patent medicines and herbal remedies. Barn dancing and a visit to Reilly's spirit grocers are usually included as part of the programme.



## HALLOWE'EN/PENNSYLVANIA HARVEST HOME

**Wednesday 12th to Tuesday 25th October 2011 (Mondays excepted)**

The festivals of Hallowe'en in Ulster and Harvest Home in Pennsylvania marked the end of the summer and the beginning of the dark days of winter. They were times of great merriment and excitement for young and old. These old customs are revived annually for visiting school children in October.

It is one of our most popular events, so please book early.

## WARRIORS OF THE PLAINS PROGRAMME

Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th November 2011

Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th January 2012

**Warriors of the Plains: 200 years of Native North American honour and ritual** is an impressive touring exhibition from The British Museum on view at the Ulster American Folk Park from mid October 2011. Our specially designed programme for schools includes a 90 minute session with Folk Park staff in the exhibition gallery, followed by Native American workshops or a guided tour of New World area, including our latest American exhibit buildings. Suitable for year 6 and above.

Please contact the education department to arrange a free preview.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th December 2011

Come and celebrate Christmas in a week of early 19th century activities in the authentic surroundings of our Ulster and American houses. Join an Ulster family as they prepare for the festive season; find out about mummers and their straw masks; take part in traditional party games; and learn how Americans decorated their Christmas trees using natural materials.

## FLIGHT FROM FAMINE Residential Programme

Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th February 2012 (10-11 years only)

Day 1: 11.00am-4.15pm

Based in the exhibit buildings of the Folk Park each pupil adopts the role of an emigrant in Famine times, participating in a variety of practical tasks and making decisions about their future.

Day 2: Beginning at 10.00am

Pupils examine other perspectives on Famine emigration such as the landowners, shipping companies and government. The topic is approached through problem solving, practical tasks and activity sheets.

## HAWTHORN DAYS (upper primary)

Tuesday 21st to Wednesday 29th February (Mondays excepted)

Tuesday 20th to Friday 30th March 2012

Is your class reading 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' or 'Wildflower Girl'? Then live out the experience in authentic 19th century surroundings at the Folk Park.

- Discover Mary Kate Conway's secret cures
- Taste famine foods such as yellow meal gruel and soup
- Visit the land agent's house
- Travel on the emigrant ship
- Watch out for tricksters and pickpockets
- Find out what's cooking in America.

Follow up leaflet available.

## MATHS IN MARCH

**Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th March 2012**

Our Maths trails help pupils reinforce mathematical concepts in a novel and unusual setting. Based in Shipbuoy Street, the Ship and Dockside gallery and the American Street, the following trails are available:

- Blue Trail for year 4-5
- Gold Trail for years 6-8
- Red Trail for pupils with special needs
- White Trail for lower secondary pupils only – based in the New World area

## WINTER WORKSHOPS

**November 2011 to February 2012**

Winter workshops provide first hand practical experience of traditional crafts and agricultural/domestic skills that were once a vital part of rural Ulster and American life. The workshops usually take place in the comfort of the traditional surroundings of the Old and New World buildings. On offer are a range of over 20 workshops including cookery, textile crafts, 19th century shop based activities and pioneer programmes.

## OTHER POPULAR PROGRAMMES

- Emigration Studies
- Intergenerational work
- Immigrant Voices
- Rural life in America
- General Study Tour
- School Role Play



### **Have you seen our newest exhibits yet?**

McCallister House from West Virginia

Rogan House from Tennessee (opening late 2011)

Our full schools programme is available to download at [www.nmni.com/uafp/learning](http://www.nmni.com/uafp/learning)

### **TO BOOK A PROGRAMME**

Contact Breege on (028) 8225 6320 or E: [uafp.education@nmni.com](mailto:uafp.education@nmni.com)

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