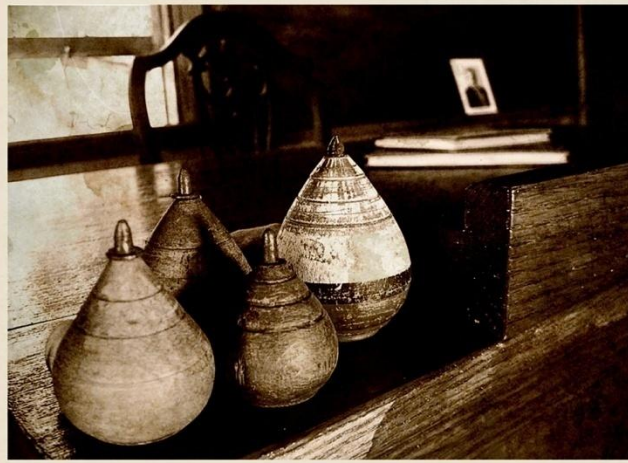


Rural Hill

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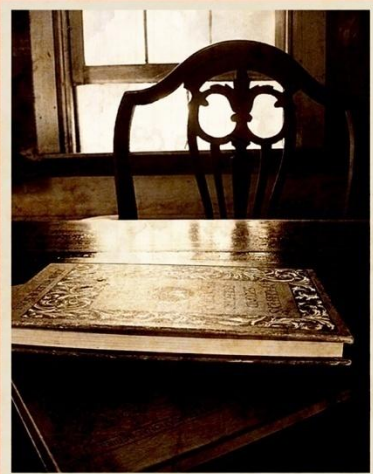
Take a field trip back in time to 1905, when Theodore Roosevelt was President, Charles Brantley Aycock was Governor and the American Flag still had 45 stars. Your class will be taught for a half or full day using 1905 methods and materials in Davidson School, Rural Hill's original 1890 one room school house, the oldest in Mecklenburg County!



Your class will be delighted by the opportunity to make and use their own copybooks, write with chalk on slate and blackboard, practice their penmanship skills, read from McSuffey's readers, and practice arithmetic, spelling, and grammar using materials and lessons that are over a century old. Contact us today to schedule your special memory!

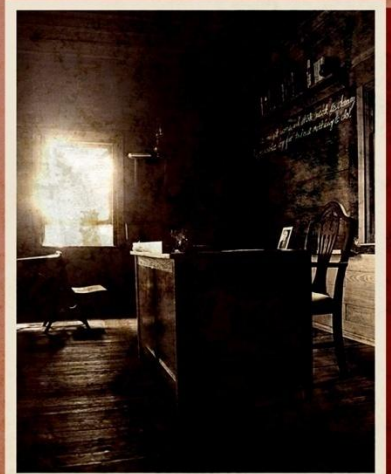
THE DAVIDSON SCHOOL

1890 - 1923



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Teachers:

It means so much to us here at Rural Hill that you are considering coming to our world. We know that both your and their time is precious. If there is anything that we can do to make your trip more enjoyable and / or informative please do not hesitate to let us know. While our programs are designed to fall directly in line with NC Essential Standards and Common Core teachings, most programs' content can and will be adjusted to suit your class' grade level. Please take the time to review the following materials, which serve as an introduction to your trip and program. Again, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you so much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zac Vinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zac Vinson
Director of Education,
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Rural Hill is an historic site, working farm, and educational venue operated by Historic Rural Hill, a non-profit 501c-3 through a lease with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation. With over two hundred and fifty years of history behind it, Rural Hill is a restoration in progress. Enjoy two hundred sixty five acres of magnificent rural vistas, a variety of farm animals and wildlife, a wooded trail that encircles the property, and our historic buildings and reconstructions. With eleven structures in all, we have the perfect setting to provide cultural heritage events, educational programs, self guided or guided tours, and so much more! We welcome all visitors and students to Rural Hill, where history springs

DIRECTIONS:

From I-77 North:

From I-77 North take Exit 16B, Sunset Road West, traveling 0.2 miles. Merge onto Sunset Road and travel 0.6 miles. Turn Right onto Beatties Ford Road. After traveling 6.5 miles turn Left onto Neck Road. Rural Hill is located 2.1 miles on the right. Pull into the SECOND driveway for parking.

From I-77 South:

From I-77 South take the Exit 23, Gilead Road toward Huntersville, traveling 0.3 miles. Turn Right onto Gilead Road and travel 0.6 miles. Turn Left onto McCoy Road and continue onward for 1.7 miles. Take a Right turn onto Hambright Road, traveling 1.6 miles, then turn Right onto Beatties Ford Road. After 0.7 miles, turn left onto Neck Road. Rural Hill is located 2.1 miles on the right. Pull into the SECOND driveway for parking.

From NC-73 West:

From NC-73 West turn Left onto Beatties Ford Road, continuing 3.6 miles. Turn Right onto Neck Road. Rural Hill is located 2.1 miles on the right. Pull into the SECOND driveway for parking.

From NC-73 East:

From NC-73 East turn Right onto Beatties Ford Road, continuing 3.6 miles. Turn Right onto Neck Road. Rural Hill is located 2.1 miles on the right. Pull into the SECOND driveway for parking.

BEFORE YOU COME:

Please review the following reminders and recommendations prior to your departure:

- Please complete the group registration form [here](#) and email or fax back to Rural Hill. This will confirm your reservation on our calendar. *Do not worry about pre-payment unless it is easier for you to pre-pay.*
- Unless stated otherwise, programs are \$5 per student. One adult per 10 students is required and free. Each additional adult is \$5.
- Groups of fewer than 15 participants will be required to pay a minimum amount of \$75.
- Please review the page entitled “*Site Etiquette*” with your students prior to arriving to Rural Hill and ensure that they understand what is expected of them.
- We would like you to arrive about 10 minutes early to allow the students plenty of time to check in and group themselves away from the bus(es).
- *Rural Hill is open all year in all weather.* If there are concerns regarding inclement weather and your group, please call ahead to let us know whether you are coming or rescheduling.
- Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the outdoors and the weather at hand. Being one of Mecklenburg County’s most open and highest elevations, Rural Hill is naturally windy. Because of this, it can feel 10-15 degrees cooler here than where you are. Our historic buildings have no climate control measures, if it is cold outside, it will be cold inside. *Please dress appropriately.*
- The maximum number of students per program session is 30. If there is more than this, your group will be divided into two or more groups. As one group enjoys the educational program, the other group(s) will be led on a nature hike, scavenger hunt, or other appropriate activity.

SITE ETIQUETTE:

Rural Hill has over two hundred and fifty years of history on site and the staff here have the obligation to protect it for the future. Please abide by the following written rules as well as any verbal instructions our staff may provide to you during your stay. Students who fail to follow these rules may be separated from the group, asked to hold a teacher / parent’s hand, and / or made to

leave the site. We request that you obey these rules and honor us as much as we honor your group for spending time with us.

- I. Rural Hill is a working farm. This means live animals and working machines / tools. Please do not chase, yell at, hit, or throw anything at or to the animals. Do not offer the animals any food unless instructed to do so. Please do not climb on or touch any piece of farm equipment. If a staff member or your teacher tells you to stop, **STOP**.
- II. Do not climb on, touch, step, or jump over wire fences: They are electric and **WILL SHOCK**.
- III. Be aware that many of the things in and around our buildings are very old and fragile. Do not touch or pick up anything unless you are told its okay.
- IV. For the safety of our guests, do not climb on, in, or jump off any part of our buildings.
- V. Please keep any and all trash on your person until you can locate a proper receptacle. **DO NOT LITTER**.
- VI. No food, drink, or gum is allowed inside any of the buildings. Please finish all snacks prior to entering or leave them outside.
- VII. The entirety of Rural Hill is a Non-Smoking site due to the dry and combustible nature of our land, crop, and buildings.



Davidson School Schedule of Programming

**** Due to its small size, the Davidson School Program is limited to a maximum of around 20 students and 3-4 adults. If your class is larger than this please call or email us so that we can try to better accommodate your group. ****

Bring your class out to Rural Hill's historic one room Davidson School for a day of learning the way it was in 1905 when the school was in full operation. Built in 1890, Davidson School served the surrounding farming community until 1923, when the school was closed and children began attending nearby Long Creek School. Restored in 2003, the school now serves as an educational facility and service to our community. Your class will be taught by one of our expert staff members using only materials and methods available in 1905, when Theodore Roosevelt was president, George Bryant Aycock our governor, and the US had only 45 states. Readings and exercises are taught from our large collection of vintage and reproduction textbooks, including those of McGuffey, Ray, Webster, and Harvey, leading educators of the period. Looking for a little more writing and a little less arithmetic? Just ask our staff prior to the day of class and they will be glad to customize a program to suit your needs.

Featured NC Essential Standards

Social Studies:

Strand of Main Focus:

History: K - 8

Touched Upon Strands:

Geography and Environmental Literacy: K - 8

Economics and Financial Literacy: K - 1

Civics and Governance: K - 3

Featured NC Common Core Standards

Literacy in History / Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects

Reading Standards for Literature

Key Ideas and Details: K - 5

Craft and Structure: K - 5

Range of Reading / Level of Text Complexity: K - 5

Reading Standards for Informational Text

Key Ideas and Details: K - 5

Craft and Structure: K - 5

Integration of Knowledge / Ideas: K - 5

Range of Reading / Level of Text Complexity: K - 5

Reading Standards: Foundational Skills

Print Concepts: K - 5

Phonological Awareness: K - 5

Phonics and Word Recognition: K - 5

Fluency: K - 5

Teacher Tips:

For a full day schedule each person (including teachers) should bring:

- 1- Clothing appropriate for the weather outside. There is no heating or air conditioning inside the school. (If desired, period clothing suggestions for both teachers and students are available from Rural Hill staff)
- 2- A picnic lunch
- 3- A pencil (No ballpoint pens or markers!)
- 4- The Davidson School Copybook and extra note paper. (The Copybooks will be emailed for your printing after scheduling)

Each teacher should bring for the class:

- 1- Additional drinking water, paper cups
- 2- Garbage bags for trash removal
- 3- Cell phone in case of emergency

Rural Hill will provide the following:

- 1- Use of restroom facilities and covered eating area for 20+ people.
- 2- Readings and exercises from vintage textbooks, slates, and chalk
- 3- Appropriate seating

Half Day Schedule (3 - 4 hours)

(times and exercises shown are guidelines only and can be extended, shortened, rearranged, or omitted according to class needs and time restraints.)

10 - 30 minutes	Opening Exercises	Pledge, Construction of Copybooks, Discussion of Schoolhouse
30 minutes	Arithmetic	Board Work, Slate Work, and Drills Taken From Vintage Arithmetic Books (Ray's)
15 - 30 minutes	Handwriting	Group Discussion, Copy Memory Reading in Copy Book, Perform Writing Drills
15 - 30 minutes	History	History of Davidson Land and Early North Carolina
30 minutes	Geography	Mapping Exercise
30 minutes	Reading Exercises	McGuffey's Readers
1 hour	Lunch and Recess	Lunch (outside if weather permits), Followed by Historic Games or Nature Walk

Full Day Schedule (4 - 6 hours)

(times and exercises shown are guidelines only and can be extended, shortened, rearranged, or omitted according to class needs and time restraints.)

Morning		
15 - 30 minutes	Opening Exercises	Pledge, Discussion of Schoolhouse, Construction of Copybooks, Memory Reading
15 - 30 minutes	Handwriting	Group Discussion, Copy Memory Reading in Copy Book, Perform Writing Drills
30 minutes	Grammar & Spelling	Readings and Exercises From Vintage Spelling Books (McGuffey's, Harvey's, New England, and / or Blue Back)
15 - 30 minutes	Reading	McGuffey's Readers
30 minutes	History	History of Davidson Land and Early North Carolina
30 minutes	Geography	Mapping Activity
1 hour	Lunch and Organized Games	Outside, weather permitting
Afternoon		
15 - 30 minutes	Group Discussion of Morning Activities	
30 minutes	Arithmetic	Board Work, Slate Work, and Drills Taken From Vintage Arithmetic Books (Ray's)
15 - 30 minutes	Memory Reading	Recite Assigned Reading, Discuss Meaning
30 minutes	Writing	Write About the Day's Experience

Davidson School Rules:

- 1- Students may enter the school only after the teacher or staff person has given permission, not before.
- 2- Lunches are to be left on the bus, placed on the shelves above the coat hooks, or on the floor below them. They are not to be kept at the student's seat.
- 4- Students should leave backpacks on the bus, carrying what they need for the day with them in order to preserve the historic accuracy of our school.
- 5- Only the teacher or staff person may ring the school bell.
- 6- No chewing gum is permitted in the school.
- 7- Books are for reading only. Written work must be done on the slates or inside the copybook.

Payments

Payments can be made by check via mail or at time of program. Prepayment is not necessary, only if it is more convenient to you to do so. To make a major credit card payment, (Master Card, Visa, Amex) please call Mark at 704 875 3113

If you choose to cancel your educational program please call us at 704 875 3113. If you cancel with less than 10 business days remaining until your previously scheduled program's date, a \$75 administrative fee will be charged.

Payment by Check:

Make checks payable to: *Historic Rural Hill, PO Box 1009, Huntersville, NC 28070-1009*