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The Carter House and Carnton Plantation

Hands on History Program Tells Story of Civil War Drummer Boys

Educational experience for children explores young boys' contribution to war effort

Franklin, TN – On Saturday, March 22 the Battle of Franklin Trust's Hands on History program will shine a light on the military service of many young boys during the American Civil War. The class, open to children ages 5-12, will be held at The Carter House from 10 a.m. – noon.

This Hands on History topic was inspired by the young boys who joined the military alongside their older friends and family members during the Civil War. Many of them did not meet the age requirement to enlist but were allowed to participate in the war effort by becoming drummer boys. In this class, children will learn about the experiences and involvement these boys had alongside the soldiers.

"This educational opportunity allows children to learn about their historical counterparts during the Civil War era," said education and membership coordinator Angell Roberts. "We hope participants will be inspired by the contributions of these young drummer boys in our nation's history."

Class highlights will include:

- Show-and-tell of Civil War era musical instruments
- Demonstrations of songs the soldiers would sing in battle and camp
- The opportunity for each child to craft their own drum and walk Franklin's battlefield while playing along to camp and field favorites

Reservations are required. The cost is \$15 per student. For more information or to register, contact Angell Roberts at 615-794-0903 or angell@battleoffranklintrust.org.

About Hands on History

Hands on History is a monthly program for kids (ages a 5-12) provided by The Battle of Franklin Trust. Classes are held at The Carter House or Carnton Plantation and allow the children to experience different aspects of the 1860s and Civil War life. From archaeological digs to a traditional Victorian Halloween, participants partake in authentic experiences, crafts and treats.

About The Battle of Franklin Trust

The Battle of Franklin Trust is a 501(c)3 management corporation acting on behalf of Franklin's battlefield sites to contribute to a greater understanding and enrich the visitor experience of the November 30, 1864 battle. It was organized for the charitable and educational purposes of preserving, restoring, maintaining and interpreting the properties, artifacts and documents related to the battle so as to preserve an important part of the nation's history. Learn more at www.battleoffranklintrust.org or call 615-786-1864.

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