

Reservations

Reservations are required. Please book all school tours at least three (3) weeks in advance by calling 410-321-7500.

Deposits

A 50% non-refundable deposit is due upon receipt of the letter of agreement. Payment may be made by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. All tour fee balances must be paid prior to the tour.

Tardiness/Cancellation

All tours are scheduled for a specific time slot and length. Every attempt is made to accommodate late arriving groups, however, the Fire Museum reserves the right to modify or cancel the program. No refunds will be given on modified or canceled programs. Tours canceled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled.

Minimum Numbers

School group programs and rates are based on groups of 15 or more. Smaller groups can be accommodated, but a minimum payment of \$75 is necessary to have a tour.

Discovery Room

Bucket Brigade and Ropes to Radiators tours include up to 15 minutes in the Discovery Room. An extra 15 minutes may be purchased in advance for \$30.00.

Accessibility and Parking

The Fire Museum is on one level and is fully accessible for visitors with disabilities. The museum also has plenty of parking and has easy bus access.

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Gift Shop

The museum gift shop has reasonably priced items, many under \$1.00. When booking your program, please specify if you would like to visit the gift shop. Items may be pre-purchased.

"Digging Baltimore was very interesting. The guides were excellent storytellers, clarifying concepts and vocabulary so that all students could comprehend the events. Guides were very aware of the needs of 8 & 9 year old students"

Wellwood International, 3rd Grade teacher



"First class facilities. Great program. Great tour guides."

Independent Baptist Academy, K-6

"The program was very motivating, child friendly, and the tour guide was wonderful!"

Hillcrest Elementary, 3rd grade

FIRE MUSEUM OF MARYLAND

Educational Programs



**'PRESERVING THE PAST,
PROTECTING THE FUTURE'**

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Introduction

For more than 15 years, the educational programs of the Fire Museum of Maryland have been designed to complement classroom learning objectives by focusing on the role of the firefighters in communities from Colonial Days to the present. Tour guides discuss the causes and effects of fires in these changing communities.

In a 20,000 square foot Museum, students explore the history of firefighting and discover how firefighting and communications technology has advanced throughout the decades. Discussions, demonstrations, a short video, and hands-on activities introduce students to fire safety knowledge.

Reservations for school tour programs are available February through December. The Fire Museum of Maryland, founded in 1971, houses America's premier collection of fire fighting apparatus dating from 1806. More than 40 pieces of firefighting equipment are on permanent display.

Enthusiastic tour guides work to bring firefighting history to life for students of all ages. So, if you are interested in the museum's programs and would like more information or a walk-through of the Museum, please call: 410-321-7500.

The Museum is supported in part by a grant from the Arts & Sciences Commission of Baltimore County

Bucket Brigade

Ringling bells, flashing lights and passing buckets. This is a fun tour of fire engines and firefighting history from the past 250



years. It includes a stop in the fire alarm office, a fire safety talk, and playtime in the Discovery Room. Tour guides modify the tour based on the age of the group.

Age Group: 0 and up

Cost: \$5 per child; classroom teachers free. Parents are \$10 each.

Group Size: 15 to 50 students

Length: 1 hour

Ropes to Radiators



This two-part tour begins at the Fire Museum with the Bucket Brigade program. Later, groups tour one of several participating

modern fire stations to meet fire fighters and to learn about modern fire fighting methods. The program must be booked as one package.

Age Group: 5 and up

Cost: \$10 per child; classroom teachers free. Parents are \$10 each.

Group Size: 15 to 50 students

Length: 1 hour at each site; plus driving time

Digging Baltimore

Students tour the Fire Museum focusing on the Great 1904 Fire. In a prepared archaeology unit, students examine primary documents and news accounts and do a simulated dig for clues to discover how Baltimoreans lived and worked at the time of the Great Fire. *This tour meets Maryland State Curriculum for elementary archaeology.*



Age Group: 3rd grade and up

Cost: \$10 per child; classroom teachers free. Parents are \$10 each.

Group Size: 15 to 50 students

Length: 2 hours

Build the Engine!!



Learn about how fire engines work and actually build a kid-size working model. Students first tour the Fire Museum and discuss the arrangement and working parts of different kinds of fire engines. Next they work with adult facilitators to assemble a working fire engine based on a large toy wagon. Then the students cooperate as a team to operate the fire engine. *This innovative program meets Maryland State Curriculum elementary science standards.*

Age Group: 3rd grade and up

Cost: \$8 per child; classroom teachers free. Parents are \$10 each.

Group Size: 15 to 50 students

Length: 2 hours