

Billings Farm & Museum

Children on Hill Farms

This is a one-hour program consisting of 3 components:

20 minutes where students will identify artifacts that would have been familiar to a child in the 19th century.

20 minutes rotating through activity stations including using a rug beater, slate and pencil, yoke, stereoscope, washboard and more *(hands-on)*.

20 minutes painting a stencil to take home *(hands-on)*.

In addition to this main program, which you have selected, we will build a customized schedule which may include, as time allows, a visit to the livestock barns, playing historic games, and exploring the Farm Life Exhibits, among others. Late arrivals and early departures will impact your schedule.

Below are some of the vocabulary words that will be used in your program:

Yoke – a bar or frame that is attached to the head or neck of work animals so that they can pull a heavy load

Slate – a small sheet of rock in a wooden frame that is used to write on

Chores – the regular or daily light work of a household or farm

Stereoscope – an optical instrument used to view photographs in 3-D

Stenciling – the application of paint through cutout patterns

Washboard – a board with ridges used for washing clothes

Button hook – a hook for drawing buttons through button holes

Sampler – a decorative piece of needlework

Lantern – a light that usually has a glass covering that can be carried by a handle

Butter Churn – a device to convert cream into butter