



TRAIL OF TEARS - RIVER ROUTE EXPEDITION

EDUCATION PROGRAM

There are several components to this education and outreach program, and many ways your classroom, program, or family can be involved in this exciting paddling adventure following in the wake of the River Route of The Trail of Tears. Join the shore crew and welcome aboard.

STUDENT SHORE CREW

In June 2012 I will depart Ross's Landing by kayak, located on the Tennessee River at the site of present-day Chattanooga, Tenn. It was named for John Ross, the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1828 - 1866.

I will paddle the entire water route taken by at least four detachments of Cherokees, 1,226 miles along the Tennessee, Ohio, Mississippi, and Arkansas rivers. Understanding the history of the Trail of Tears provides insight into the early growth of the U.S. and can provide perspective about other events and even issues society faces today. It is American history.

Each week your classroom, education center, home school, or your family can follow the expedition, ask questions, and do activities.

Every Wednesday I will bring you an update, answer questions asked by you, and furnish you with an activity to accomplish.

EDUCATION MATERIALS

Will be able to download Free Curricular Materials to learn more about Trail of Tears, the Water Route, the Cherokee, and American History during the 1800's.

We are developing a K-8 Teacher's Guide and an Informal Educator's Toolkit for you to use in your classrooms, museums, or after school enrichment programs. Lessons and activities in these materials are designed to complement the Water Route expedition and enhance student learning about this period of American history.

Activities will include extensions, resources and background, and ideas to adapt the lesson to younger students.

K-8 TEACHER'S GUIDE

The Teacher's Guide includes six inquiry-based lessons designed for use in the classroom. The lessons target grades 6-8 and include suggestions for teaching younger students.

Introduction and Route Map

Lesson 1:

Lesson 2:

Lesson 3:

Lesson 4:

Lesson 5:

Lesson 6:

Lesson Extensions

Glossary

Recommended Teacher Resources

Bibliography

INFORMAL EDUCATOR'S TOOLKIT

The Informal Educator's Toolkit includes three activities and is intended for use in museums and other education programs.

About the Adventure and Route Map

Background

Activity 1:

Activity 2:

Activity 3:

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ONLINE PRESENTATIONS

Each week students can log online and watch a presentation and follow my progress.

PORT CALL ACTIVITIES

Visit me when I reach a port near you and learn more about the expedition! I can visit your school, museum, or other location or your class or group can visit me on shore at port. Your class or student group can participate in a variety of activities that fit your schedule and your interests. Activities include: interactive activities from the curricular materials, demonstrations of equipment, and presentation of the expedition.

Available times will be limited in each port.

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