



Northeast Georgia History Center

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If You Had Lived During the Civil War...

The Blue and The Gray as seen Through the Eyes of Those on the North Georgia Home Front



Camp Overview

The Northeast Georgia History Center Summer Camps are designed for rising 4th—8th graders.

Using the resources of the History Center's exhibits and collections, the campers will learn what life was like for Georgians during the Civil War.

Campers will receive a haversack at the beginning of the week which they will fill with historical items they create.

Among the week's activities are

- Visiting sites related to local Civil War history
- Writing letters, journaling, and mapping
- Designing playing cards
- Playing games of the era
- Observing and interacting with guest Civil War Re-enactors
- Marching and drilling
- Using Civil War era photography methods to create images
- And lots more...

THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA HISTORY CENTER'S

2014 Children's Summer Camps

- June 16-20
- June 23-27

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily

Members-\$65.00
Non-members-\$75.00

Sibling discounts available

Northeast Georgia History Center at Brenau University

Telling the stories of those who came before us...

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To register for one or both of the camp sessions, call the History Center or e-mail jcarson@brenau.edu . Enrollment is limited to 20 campers per session.

Family Day- The Revolutionary War Era

Journey back in time for an overview of the *Revolutionary War Era*.

Featured guests will be:

- Revolutionary War era re-enactors
- Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- The Sons of the American Revolution

Visit with them to learn about life on the home front and in conflict during the era. View exhibits and engage in hands-on activities.

Join us on Sunday, June 8th
from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.



Family Day sponsored by North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center

Genealogy Events from Hall County Public Library

Have you ever wondered about your family roots? Good research methods are essential to locate the best information about your ancestors and to come to the right conclusions about them.

Come discover fundamental research tools and a strong genealogy foundation for your family history. Join in the fun on Monday, June 2nd at 12:30 p.m. at the Gainesville Library Main Branch. You will learn some of the best resources to use for successful research results.

Have you ever dreamed of being locked in the library? Have you wanted to research genealogy “to your heart’s content”? On Friday, June 13th, genealogists will have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams by “Sitting Up with the Dead” at the downtown Gainesville Library Branch. Participants begin arriving at noon, pick up their name tags and acquaint themselves with the Sybil Wood McRay Genealogy & Local History Collection. At 5:00

p.m. the library will be closed to the public.

No registrants are admitted after 6:00 p.m. The second floor will remain open until midnight for genealogists.

The cost is \$12.00 per person for a boxed dinner, beverages, and a late night snack. Checks and registration forms must be received

For more information about either of these events,

call 770-532-3311 ext. 116.

Forum



MilliKids were the recipients of a fantastic childhood made possible by a Northern aristocrat’s and Southern gentleman’s dream of bringing the South together in a small North Georgia village called New Holland. These two men

put people to work, built homes, churches, and a school, and provided opportunities for recreation and entertainment.

Come and hear the stories of one of the MilliKids, Vic Wilson, a retired Hall County public school teacher who grew up in New Holland

and has compiled some of the stories into a wonderful book.

Admission is free for members and \$3 for non-members.

*His books are available for purchase in our Museum Shop!

Volunteer Spotlight

Brenau University picked a natural when it named Matt Thomas to serve on the board of directors of the history center.

Matt knows history. He studied American history at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky., and then started his career in public relations and development work at the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, Ky., an institution that started in 1886.

“It’s very much like the History Center here,” said Matt, one of six

Brenau representatives on the board. “It seeks to preserve the history of the area. And it has huge genealogical background and materials from the Lewis and Clark Expedition.”

Matt is a dedicated board member. He attends meetings regularly and serves on the marketing committee, finding ways to spread the word about the history center. He particularly liked the 2013 Taste of History, which focused on auto racing in North-

east Georgia. The event, he said, reached out to people who had never visited the history center. “The History Center is an institution that is there for the betterment of all,” he said.

At Brenau, he is vice president for external affairs, meaning he does fundraising and oversees special events and alumni relations.

He is active at Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church, and he and his wife, Jeanna, are busy with activities involving



their daughters: Ashley, 16, and Chelsea, 14.

The Brenau/History Center partnership has worked out well, Matt said. That partnership has been good for both institutions.

And Matt, thank you for being an important part of that partnership.

Online Farmer’s Market

The Northeast Georgia Locally Grown online farmers market will soon be coming to Gainesville!

The Locally Grown market, a collaboration of about 40 farmers and food producers in Habersham, Rabun, White, Stephens, and Hall counties, and even parts of North and South Carolina. All products are posted by farmers to a website where customers all across North-

east Georgia can order products from any farm they choose.

Beginning on June 6, the market will add a new pickup location at the Northeast Georgia History Center in Gainesville. The market is open year-round, 50 weeks of the year.

The website works in this manner: Farmers across north Georgia post photographs, descriptions, and



prices of their available products, and customers choose the products they like. Farmers receive the orders on Tuesday and pick the vegetables fresh for delivery on Wednesday evenings. Then customers pick up their orders 5—7 p.m. at the History Center, under the covered driveway. The Locally Grown market is sponsored by the Georgia

Mountains Farmers Network and the Soque River Watershed Association as part of both groups’ efforts to promote sustainable land based businesses. For more information or to place an order visit the market website at <http://northeastgeorgia.locallygrown.net>.



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The Northeast Georgia History Center is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the region. By maintaining a unique collection of historical items, presenting exhibits, conducting programs, enabling research, and partnering with other institutions in the region, the History Center strives to promote a greater understanding of the cultural, social, economical, and political history of Northeast Georgia.

Calendar of Events

June 3	12:00– 4:00	Greeting Card Making Class
June 8	1:00-4:00	Family Day- <i>Revolutionary War Era</i>
June 10	10 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
	12:00-4:00	Greeting Card Making Class
	7 p.m.	Forum– <i>Millikids– Vic Wilson</i>
June 16- 20	9:30-2:30	Summer Camp Session 1
June 19	11:30-1:00	Board of Directors meeting
June 23-27	9:30-2:30	Summer Camps Session 2

Items of Interest

Greeting Card Making Class

Part A– June 3rd

Part B– June 10th

12:00– 4:00

Instructor: Pat Major

Cost: \$20.00

Call for more information.

Welcome New

Members:

Albert Nixon

Sarah & Jarod Eddy

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hynes



New Exhibit: *Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present and Embracing the Future*– A multi-cultural exhibit by the students at Wood’s Mill Middle School. Opening celebration will be on Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. –12:00. The exhibit will remain in the Rotating Gallery until June 28th.