

COLONIAL MARKET DAYS

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OCTOBER 9TH 2026



CALLING ALL AREA SCHOOLS & HOME SCHOOL GROUPS!

WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE OUR EDUCATION DAY
DURING THE COLONIAL MARKET DAYS & ENCAMPMENT!

DATE & TIME : OCTOBER 9TH | 9^{AM} - 2^{PM}

COSTS: STUDENTS \$5 | FREE FOR CHAPERONES



EDUCATION DAY OCT 9 | ABNER LONGLEY PARK | LEBANON, INDIANA

The Colonial Market Days, a Lebanon, Indiana educational non-profit, warmly invites you and your students to step back in time at our French & Indian War and American Revolutionary War reenactment and encampment—now taking place in October! This year's date means you'll enjoy crisp fall air, brilliant autumn colors, and the natural wooded setting of Abner Longley Park, creating the perfect atmosphere for an 18th-century experience.

Friday, October 9th is reserved exclusively for school groups, offering a full day for students to freely explore and engage with history. As they wander through the sprawling encampment, they'll encounter a wide variety of demonstrations, craftspeople, and interpreters—each ready to share their knowledge and skills. They may watch blacksmiths at the forge, see cooking over an open fire, try their hand at penmanship, or learn how wool is spun into thread. Throughout the grounds, shops will offer 18th-century style goods, adding to the authentic feel of the day.

This is not a typical history lesson—it is history you can walk through. Colonial Market Days is an immersive “living museum” that spans from the French and Indian War through the end of the American Revolution. Students can talk with soldiers preparing for battle, civilians tending their homes, shopkeepers selling their wares, and artisans perfecting their craft. Every corner offers a new perspective on life more than 200 years ago.

Military reenactors will also bring the battlefield to life. In addition to infantry drills, cannons will fire artillery and cavalry will perform mounted maneuvers—showcasing the tactics and sounds of 18th-century warfare in a way that makes the past unforgettable.

We are honored to also welcome Native Peoples and their descendants, who will share the rich cultural heritage of their ancestors. Students will see and hear about clothing, shelters, foods, and traditions, as well as the important role Native Peoples played in Indiana's history during both the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars.

Programming addresses multiple of Indiana Academic Standards:
Social Studies for grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, High School USH, USG, & IS.1.1

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS. REGISTRATION IS ONLINE AT ColonialMarketDays.com