



**MORTON MUSEUM**  
*of Collierville History*

### **3<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Program**

The Morton Museum of Collierville History offers an interactive and engaging field trip program that meets curriculum standards for students in the 3<sup>th</sup> grade. In this field trip, students will learn about key components of our local community and will examine our connections to the past.

The field trip offers five distinct learning stations located on the Collierville Historic Town Square. Interpretive guides and community representatives will provide expert talks, and hands on activities at each station. Your group will be divided into 5 smaller groups (of no more than 30 students). The learning stations will take approximately 20-30 minutes each.

**Learning Station 1: The Morton Museum of Collierville History – “Collierville’s People.”**

Student will examine three Collierville communities; Native Americans that lived in this area, Collierville’s early farming community in the 1830s-50s, and the community’s Civil War experience through photographs, artifacts and hands-on activities. Students will be able to compare these communities to their community today and share their experience.

**Learning Station 2: The Bible Museum** – Students will explore the history and function of the printing press and how this innovation shaped society and led to the literacy of lay people.

**Learning Station 3: The Fire Station** – Students will explore the fire house on the square and learn how it operates. Students will be introduced to the many types of firefighting, medical and rescue equipment that is carried on a modern-day rescue/pumper. In addition to viewing the firehouse, fire prevention and safety tips will also be discussed.

**Learning Station 4: The Log Cabin-** Students will tour the log cabin on the square and learn about the history of the stage coach stop in Collierville, and the community that lived in Collierville during the 1850’s.

**Learning Station 5: Police Vehicles-** Students will explore and examine police vehicles on the square and learn about the important work of the Collierville Police Department.

**After your scheduled field trip, students can enjoy a picnic sack lunch on the picturesque Town Square. Museum admission and programs are always FREE.**



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Program

The Morton Museum of Collierville History offers an interactive and engaging field trip program that meets curriculum standards for students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This field trip focuses on Civil War history specifically related to Collierville and incorporates key fixtures and interpretations on the historic Town Square. Students will have the opportunity to examine key topics related to the motivations, experiences, and impacts of the Civil War with a focus on Collierville.

The field trip offers five distinct learning stations and incorporates key stops along the Civil War Walking Trail with interpretive guides, expert talks, and hands on activities. Your group will be divided into 5 smaller groups (of no more than 30 students). Each group will need a chaperone. The learning stations will take approximately 20-30 minutes each.

**Learning Station 1: The Morton Museum of Collierville History- The African American Experience (5.1, 5.18, 5.20):** Students will examine the life of Harry Biggs who was a slave in Collierville and enlisted in the 11<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Troop Unit in Memphis. Students will examine primary documents such as the census record and slave schedule to determine what they tell us about African American history.

**Learning Station 2: The Memphis & Charleston Railroad Marker (5.8)-** Students will learn about the Battle of Collierville and examine important innovations during this time that impacted its outcome. They will discover how the railroad brought both prosperity to Collierville during its early farming history in the 1850s, and later destruction during the Civil War. They will engage in a hands-on telegraph activity to explore its function and importance during the war.

**Learning Station 3: The Gazebo – The Soldier’s Perspective (5.11, 5.14):** Students will learn about the soldier’s experience, uniform, and equipment from expert historians dressed as Civil War soldiers. The historian will discuss the everyday struggles of both the Union and Confederate soldiers

**Learning Station 4: The Log Cabin- Life on the home front (5.14, 5.18):** Students will learn about the impact of the war on those at home in Collierville. This talk will include details on the economic struggle, the role of women during the war, and efforts to rebuild after the war.

**Learning Station 5: Treating the Wounded Marker (Walnut Street)-Civil War Medicine (5.14):** Students will learn about medical practices during the Civil War by an expert interpreter. This will include an examination of medical equipment used at the time and its function. Students will also discuss advancements and limitations of medical care field during the mid-1800s.

**Before or after your scheduled field trip, students can enjoy a picnic sack lunch on the picturesque Town Square.**