



Arch Street
MEETING HOUSE

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Field Trip Guide
2023-2024

**Quaker City: Arch Street Meeting House
and Philadelphia's Quaker Experiment**

A three-pronged guided field trip exploring Pennsylvania history through a Quaker lens, discussing the influence of the Religious Society of Friends, various changemakers, and social justice movements throughout history.

Suitable for all grades

Can be modified to accommodate individual curriculums

Field Trip Components

Pricing for individual parts listed below.



PART 1: TOUR OF ARCH STREET MEETING HOUSE & BURIAL GROUNDS (1 HOUR)

Staff led tour of the historic Arch Street Meeting House property, including the burial ground, East Room, and West Room. More details on page 3.

Price *\$5 per student*

PART 2: LUNCH (30 MINUTES)

Indoor or outdoor space provided for enjoying your boxed lunch.

Price *\$2 per student*

School administrators can place a group lunch order from Campo's Philly Cheesesteaks in advance - it will be at ASMH waiting for you! More details on page 6.

PART 3: WALKING TOUR OF OLD CITY PHILADELPHIA (1.5 HOURS)

A guided walking tour of Old City Philadelphia with stops at various Quaker-specific sites. Discussions include stories of influential Quaker leaders of the past and how we can continue their legacies today. More details on page 4.

Price *\$5 per student*

Want to book the entire package? Only \$10 per student for Parts 1, 2 and 3 altogether!

VIRTUAL PROGRAM (1 TO 1.5 HOURS)

Can't make it in person? No problem! Groups are able to explore aspects of Parts 1 and 3 online, led by an ASMH staff member who will facilitate discussions centered around the deep-rooted history of Quakers in Philadelphia.

Price *\$150 per booking*



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Part I: Guided Tour of Arch Street Meeting House

Students will experience an hour-long interactive tour of Arch Street Meeting House (ASMH) and its burial ground that explores the Quaker history of Philadelphia and early Pennsylvania.

ASMH is both a museum and active Quaker place of worship. The building was built in 1804 on property originally deeded to the Religious Society of Friends by William Penn as a burial ground. An estimated 20,000 interments occurred on Arch Street Meeting House's historic grounds.

BURIAL GROUND

- Students will explore the progression of burial ground to meeting house, learning about the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 and the role that Quakers played in Philadelphia's origins.



WEST ROOM

- Students will sit on the historic benches as they discuss about Quaker worship and its influence on the building's architecture and the City of Philadelphia.



EAST ROOM

- Students will participate in a collaborative activity facilitated by ASMH staff in which they apply their new knowledge of Quakers while exploring our current exhibits about social justice leaders of the past and present.





Part 3: Guided Walking Tour of Old City Philadelphia

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ASMH staff will guide the group to sites in the surrounding neighborhood that have Quaker links through their location, occupants, members, or significant events. This completely outdoor excursion covers over one mile of our historic neighborhood, including stops in Independence National Historical Park. Developed as a practical extension of the information learned during Part 1, this walking tour can be modified to include additional stops of importance to the group, or be booked independently.

Beginning at Arch Street Meeting House, the group continues to:

BETSY ROSS HOUSE

- Explore the Quaker roots of the first flag maker

CHRIST CHURCH

- Architecturally similar and religiously different

WELCOME PARK

- Site of William Penn's residence in Philadelphia

CARPENTER'S HALL

- Members include Arch Street's master builder, Owen Biddle, Jr.

ANTHONY BENEZET'S SCHOOL SITE

- First school for people of color in Philadelphia

INDEPENDENCE HALL

- Site of Quaker protests for women's equality

FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

- Older than ASMH but no longer active

....and more!



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Frequently Asked Questions



HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

- Each component is roughly an hour to an hour and a half in duration. The entire field trip package is designed to be about 3 hours in length. Shorter durations can be accommodated; please communicate this need at time of booking.

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

- Lunch will be accommodated indoors, but our field trips are conducted rain or shine.

CAN YOU WORK WITH SPECIFIC CRITERIA AND CURRICULUM STANDARDS?

- Absolutely! Our tour is designed to be flexible to fit the needs of individual educators, whether they teach social studies or another subject. Please provide any specific requests at time of booking.

DO CHAPERONES COST EXTRA?

- The lead teacher as well as one chaperone per 10 students are able to attend for free. Additional chaperones are charged the same rate as students.

HOW MANY CHAPERONES CAN I BRING?

- The more the merrier! We request the ratio of chaperone to student be at least 1:10.

IS THERE BUS PARKING?

- Bus drop-off and pick-up is conveniently located one block away from Arch Street Meeting House at the Independence Transportation Center. ASMH is also easily accessible by multiple SEPTA bus routes and the Market-Frankford Line.

HOW EARLY IN ADVANCE SHOULD I BOOK THE TOUR?

- Please book your tour no later than 2 weeks in advance.

HOW CAN I PAY?

- We accept payments by both check and credit card, and payment can be made in advance or the day-of the program.

DO YOU PROVIDE DISCOUNTS?

- ASMH is able to provide discounted field trips through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to participating school districts. Contact your district superintendent to see if you qualify.



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New for the '23-'24 school year!



For those groups who don't feel like hauling bags & coolers to Old City, Arch Street Meeting House has partnered with Campo's Philly Cheesesteaks to streamline the field trip lunch. Each tour participant will receive a boxed lunch that includes a sandwich, chips, bottle of water, and something sweet. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated, and the best part - the lunches will be delivered to ASMH at your designated lunch time.

Pricing & ordering information provided upon request. Please note that food orders & payment must be done by school administrators.



You asked, we listened! Quaker City: Arch Street Meeting House and Philadelphia's Quaker Experiment can now be experienced virtually. Through Zoom, Arch Street staff will "guide" the group through the history of our property and the Quakers in Philadelphia, drawing information from both the building & grounds tour (Part 1) and the neighborhood walking tour (Part 3).

Some components of the virtual program can be modified to better fit the needs of the classroom educator. Please note that recording the presentation is strictly prohibited.

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About the Organization

Arch Street Meeting House (ASMH) is one of the largest Quaker Meeting Houses in the world and prides itself on being one of the leading sites to learn about Quaker and Pennsylvania-specific history. Arch Street Meeting House is operated by the Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust (ASMHT), a non-profit education and historic preservation organization designed to increase outreach and preservation efforts at Arch Street Meeting House.

ASMH & ASMHT prides itself in discussing complicated histories. Our field trip program explores histories involving slavery, women's suffrage, gay rights, equal access to education, and the Quakers' involvement with the Civil Rights movement, including the Black Panthers.

Mission

Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust preserves, operates, and interprets the meeting house and grounds which will serve to increase public understanding of the impact and continued relevance of Quakers and Quaker history.

Vision

Arch Street Meeting House will be the preeminent destination for experiencing and learning about Quakers' unique contributions to society throughout history.

The logo for Arch Street Meeting House features a stylized red roofline above the text "Arch Street MEETING HOUSE" in a serif font. Below this, the website "HistoricASMH.org" is written in a smaller, blue sans-serif font.

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