

Field Trips to The National Building Museum

The National Building Museum is happy to announce a new lineup of field trips for the 2026-2027 school year, featuring nine curated themes with student workshop options for grades Pre-K, all tied to regional content standards.

Student Workshops

Each Workshop will feature two 45-minute rotations between our exhibitions and classrooms. For our early learners in PreK3-1st grade, these rotations are reduced to 20-25 minutes each. If your field trip is a self-guided visit (not part of a facilitated program), group rates are available. This includes independent access to all exhibits.

These programs are closely tied to content and curriculum standards in DC, MD, and VA.

Three Little Pigs (for PreK - 1st grade) 🏠🐷🐷🐷

In this program, students will explore different building materials and test their strengths and weaknesses through the classic story of the Three Little Pigs.

Career Exploration (PreK-1st grade) 🧑🔧🏠📐

This program explores careers at the heart of the National Building Museum. During this hands-on experience, learners will explore both construction and design careers opening students to a world of possibilities.

Build Your Story (Pre-K-3rd grade) 📖🏠

Based on our newest long-term exhibition, *Building Stories*, this program delves into the world of children's storybooks. By comparing the author/illustrator of the storybook to the architect of a structure, we can talk about similarities in the design process and ways that structures and construction cross over into literature.

Foundations of Building (Pre-K-1st grade, 2nd - 5th grade) 🏠🧱🔧

In this program we will delve into the basics of building. This program will incorporate elements of geometry, art and design into learning all about the process of building and the tools and materials used.

City By Design (2nd- 3rd , 4th - 5th grade) 🏙️🧭🔧

Updated in 2025, in this mainstay program, students become city planners to look at the development of Washington DC and its neighborhoods before planning and building their own model city.



Designing for Disaster (4th -8th grade) 🧑🔧🏠📐

This program dives into how engineers solve architectural and design problems using the context of building earthquake resilient structures.

Indigenous Architecture in North America: Past and Present (5th-8th grade) 🏠📖

Through this program, learners will investigate how Indigenous Peoples in North America have created the built environment using natural resources, cultural knowledge, and environmental awareness in both the past and present day.



General Information

The Museum is open Thursday- Monday from 10 am – 5 pm. Facilitated Programs are available from 10 am – 3 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. **The Museum exhibitions are not available for independent exploration on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

We require 1 chaperone for every 5 students.



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How to Register for a Field Trip

Please fill out a request form [here](#). Request are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

After registering, you will receive an invoice with payment instructions. Payment is due three weeks before the date of the field trip.

Email school@nbm.org or call 202-849-2467 with any questions!



Pricing Chart:

Program	Non-Title I Pricing	Title I Pricing
Group Admission (independent exhibit access only)	\$5 per child for non-Title I groups	\$3 per child for Title I groups
Facilitated Field Trips (Pre-K-1 st grade)	\$175 per package for Pre-K-1 st grade (one package required for every 25 students) Homeschool groups with a minimum of 15 children are welcome to register for a field trip package. *Includes admission	\$100 per package for Pre-K-1 st grade (one package required for every 25 students) *Includes admission
Facilitated Field Trips (2 nd -8 th graders)	\$225 per package for grades 2 nd -8 th (one package is required for every 25 students) Homeschool groups with a minimum of 15 children are welcome to register for field trip packages. *Includes admission	\$125 per package for grades 2 nd -8 th (one package is required for every 25 students) *Includes admission
Chaperones	1 adult is free for every 5 children; additional adults are \$5	1 adult is free for every 5 children; additional adults are \$3



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