

# Educators' Guide

*Fort Concho's opportunities for educators*

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## Frontier School for 4th grade

The fort's longest-running educational program, Frontier School provides an immersive learning experience. The program is modeled after a school day in the 1880s. Students will participate in reading lessons from period school readers, arithmetic lessons with slate chalkboards, a spelling bee, and period games. The program takes place in the schoolhouse and there is a limit of 25 children. We can schedule your school to come over a series of a few days for multiple classes. The program is about 3 hours long and students can eat lunch on the porch following the program.

\*When you contact the fort, please have a number of students planning to attend and dates that would best work for you. This program is free for schools to attend.



# School Tours at Fort Concho

Tours of Fort Concho allow students to back in time when Texas and San Angelo were yet to be fully settled. The students will develop an understanding of the western frontier fort life as they view our exhibits.

The tour takes about 90 minutes. When the students arrive, we meet at our visitor center to give them a short history of Fort Concho. Then students will either be broken up into groups or follow their tour guide, depending on the format the school chooses. We also have a gift shop available for students if the school chooses to allow students to make purchases.

## Types of tours offered:

“-Living History” Tour: This tour is designed for groups of 35+ students. The teachers lead their students to different parts of the fort, meeting docents. (This program will be offered in Spring 2021.)

-Guided Tour for Small Groups: This tour is designed for groups of 35 or fewer students. Students will follow the tour guide on an adventure across the fort, learning the history of Fort Concho. Both of these programs are \$2 per student; teachers are free and one free chaperone per 10 HS students or 8 MS and ELM students. All other adults are \$3.

-“Self-Guided” Tour: With reservations, schools can come out any day of the week. Maps will be made available to teachers and chaperones with suggested transition times. Cost \$1 per student. If you would like to focus on a particular topic you are teaching in class, contact our education coordinator and we can create a tour unique to your needs

\*Upon reserving a tour, we provide your school with an invoice and a letter helping your teachers and students prepare. We can also provide a W9 if needed.

# Students' Day at CaOFC 2021

On December 3rd, schools from all around Fort Concho are invited to join us on the first day of Christmas at Old Fort Concho. At Students' Day, students meet living historians at various camps on the parade field. There are two sessions: 9 AM to 11 AM and 12 PM to 2 PM.

The living historians interpret the War of 1812 to World War I. This portion of Christmas at Old Fort Concho is closed to the public so the children can be placed within a safe environment, surrounded only by fellow schools.



## Cannot come to Fort Concho? Let us come to you!

Fort Concho strives to provide educational opportunities for our community. Though Fort Concho is a post-Civil War fort, the staff here have years of experience in American History. The staff has traveled to schools to speak about the Western frontier, Buffalo Soldiers, Reconstruction, Civil War, Women's role during the Civil War, The history behind Thanksgiving, and much more. If you would like a staff member to visit your school, give us a call.



