PASSPORT TO HISTORY
AUBURN'S HISTORICAL & CULTURAL SITES

Dear AECSD 4th Grade Teachers,

Thank you all for helping your students participate in the Passport to History program this year. Because of you, we were able to reach 317 4th graders across AECSD as well as ST. Albert's & BOCES in 2026. However, not all Passport sites were visited during each school's field trips, and we want to make sure all students enjoy the experience of learning about every community site and what makes it so special. We have created this virtual resource kit so that the students have access to all passport information, regardless of whether they were able to visit the extra sites in their own time.

Each site is represented in the following resource kit, which contains multiple resources and activities for each of the sites students could visit throughout the Passport Program. Please distribute this kit to your students at the end of the year.

We invite and encourage students and families to visit our sites over the summer to complete their passports, each site in the book must be stamped to be entered into the drawing to win one of four gift cards to The HideOut. Included below will be sites children's programming to encourage visitation.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have and thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

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Student Instructions:

Now that the 2026 Passport season is over, here are some extra resources so you can see anything you missed or would like to explore further! All the Passport sites are included:

- Auburn Memorial City Hall
- Cayuga Museum of History and Art/Case Research Lab
- Willard Memorial Chapel
- Seymour Library
- Seward House Museum
- Schweinfurth Art Museum/Bradley Chapel
- Harriet Tubman Home, Inc./Harriet Tubman National Historical Park
- Equal Rights Heritage Center

Each site has answers to the passport booklet, introduction videos, and/or some extra information and activities. We hope you were able to see all these sites in person, but these resources can show anything you missed!

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Auburn Memorial City Hall

24 South Street
315-255-4100
www.auburnny.gov

Questions in the Passport

1. The (blank) is the leader of the City of Auburn and has an office on the first floor of the building. How does this person get their job?
    a. Mayor
    b. Elected
2. What meetings are held at Memorial City Hall every week? Who can attend and speak and ask questions?
    a. City Council
    b. All community members
3. Memorial City Hall was a gift to the people of Auburn from which notable Auburn Family? How did they acquire so much money?
    a. Osbornes
    b. Farm Machinery
4. Memorial City Hall was built in (blank), making it (blank) years old?
    a. 1930
    b. 96 years old
5. In the City Council Chambers there are pictures of which famous Auburnians?
    a. The Mayors

Additional Activities:

https://www.nps.gov/articles/interview-an-elder.htm

As Mayor Giannettino mentions, remembering the stories of past figures is an important way to preserve the past. This activity is an introduction to oral histories and shows the value in learning about friend's and family's experiences.

Water Quality Word Scramble (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)

Local government provides important protections and ideas that influence everyday life: from providing resources and educational opportunities to making sure citizens are safe and protected, the range and scope of what elected officials do varies based on their community. This word scramble introduces vocabulary related to water quality.

Cayuga Museum of History and Art Case Research Laboratory

203 Genesee Street
315-253-8051
www.cayugamusuem.org

Virtual Tour/Video Introduction:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLLYVSt8ldk&t=1s (Intro to the Museum: 1.5 minutes)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FY2ryJzsD8 (Staff led Tour of the Case Lab: 14 minutes)

Questions in the Passport

1. What exhibits are currently on display? Which is your favorite?
    a. Each answer will be different.
2. Who were the first people who lived in this house? (Provide their last name)
    a. The Willards
3. How many stained glass windows are there?
    a. 4
4. Who was the inventor that lived here and what did he invent? Can you find 2 other inventions that were made in Cayuga County?
    a. Theodore Case, he invented the first commercially successful sound on film system (Movietone)
    b. Other inventions will vary.
5. Find the animal tusk. What animal is it from? What do you imagine Auburn was like when this animal was living here?
    a. Wooly Mammoth
    b. Each answer will be different.

Additional information:

On each Saturday, the Cayuga Museum will open for free to families from 10 AM - 5 PM. On the last Saturday of the month, be sure to ask about the month's themed scavenger hunt and win a special prize when you complete the hunt!

The Cayuga Museum of History and Art, Seward House Museum , and the National Park Service welcome you to Hands-On History Camp 2026! Youth ages 8-10 who love the past are welcome to register for this summer day camp the week of July 20-24, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. Daily activities will include stop-motion film, a full Victorian tea party, walking tours of historic sites across Downtown Auburn, gardening, and so much more!

https://cayugamuseum.org/summer-camp/

Willard Memorial Chapel

17 Nelson Street
315-252-0339
www.willard-chapel.org

Virtual Tour/Video Introduction:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KSeYhKhu-8 (Tour of the inside of Willard Chapel: 2 minutes)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liumQXH8Fvg (Song being sung inside the Chapel: 2 minutes)

Questions in the Passport

1. Who designed the chapel? Why does this matter?
    a. Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company of New York City!
2. When was it built? How old is it?
    a. 1892-94
    b. 132 years
3. The chapel is named after whom? Why is it named after them?
    a. Dr. Sylvester Willard and his wife Mrs. Jane Frances Case Willard
    b. As a tribute by their daughters, Georgiana and Caroline
4. What was the chapel used for when it was built?
    a. Auburn Theological Seminary
5. What is the chapel used for today?
    a. Tours, weddings, concerts and events

Seymour Library

176-178 Genesee Street
315-252-2571
www.seymourlibrary.org

More information about Seymour Library's history: https://seymourlibrary.org/about/library-history/

Questions in the Passport

1. Find the photograph in the Family Space of children listening to a story being read. The photograph was taken in 1903, the year Seymour Library's Case Memorial Building opened. How old is the Library building and what differences do you see between then and now?
    a. 123 years
    b. Answers will vary.
2. There are more than just books at the library. Name something you were surprised to find in the library.
    a. Answers will vary.
3. What year was the founder of Seymour Library, James Seymour born? Locate the paintings of Mr. Seymour.
    a. 1791
4. Visit the Family Space desk to view 3-D images of Auburn from 150 years ago. What do you see?
    a. Answers will vary.
5. Locate the current month's library newsletter. Find a program that looks interesting to you and write down the name of the program.
    a. Answers will vary.

Additional Activities:

Seymour Library has many different programs, collections, digital resources, and more! Check out our website to see all of the materials and information available in our recently renovated Family Space: https://seymourlibrary.org/how-to-use-the-library/family-space/

For information on library programs, book recommendations, and more, check out the library's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SeymourLibrary or Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/seymour_library

Don't have a library card? Learn more about what you need to sign up by calling the library at 315-252-2571 or visiting our website: https://seymourlibrary.org/how-to-use-the-library/get-a-library-card/

Storywalk at Hoopes Park and Owasco Playground!

Take a stroll around Hoopes Park (100 S. Herman Ave) and Owasco Playground (6 Bristol Ave) and read a story at the same time! New books will be installed late May - August.

Seward House Museum

33 South Street
315-252-1283
www.sewardhouse.org

Virtual Tour/Video Introduction:

https://youtu.be/ZOSrTW9jDag (Staff led tour: 25 minutes)

Questions in the Passport (feel free to use these as guiding questions for class discussion or as a questionnaire on google classroom)

1. What year was the Seward House built? How many years old does that make it today?
   1816, 210 years old
2. Which position did William Seward not hold?
   a. Secretary of State (executive branch)
   b. Governor (executive branch)
   c. Senator (legislative branch)
   d. Representative (legislative branch)
3. Which current state was added as a territory to the United States in 1867, an action known as Seward's Folly?
   Alaska
4. Match the events to the proper year.
   WH and Frances Seward get married. ---------- 1824
   Frances Seward and Harriet Bogart run a stop on the Underground Railroad. ---------- Late 1850s
   WHS and Lincoln's assassination attempt. ---------- 1865
   WHS travels around the entire world. ---------- 1870-71
5. List two differences between life in the Seward's home and your own.
   Lack of electricity, bathrooms, heat and ac, cars, tv, video games, hired staff, etc.

Additional Activities:

https://www.fannysewardstory.org/

Explore the life and legacy of Fanny Seward, youngest daughter of William Henry and Frances Seward. The Fanny Seward site includes discussion questions, vocabulary words, and interactive activities.

https://cayugamuseum.org/summer-camp/

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Schweinfurth Art Center/Bradley Chapel

205 Genesee Street
315-255-1553
www.myartcenter.org

Questions in the Passport

1. Who was Julius Schweinfurth?
    a. An architect from Auburn, NY.
2. What is the name of the building Julius Schweinfurth designed at Fort Hill Cemetery?
    a. Bradley Chapel
3. What kind of art is displayed at the Schweinfurth Art Center? Check all that apply:
    ____ Paintings
    ____ Textiles
    ____ Drawings
    ____ Prints
    ____ Sculpture
    ____ Photographs
    ____ Ceramics
    ____ Video
    a. Check all options that apply
4. What is the name of the exhibit that showcases both student and senior citizen artwork from Cayuga County? Circle one.
    a. Both Ends of the Rainbow
5. What does art make you think of?
    a. Answers will vary.

More information about the Schweinfurth Art Center: https://schweinfurthartcenter.org/about/

Morning Summer Art Camp: Haudenosaunee Cornhusk Art with Bernadette Scott of the Seneca Nation
Jul 13, 2026 — Jul 17, 2026 9:00 AM —12:00 PM **Ages: 6-10 Cost: $135 members, $145 non-members**
Join us for a fun week of camp with teaching artist Bernadette Scott of the Seneca Nation/Haudenosaunee Confederacy! Students will be learning the cultural importance of traditional and contemporary Haudenosaunee cornhusk art through hands-on workshops throughout the week.

Afternoon Summer Art Camp: Haudenosaunee Cornhusk Art with Bernadette Scott of the Seneca Nation
Jul 13, 2026 — Jul 17, 2026 1:00 PM — 4:00 PM **Ages: 6-10 Cost: $135 members, $145 non-members**

Summer Art Camp: Fiber Friends Workshop Aug 03, 2026 —Aug 07, 2026 9:00 AM —12:00 PM
Ages: 6-10 Cost: $135 members, $145 non-members
Explore Fiber Arts from the perspective of the bugs, birds, and beasts that make, use and eat fiber to better understand this creative medium and its wide scoping art forms and materials.
Students will explore this varied medium through creative play, thoughtful investigation, and experimentation to create their own original 'Fiber Friend' and its hand crafted habitat (it's 'Fiber Den') using introductory crafting techniques, tools and materials.
Through individual and group activities students will have the chance to explore the exciting creative opportunities that Fiber Arts provides as a medium and artform.

Harriet Tubman Home, Inc.

180 South Street
315-252-2081
www.harriettubmanhome.com

Harriet Tubman National Historical Park

315-237-7197
www.nps.gov/hart/index.htm

Virtual Tour/Video Introduction:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObLAouZ6X0U (Ranger led introduction: 15 minutes)

Harriet Tubman Home in Auburn, New York - YouTube (Site introduction: 5 minutes)

Questions in the Passport

1. Name two things Harriet Tubman fought for during her lifetime.
    a. Abolition, suffrage, equal rights
2. A 13 year-old Harriet Tubman was accidently hit in the head by a 2 pound weight. Ask the person at the front desk to let you hold the 2 pound weight and imagine the injury the weight could cause. Write down a disability Harriet suffered from as a result of this injury.
    a. Seizures, skull fracture, visions
3. Why do you think it's important to take care of older buildings and how can they help us learn about the past?
    a. Answers will vary
4. What artifacts do you see in the exhibit case in the back of the Visitor's Center, found by archeologists, that provide evidence children lived with Harriet?
    a. Answers will vary.
5. Go over to the brick house Harriet called home for over 30 years and where she took care of the needy in Auburn. How does it make you feel to touch the bricks of the home where this remarkable American hero lived?
    a. Answers will vary.

Additional Activities:

https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/lost-in-disguise-activity.htm

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NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center

25 South Street
315-258-9820
https://equalrightsheritage.com/

Virtual Tour/Video Introduction:

https://youtu.be/73cQv4TFPjc (Staff led introduction: 10 minutes)

Questions in the Passport

1. How many people visit the Equal Rights Heritage Center every year
    a. 10,000
2. Name the three color codes for the movements featured in the "Seeing Equal Rights in New York State" exhibition.
    Human Rights Movements ---------- Blue
    Abolition of Slavery ---------- Green
    Women's Rights Movement ---------- Purple
3. Circle which activities you can play on the touchscreen devices:
    (presently the speeches and songs are not operational while we upgrade the devices, so the map and research tools are the correct options)
    a. Speeches
    b. Songs
    c. Map
    d. Research
4. There is a statue of which famous historical figure in the outside courtyard:.
    a. Harriet Tubman

Additional Activities:

Word search activity, see below.

Entertainment flyer, see below.

The Downtown Auburn Saturday Market will have free children's entertainment and activities every Saturday.

https://www.facebook.com/saturdaymarketauburnny

https://www.instagram.com/downtownauburnsaturdaymarket/

2026 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

JUNE 27 - AUGUST 29 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

25 SOUTH STREET, AUBURN, NEW YORK 13021

EQUAL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER

JUNE 27 | America 250 Living History
- Mike Doyle and Michael Gonzalez Duo
- Jeff the Magic Man
- Living History Portrayals
- Dance Fitness w/ Cassie Copes 10am
- Face Painting w/ Riley

JULY 11 | The Strawberry Swap & Social
- Larry Campanelli Trio
- Teddy Mountain
- Garage Sale w/ East Hill Medical
- Dance Fitness w/ Cassie Copes 10am

JULY 18 | Ice Cream Fundae
- Jim Van Arsdale and Jeff Newhart
- Teddy Mountain
- Jeff the Magic Man
- The Rev Theater's Jack and the Turnip Root
- Face Painting w/ Riley

JULY 25 | Celebrating Community Access
- Michael Houston and Dave Kuykendall
- Photobomb Productions
- Jeff the Magic Man
- Face Painting w/ Riley

AUGUST 1 | Back To School Kick Off K-12
- BobCat Music & Mr Chef Elias
- Jeff the Magic Man
- Teddy Mountain
- Face Painting w/ Riley

AUGUST 8 | Auburn Summer Homecoming
- Bob Piorun (9:30-12:30)
- Sydney Irving Solo (1-3:30)
- Jeff the Magic Man
- Royal Promise Productions
- Accessible Trolley
- Dance Fitness w/ Cassie Copes 10 am
- Face Painting w/ Riley

AUGUST 15 | Auburn Wellness Wave
- Perform 4 Purpose
- Dance Fitness w/ Cassie Copes 10 am
- Jeff the Magic Man
- Teddy Mountain
- Face Painting w/ Riley

AUGUST 22 | Leading Ladies & Luxury Finds
- Jess Novak
- Jeff the Magic Man
- Photobomb Productions
- Mat Pilates w/ Studio Love Pilates 9am
- Face Painting w/ Riley

AUGUST 29 | Big Summer Blowout
- Infrared Radiation Orchestra
- Jeff the Magic Man
- Face Painting w/ Riley

EQUAL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER

Word Search Puzzle

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Find and circle each word hidden in the grid below. Words may go across (→), down (↓), or diagonal (↘ ↙). Check off each word in the list as you find it!

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WORD BANK

- ☐ ABOLITION
- ☐ ANTHONY
- ☐ AUBURN
- ☐ CIVIL
- ☐ COURAGE
- ☐ EQUALITY
- ☐ FALLS
- ☐ FREEDOM
- ☐ HARRIET
- ☐ HERITAGE
- ☐ HISTORY
- ☐ JUSTICE
- ☐ LIBERTY
- ☐ RIGHTS
- ☐ SENECA
- ☐ STANTON
- ☐ SUFFRAGE
- ☐ TRUTH
- ☐ TUBMAN
- ☐ VOTE

Did You Know?

The Equal Rights Heritage Center in Auburn, NY celebrates the brave people who fought for freedom and justice for all. Harriet Tubman, who lived in Auburn, helped hundreds of enslaved people escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad. The 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, held nearby, launched the fight for women's right to vote — called suffrage!