



Program Descriptions



Growing up Victorian - Then and Now

Designed for grades K-2

How are the lives of children in Kansas and Missouri today similar and different from children in the 1860s?

Students will explore aspects of life on a 19th century farm in order to evaluate similarities and differences between the past and the present. Students will play period games, feed the chickens, and tour the house or do laundry.

J.B. Mahaffie Had a Farm

Designed for grades 3-8

How did changes in technology influence 19th century farming and thereby, daily life?

Students will experience life on a real working farm of the 1860s. Students will investigate the dynamic relationship between farm life and the environment through the seasonal activities of planting and/or harvesting. They will visit the farm animals and learn about their changing roles in farming, and learn about the arrival of settlers in Kansas.

Wagons Ho!

Designed for grades 3-8

What choices drove settlers to travel on the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails, and what were the consequences of those choices?

Thousands of people passed the Mahaffie home on their journey to Santa Fe, Oregon, and California. Students discover why and how Americans headed west by exploring stations dedicated to each of the trails. Hands-on activities include panning for gold, packing a prairie schooner, and handling trade goods.

Home on the Range

Designed for grades 3-8

How did the diversity of workers on the frontier shape the identity of the frontier experience?

Students investigate the lives of drovers (cowboys) who traversed the frontier with herds of Texas cattle. They will explore how this all-American job originated in Mexico and the southwest as they handle cowboy gear and clothing and practice roping.

The Tragic Prelude

Designed for grades 5-8

How did the events before and during the Civil War affect the lives of people on the Kansas/Missouri border during the Civil War?

Students learn about the time known as Bleeding Kansas, the fights leading up to the Civil War. Hands-on opportunities include marching, drilling, writing a letter with a pen and ink, and more.





1200 E. Kansas City Rd.
Olathe, KS 66061

School Programs

All education programs offered at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Historic Site are aligned to curriculum standards and are filled with hands-on activities to engage your students.

Book one program for a morning or afternoon, or book two and stay all day

Our Programs

Growing up Victorian • Wagons Ho • JB Mahaffie had a Farm
Home on the Range • The Tragic Prelude
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Register now! \$6 /student a.m. or p.m. - full day (2 programs) \$10/student.

Visit Mahaffie.org/programs/school-programs for more details.

To schedule your program, call 913-971-5111 or email Rachel Rice at RRice@olatheks.gov.

