

Early Settlers and American Indians of Delaware County

4th, 5th, and 8th Graders



Reenactors portray what life was like in the early days of settling in Delaware County



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When European settlers came to the land that is now Ohio, American Indians were already living here. The land that is now Delaware County was home to the Wyandot, Shawnee, Lenape, and Seneca Cayuga tribes. This program teaches about the prehistoric and historic native peoples as well as the European people who began to move to this area in the 1700s. Reenactors will portray Mrs. Moses Byxbe, and Reverend James Finley.

Students will visit the hands-on, [Ohio Local History Award award-winning exhibit](#), *Journey to Delaware County and Wilderness Transformed*. They will also grind corn using rocks or grinding stones like the Native People use and play some of the games enjoyed by American Indian children. Students will learn about the companion farming techniques called the Three Sisters.

Note: The Meeker Homestead is not handicapped accessible in all areas due to the historic nature of the building and the narrow stairways. We have alternate activities for people with disabilities who may not be able to go upstairs in the house.

Location:

[The Meeker Homestead](#) at 2690 Stratford Rd. just south of downtown Delaware right next to Turkey Hill off of US 23.

Length of time:

3 hours + time for lunch, if desired

Fee:

The fee is \$6.00 per student. Teachers and chaperones are free.

The Delaware County Historical Society is a non-profit organization funded by donations and memberships. In order to keep our facilities such as the Nash House, The Meeker Homestead, and the Cryder Research Center, the Historic Jail and Sheriff’s Residence, and the Millworker Cottage open and programs available, we appreciate the program fee and financial contribution your school, PTO or organization can provide.

Teacher Resource:

Our teacher packet includes general information about this program as well as the program’s schedule for the day, a complete list of the Ohio standards we cover, an extensive vocabulary list, links to other resources, a timeline and a variety of maps. This packet was created for teachers to use before their visit, so students have a good baseline of knowledge for our program to build on.

[Early Settlers & American Indians of Delaware County Teacher Packet](#) [\[hotlink\]](#)

[Ohio Social Studies Content Standards](#) Addressed

4th Grade:	5th Grade:	8th Grade:
History: 1, 2, 3, 6 Geography: 9	History: 1, 2 Geography: 8, 10	History: 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 Geography: 15, 17, 18

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