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“Lessons in the Past” Make Learning Fun in the Present

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accepting reservations for spring field trips to its one-room, pioneer-era Little Red Schoolhouse, where school-aged children can take a step back in time to experience “Lessons in the Past.” This one-and-one-half-hour educational and fun program accommodates groups of 10-25, including students, scouts, youth groups, even large family gatherings – all who will enjoy taking part in an atmosphere of learning that reflects a typical school day in the early 1800s. Guests are welcomed by a costumed interpreter and immersed in historic school lessons including reading, penmanship, arithmetic, and more. Games and fun are mixed in among the lessons, and weather permitting there will even be time for “recess” and old-fashioned diversions on the schoolhouse lawn.

Advance reservations are required, with a fee of \$3 per child, while chaperones may attend free of charge. Lessons can be tailored to meet specific standards, and additional on-site or walking tour options are available by pre-arrangement. The program is recommended for children at least seven years old. Because the Schoolhouse is largely un-heated, group leaders may wish to consider scheduling their field trip after the winter months. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Liz Schultz, the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at (440) 774-1700 or email tourinfo@oberlinheritage.edu.

The award-winning Oberlin Heritage Center is located 35 miles southwest of Cleveland in Lorain County, Ohio. The organization is accredited by the American Association of Museums and operates a site of three beautifully preserved historic buildings. Through a year-round calendar of public programs, tours and other activities, the Heritage Center helps to preserve and share the powerful stories that are part of this nationally significant community. Visit the Oberlin Heritage Center’s website at www.oberlinheritage.org to find a variety of resources for educators, students, and those who simply want to learn more about Oberlin history. For more information, call (440) 774-1700.

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