

## A Blast from the Past



Dressing up as a Seneca girl from 1790

The Marion County Historical Society offers eight historical themed educational programs for grades 3-6 using local history to illustrate broad historical concepts such as glaciation, fossils, Native Americans, pioneer life, the Underground Railroad, natural history and inventors. All employ interactive methods with hands-on activities and experienced educators.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW . . .

- Most programs can be presented in your classroom or Heritage Hall.
- All programs are approximately 2 hours in length.
- Programs held at Heritage Hall can be combined with a tour of The Marion County Historical Society Museum and Wyandot Popcorn Museum.
- Program costs are underwritten by grants from the Marion Rotary Foundation and Junior Service Guild. Programs are free if presented within Marion County.
- Out of county programs are available for a donation.

### Hard Rock Marion

Travel back to when Ohio was covered by an ocean, to the time of the glaciers and then to the present day. Experience the geology of the Marion area with hands-on activities using sedimentary rocks and fossils. Each child will enjoy making and eating his own edible "rock layers" and taking home the fossils he created. Offered September-October and March-May.



Trilobite Isotelus, Ohio's State Fossil

### They Walked This Land

Children discuss Native Americans who once lived in north central Ohio and learn about the lifestyle changes caused by contact with Euro-Americans. Furs, artifacts, and clothing are used to recreate the life of a Native American child. This program may also be combined with "Roughing It" for a holistic view of pre and early statehood Ohio or with the "Gathering the Clan" program for a look at Native American culture past to present. Offered September-May

### Gathering the Clan

Representing a special occasion with the coming together of Native Americans in a celebration rich with culture and fellowship for one and all. This program uses dance, artifacts and stories to give a once in a lifetime experience promoting a deeper understanding of Native American culture. This program helps create an awareness of how native people keep their culture alive today. This program works best in a gym. Offered September-May

### Roughing It

Pioneer life comes alive through this presentation complete with clothing for dressing up a boy and girl. It can be tailored to the needs of the teacher and the interest of the class. Topics include why the pioneers came, finding shelter, work, leisure time and more. Hands-on experiences and child-centered activities are woven throughout the program. Offered September-October and March-May.

### Before the Mall

Visit the general store at the MCHS Museum and learn about pioneer economics and village life. Learn how frontier towns came to be and the role of the general store in the community. Search the general store exhibition for all types of goods. Offered only at Heritage Hall, September-October and March-May.

### A Secret Road to Freedom

Learn about the Underground Railroad and its role in U. S., Ohio, and local history. View a video showing possible hiding places for fugitive slaves in a Marion home. Learn about hidden messages in slaves' songs, stories, and quilts. Offered September-May.

### Wild Marion

Join us for a trip back in time to the days when bears and panthers ruled the forests of Marion County. Learn about the tallgrass prairies once prominent in this area and what animals preferred the grassland to the woodland. This program may be customized to fit your class's learning objectives and interests. Offered September-May.

### Bright Ideas

Students discover that Ohio was the home of many inventors. Some as well-known as Thomas Edison (electric light bulb) others, such as Henry Perky (shredded wheat), are lesser-known. Interactive activities hold children's interest as they explore bulbs and batteries and make their own assembly line. Local inventors are emphasized, showing that Marion Countians have had their share of "bright ideas." Offered September-May.

