

McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

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The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum was created in Athens 30 years ago with the vision and support of area residents. The Museum collects, preserves, and presents a wide range of historical items related to McMinn County and East Tennessee for the education of all ages of students as well as the general public. Located in Athens, Tennessee, a town founded in the early 1800's, we have at our disposal over 9000 items donated by the area inhabitants, some of them quite rare. We welcome tours of all age groups from pre-school to senior citizens and can adapt the tour to your curriculum needs on request. Generally, in 45 minutes to 1 ½ hour we cover early settlements, education and lifestyles, work life and area industries, as well as notable people and events, such as the Cherokees, Professor Nash, a noted African American educator, and Harry Burn, state legislator whose single vote ratified Women's voting rights. We have PowerPoint presentations, which can be added to your tour that cover Famous Tennesseans from Davy Crockett to Elvis. Our downstairs area can seat up to 225 persons. Our "Traveling Trunks" are available for two-week check out. These trunks contain lesson plans, books and small artifacts that your students can actually touch. Trunks cover topics including Pioneers, Rail Roads, Cherokee Indians, Black History, Endangered Species and more, suitable for ages from kindergarten through sixth grade. After a visit to the Museum you are welcome to spend time in our outdoor amphitheater and have your lunch on our patio. Admission for students on tour is \$1 and \$1 for their teachers. Regular admission is \$3 for students and seniors and \$5 for adults. We are open Monday through Friday from 10a.m. until 5 p.m. and some Saturdays for special events and programming.

Additional information is available at (423) 745 -0329 or at www.livingheritagemuseum.com and on face book.