

Fieldlearning 2004-2005

History/Social Studies

Constitution Center/Liberty Bell and Independence Hall

Toured CC, New Liberty Bell Plaza and Independence Hall

Biblical Tabernacle Tour Lancaster, PA

Treasures From the Royal Tombs of Ur - U of Penn Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology

Viewed exhibit and introductory film about excavation. Exhibit was explained and related to Bible History lessons by Erin's father, Ewan, who has a BA and AM in History.

Museum of the American Indian Washington, D.C

Toured top floor of the museum about creation legends; toured 3rd floor exhibit about Native peoples' interaction with Whites.

Pennsbury Manor

Toured site and spent time talking with the joiners.

Peter Wentz Farmstead Sheep Shearing Day

Toured Historic homestead, period music on harpsicord and viola, needlework, quilting, spinning, carding (drum and hand, weaving, dying and lucet braiding.

Hay Creek Festival

Music, broom maker, furnance, weaver, archaeology, glass blower, harps, leather worker, colonial toys.

"A Colonial Christmas"

Fireside Chat with Ben Franklin, Captives of Freedom - A.Adams, N. Hale, T. Paine, Mrs. de Lafayette. A colonial Nativity, A Colonial Schoolhouse. Crafts- needle felting, quilling, antique jigsaw, cross stitch, quilting.

Mill at Anselma

Grist Mill Restoration, Mills, Sluice gate, gearing.

Chinese New Year Party

Our family prepared for and performed a shadow puppet play. Erin helped make the puppets and performed as various characters. Erin performed a chinese song with her sibilings and another child.

Maple Sugar Festival Mill Grove- Audubon, PA

Learned of the Indian, colonial and modern preparation of maple syrup. Also learned about the sugar maple tree and its sap.

Delaware History Museum, Wilmington, DE

2 workshops - a history mystery using primary source materials, and lecture/activities about child labor at the turn of the century (historic photographs.)

Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, Fairmont Park, Philadelphia
Taiko Drumming and Dance. Japanese Tea House, Origami, tradition of cherry blossom festival.

Out of the Mist...A Dragon - MCCC
A multicultural puppet tale hosted by Japanese puppets.

The Story of Scripture - Lecture by Jeff Purswell, Dean of the Sovereign Grace Pastor's College.

Chores of Laura Ingalls Wilder
Program by Winterthur Museum at the Paoli library; three stations explained different chores that Ma had to do and showed some of the tools that were used to complete them.

Bartram's Garden
Bartram's History Day - visited various stations about Early American history; Bartram's life told through a play, colonial instruments, Lenni Lenape foodways, candle dipping.

Ephrata Cloister
Costumed historian gave a guided tour of the Cloister. Read children's activity booklet and did some of the activities.

PA Farm Show
Sheep, fleece spinning, carding; Met Govenor Rendell.

Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum
Ruth's humble beginnings and rise to greatness in the game of baseball.

Heinz Regional History Center, Pittsburgh
Toured Western PA Sports Exhibit, including film on Negro Leagues and Negro League Artifacts. Also, history of Western PA exhibit from pre-colonial times to the present.

International Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning, Univ. of Pittsburgh campus.
Toured rooms decorated by ethnic groups of the area using taped tour.

Economy Village
Guided Tour of this German religious separatist site and museum.

Graeme Park Scottish Festival
Scottish music, costumes, highland games. Talks with grandfather about Scottish culture and history (Grandfather was raised in Scotland.)

Thomas Jefferson Memorial and Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial
Walked the trail around these memorials reading placards and memorial inscriptions.

C and O Canal NHP Interpreted Canal Ride
Canal ride interpreted by costumed reenactors. Learned about how canals and locks work. Life of the canalers and their families. History of the canal and competition with B and O Railroad.

Lebanon Veteran's Administration Medical Center

Learned about different the wars of the 20th century through pictures and descriptions at the VA. Learned about the service of grandfather in World War II during visits.

Brandywine Battlefield

Discussion with Nancy Webster about her collection of colonial era medical equipment. Ms. Webster answered Erin's questions and gave many interesting details about the practice of medicine, midwifery and the spread of disease among troops during the Revolution.