Alabama Digital Learning

Virtual Field Trips, November 2024



The Alabama State Department of Education (SDE) invites you to participate in our popular monthly Virtual Field Trips. Alabama has been a trailblazer using technology for the purpose of advancing education. Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, and Students Statewide (ACCESS), Alabama Learning Exchange (ALEX), Alabama Technology in Motion (ATiM), and e-Learning for Educators are all strong tools used for the advancement of digital learning, in addition to the expansive ways technology is used in the classroom.

We will continue to use ZOOM as our delivery format. To use ZOOM: Create a free account and download the ZOOM app to your computer; or go to zoom.us and click on "Join a Meeting". Check with your technology coordinator to see what options you might have to display the conference on a TV or big screen. You may need a stand-alone mic if your computer does not have one. If you'd like to do any testing or have questions you may contact Alabama Super Computer Help Desk at 1-800-338-8320.

Below is a listing of events we have to date. This document may be found at http://alvft.link/Oct24 or all of the schedules from February 2021 forward may be found at http://alvft.link/home. You may sign up for the current month's Virtual Field Trips at https://alvft.link/signupOct24.

Date	Time	Session Name
11/07/2024	9:00-10:00 AM	The Power of Wilson Dam
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11/12/2024	9:00-10:00 AM	Coastal Alabama's Indigenous People: Use of coastal resources
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The History of Thanksgiving Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation

November 14, 9:00-10:00 AM November 14, 10:15-11:15 AM Grades K-5

America and Canada are the foundations for celebrating Thanksgiving, but other countries celebrate the holiday as well. Let's explore the history of Thanksgiving, the traditions surrounding this holiday, as well as some awesome Thanksgiving celebrations as we move into the holiday season.

Careers in the NFL

Jerry Csaki, Senior Director of Youth and Education, Pro Football Hall of Fame

November 19, 10:15-11:15 AM Grades 5-12

This program examines the importance of education and the hundreds of careers available in and around the National Football League. A 10-minute career video, which examines a wide variety of careers with the San Francisco 49ers organization, is shown during this session. The 50-minute program, which is designed to be highly interactive, is supplemented by a lesson aligned with Common Core/National Standards of Education and is recommended for Grades 5-12. Classroom Activity: https://alvft.link/nflcareers

The Power of Wilson Dam Christian Wysmulek, Education Curator, Alabama Department of Archives & History November 7, 9:00-10:00 AM Grades 4-6

"One of Alabama's most impressive technological monuments is Wilson Dam. Built during a period of industrial growth following the First World War, it was used extensively to support New Deal programs and World War II manufacturing. But why was it built? How does it work? And what does it have to do with bird poop explosives? Join staff from the Alabama Department of Archives & History to discover Wilson Dam's role in shaping Alabama history!"



Coastal Alabama's Indigenous People: Use of coastal resources JoAnn Moody, Discovery Hall Programs Educator

November 12, 9:00-10:00 AM November 12, 10:15-11:15 AM

Cassie Hanback will be handling the connection and camera duties. If you have trouble during the presentation and need to reach her, her email is chanback@disl.org and her direct phone line is 251-861-2141, 7515.

The 9 am presentation will be geared towards younger students (K-5) while the 10:15 am presentation will be more suitable for students in middle and high school.

During the Mississippian period (1100-1550 CE), coastal Alabama looked much different than it does today. However, the draw of the coast and its natural resources remains much the same. For the Pensacola culture, temporarily relocating to Dauphin Island in the winter, provided them with food items like fish and oysters as well as necessities like freshwater and plants for shelter. During this program we will step back in time to further understand the lives of some of Alabama's indigenous people and take a closer look at the coastal resources they used.

Suitable audience: The program *Coastal Alabama's Indigenous People* is appropriate for all grades. It addresses the following disciplinary core ideas: Earth and Human Activity. The program's content is aligned with 3rd - 5th grade social studies; however, other elementary students, middle school students, and high school history and science classes may find content relevant.

The Freedom Bee: Gee's Bend Quilters

Jake Smith, Education Curator, Alabama Department of Archives & History

November 7, 10:15-11:15 AM

Grades 3-6

They have been seen everywhere from New York's fine art museums to the bedrooms of Black Belt towns across Alabama. They come from discarded flour sacks and faded denim, and yet they sell for thousands of dollars. So what makes the quilts and their quilters from Gee's Bend so special? In this presentation, students will learn:

- The history of the community from the Civil War up to the Civil Rights Era
- The history of resistance and activism
- The meaning of quilting: Why has this become the art form they are most known for?

Media and the NFL

Jerry Csaki, Senior Director of Youth and Education, Pro Football Hall of Fame

November 20, 9:00-10:00 AM Grades 6-12

This program examines the role of television in the history of the NFL and its impact on viewers. Students will receive an overview of the history of television in the NFL and gain knowledge about the growth of the NFL through television. The topic will also examine the growth of the Super Bowl advertising and TV ratings. This 50-minute program, which is designed to be highly interactive, is supplemented by a lesson aligned with Common Core/National Standards of Education and is recommended for grades 6-12.

Supplemental Materials:

- Classroom activity
- Supplemental Video

Movement and Motion

Jerry Csaki, Senior Director of Youth and Education, Pro Football Hall of Fame

November 19, 9:00-10:00 AM November 20, 10:15-11:15 AM Grades 5-12

This program examines the relationship of science and the game of professional football. Straight line movement, zig-zags, circular motion, back & forth, pushing & pulling - all movements that influence the sport. This 50-minute program, which is designed to be highly interactive, is supplemented by a lesson aligned with Common Core/National Standards of Education and is recommended for Grades 1-5.

Supplemental Materials:

- Classroom Activity
- Supplemental Video

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