



# FORT LIGONIER

“Can you dig it?”

**THE ARCHEOLOGY TOUR** is an educational program specifically designed for highly motivated students in grades four through eight. The tour provides students with the opportunity to examine artifacts unearthed at the Fort over the last fifty years. Students tour the fort with education department staff members and view artifacts that help to tell the story of the French and Indian War fort. The participants gain compelling insight into eighteenth century life the army at Fort Ligonier.

“Touch boxes” contain both artifacts found on site during archeology excavations, as well as reproduction items. These objects

have been chosen to give students a “hands on” experience in understanding the living conditions of the military community at Fort Ligonier.

To see first hand the broken dishes, coins, wagon parts, worn shoe parts, musket balls, buttons and clay pipe fragments, enables students to understand how the museum staff is able to authentically recreate the interiors of the fort buildings.

The archeology tour also permits students to experience the techniques that professional archeologists use in excavating a site. A simulated “dig” allows students to uncover, graph and tag (*replica*) artifacts.

This field trip experience offers a unique approach, in a historical environment, that will give students a fascinating glimpse

into the past. The purpose of this activity is not to teach students to be archeologists but rather to help them develop a respect for the careful work done by professional archeologists at Fort Ligonier and elsewhere.

The archeology tour can accommodate 10 to 25 students. For every 5 students an adult supervisor is suggested. The archeology tour runs approximately two hours. **Reservations are required.**



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