



Clark Community Cultural Consortium Resource Directory

Youth Provider Organization: *SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION ALLIANCE*

Urban Explorers Program

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Goals/mission statement:

The Springfield Preservation Alliance grew out of a community-based effort to recognize, preserve, and revitalize the architectural and cultural heritage of Springfield, Ohio. With a two-fold mission of advocacy and education, the Alliance works to preserve existing architectural resources and raise public appreciation of these resources through publications, tours, lectures, and special programs.

Instructional objectives:

- Increase and develop awareness and appreciation of Springfield's history.
- Introduce concepts in architecture, public art, and history as expressed through architecture.
- Develop strong visual and observational skills.
- Increases and extend opportunities for critical thinking and problem solving through visual arts.
- Encourage personal connection to and appreciation for Springfield.
- Introduce concepts in historic preservation.
- Introduce concepts of contextual design.
- Introduce concepts in urban planning and smart growth.

OHIO Standards-Benchmarks:

Emphasis is placed upon meeting multiple academic content standards for Social Studies and Visual Arts, grades K-12, while addressing components of Technology, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

Materials available for teachers/students:

- Docent guided tours:
 - Downtown Safari (grades 3-5)
 - History Detectives: East High Street (grades 3-5)
 - Downtown as a Work of Art (grades 9-12)
 - East High Street Historic District (grades 9-12)
 - Ferncliff Cemetery (grades 9-12)
- Teacher Prep Packets (Helping teachers prepare students in advance of the tour and for further study in the classroom after the tour.)
- My Preservation Notebook (Coming 2007)
- Architecture and History Lesson Plans
- Speakers in the Classroom
- Online Architecture Quizzes

Additional Information/Comments:

- For Academic Standards and Benchmarks for individual projects, please visit us online.
- For new and up to date programming information, please visit us online.
- We will customize tours to meet lesson objectives and grade levels.
- Most tours available each year as part of our Summer Walking Tour Series are available for students in grades 9-12.
- We welcome ideas for future programming.
- We welcome volunteers to help design specific lesson plans and tours.

Springfield Preservation Alliance
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