

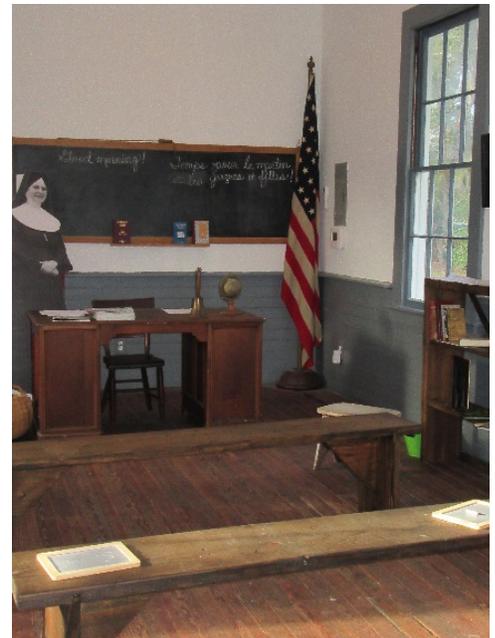


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The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society invites you to consider a special field trip your fourth grade students to the Walter Jones Historical Park (11964 Mandarin Road) during this school year. Students visit four different points at the site in thirty-minute rotations, with clusters of 20 in each group. Generally, four classes are able to come at one time and rotate through all settings. Depending on the distance to the school and bus schedules, some classes bring their lunches and eat at picnic tables in the park after the tour. The cost is \$7.00/student and the chaperones are free. More information and photos about these sites can be found at our website www.mandarinmuseum.net.

Our tours have been developed by a former history teacher, Bruce Vacca, and each of four locations has a different trained volunteer tour guide. The experience will help your students meet many Grade 4 Social Studies Standards for American History. The historic learning centers include:

- **Mandarin Museum** highlighting two museum exhibits: Harriet Beecher Stowe's presence and impact in Mandarin, and the Union steamship *Maple Leaf* (sunk at Mandarin Point), which includes Civil War artifacts
- **1875 Webb farmhouse**: a fully furnished turn of the 20th century farmhouse where children learn about life in rural Florida 100 years ago, before electricity and plumbing
- **19th-century one-room schoolhouse**: built in 1898 for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Mandarin to educate the children of former slaves. Students learn about post-Civil war Florida.
- **Historic 1911 Mandarin Store and Post Office**: located 1 mile away from the park (this does require some shuffling on the part of the buses). Students view and learn about a fully equipped old time store, once the heart of this community.



We have been conducting these tours for many years and the students, teachers, and parents always give very positive feedback about the quality of their experience. This park is a perfect place to make history come alive for the children.

We hope you will be able to bring your students to learn from and enjoy this opportunity. Please call Bruce at 742-6433 or Sandy at 268-0784 to discuss, or email mandarinmuseum@bellsouth.net. Please don't delay in contacting us with days and times that work for you and your students and we will be happy to get you scheduled.