GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TEACHER

We hope this guide will be helpful in your preparation to visit the Oak Hill School Heritage Education Center.

1. Call to schedule a day at Oak Hill School at least three weeks prior to the desired visit date. A visit confirmation form will be mailed to you immediately. It will confirm the visit date and time, number of students attending, and fee schedule.

2. Copy the Parents’ Permission Letter and send it home with each student. Arrange for the signed form at the bottom of the letter to be returned at least three days in advance.

3. Make the necessary transportation arrangements and obtain additional chaperones if necessary.

4. Make name tags from the sample pattern or plan one of your own. The first name is most important, as the schoolmarm/master will address students by first names. Please print boldly and clearly.

5. Copy these names on the Student List Sheet for morning Roll-Call.

6. Make your copybooks. This activity is necessary for your visit.

7. If your class plans to dress in appropriate clothing for the 1890s, remind students the day before with a note to their parents. No matter what they wear, they should be dressed for the weather! For information on clothing, see School Clothing of the 1890s.

8. If your class plans to have lunch at the school, you might want to plan your lunches around what would have been eaten in the 1890s. Making a lunch pail to carry the lunches is Pre-Visit Activity #4. Making a lunch involves Pre-Visit Activities #5 and #6. Making a quilt square to cover the lunch in the lunch pail is Pre-Visit Activity #7.

For emergencies during your visit, phones are located inside the Jonesborough Visitors Center. The Visitors Center Hostess will be happy to assist. For more information, contact the Heritage Alliance at (423) 753-9580.

Due to the small size of the one-room classroom and limited seating, we will only be able to accommodate approximately 30 students per visit.
TEACHER’S CHECK LIST

From Your School:

___ Collect admission fees and put in an envelope.
___ Bring class list with names of students.
___ Pin name tags on the students.
___ Bring copybooks for each student (see Pre-visit Activity #1).
___ Bring camera for a class picture on the Oak Hill Schoolhouse steps at lunchtime.
___ Bring lunch pails with appropriate lunch food (we supply tin cups).
___ If needed, bring milk for the students’ lunch (otherwise, we supply water).
___ If planned, remind students to wear period clothing (see page 12).
___ Practice lining up the students in two groups - boys and girls, shortest to tallest.

Arrival at the Jonesborough Visitors Center:

Check-in with the Heritage Alliance staff who will facilitate your visit. Turn in admission fees to the Heritage Alliance staff.
___ Line up students on the porch of the Visitor’s Center the way you have practiced.
___ Walk toward Oak Hill School upon hearing the school bell.
___ Give the Student List Sheet for class roll to Schoolmarm/master.

Departure from Oak Hill School (or Visitors Center):

___ Help Gather belongings (hats, coats, copybooks, lunch pails, etc.).
___ Lead students toward bus.

Back in Your Own Classroom:

___ If you collected the copybooks and certificates, pass them back to the students.
___ Complete post-visit activities.
___ Complete student and teacher evaluation sheets.
___ Mail evaluation sheets to: Museum Education Specialist
                          Heritage Alliance
                          212 East Sabin Drive
                          Jonesborough, TN 37659