

Bring history to life for your students with



# "Edu-tainment" at Falcon Rest

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At Falcon Rest, students learn that history is more than dry names and dates — it's about real people like them. And they discover first-hand that history can be fun!

Built by "Gorilla Pants" manufacturer Clay Faulkner in 1896, this Victorian mansion has been called "Tennessee's Biltmore" by PBS. Students find out how families like the Faulkners lived at the turn of the last century, how "modern technology" changed the world 100 years ago, and how the Civil War affected local people — including young Clay, who was a "secret soldier" during that conflict. Choose from four history-based shows that make your students part of the past.

A Vice-Principal from Memphis recently called Falcon Rest's George McGlothlin an "edu-tainer." The different historical characters he plays capture kids' imaginations, so students are learning while they're laughing.

*On your way to anywhere thru Middle Tennessee*



**The Victorian Gentleman**

### Vaudeville-Style History Show & Tour Grades K -12

The Victorian Gentleman, dressed in 1890s costume, takes the stage with stories about the Faulkners, their five children and the history of their home. His fun-loving Vaudeville-style monologue keeps them laughing as they learn. A walk-through tour of the mansion is a feast for the imagination as well as the eyes. Though Falcon Rest is admittedly rich and elegant, it's easy to visualize a real family living in its rooms.

School field trips can include lunch

and old fashioned games on the grounds. Activities are tailored to age group and time available for visit.

### Murder at the Mansion Grades 5 -12

Your students are the real stars of our original interactive murder mystery show. They assume the characters of actual people from 1897 attending a banquet given by the Faulkners to celebrate the opening of their new mansion. There are no lines to remember, so they're free to ad lib as much or as little as they like ... and they can be counted on to come up with some pretty hilarious dialogue. When a dastardly murder mars the celebration, audience members



**Buffalo Bill Cody**

help special guest star Buffalo Bill Cody discover which of them is the culprit! Students will never forget the historical characters they played.

## The Four Faces of FUN at Falcon Rest Mansion

### The Honeymoon Ball of Gen. John Hunt Morgan



**General John Hunt Morgan**

#### Grades 5 -12

Based on first-person accounts of Civil War events in McMinnville during the spring of 1863, this interactive show is hosted by Gen. John Hunt Morgan, who later took his raiders farther behind Union lines than any other Confederate commander, and local poetess Lucy Virginia French. Students assume the roles of Morgan's 21-year-old bride Mattie, local citizens and Morgan's soldiers.

It's set at a banquet and ball given to honor the Morgans and ends as 6,600 Union troops attempt to capture the General. The Civil War comes to life.

### Ghost at the Mansion

#### Grades 5 -12

Designed to tickle the funny bone more than tingle the spine, this interactive show combines stories of the suspected "spirits" at Falcon Rest with a light-hearted ghost convention ... where the audience members are the ghosts!

Anyone no longer living could show up, from Henry VIII to Lady Godiva to Elvis, so students portray people from all eras of history. The show ends with a special surprise twist and is followed by a meal and a tour of the Falcon Rest mansion.



**The Clay Faulkner Ghost**

Add a Step-on Tour for more area history. See back for details.

Before the visit, students can research Falcon Rest's history at [www.falconrest.com](http://www.falconrest.com)

# Falcon Rest

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Note: During school tours, rooms in the mansion are roped off to somewhat restrict access, so the teachers won't have a heart attack!

Hours: Open 7 day a week year round; school group tours scheduled at your convenience, subject to availability

Group rates per person (plus sales tax unless tax exempt form is supplied)

### Vaudeville-style history show and mansion tour

Students..... \$4.50 Adults..... \$6

\*Optional food in addition to Vaudeville Style Tour

Cookies & Drink....\$2.50 Coney Dog Meal ....\$4

Chicken Strip Meal.....\$5

**Murder at the Mansion, Honeymoon Ball or Ghost at the Mansion** interactive shows, **including** spaghetti meal & tour  
Students and chaperones ..... \$12

(For classes desiring to spend more time on their trip, the Victorian Gentleman will board your bus for a rib-tickling tour through McMinnville history, highlighted by the beautiful waterfalls at Rock Island State Park. His "tall tales" are all true, and they'll make the history of the region come to life for your class.)

Step-on Guide Service in addition to any show.. \$1

Group policies: 20 person minimum for Vaudeville-style, Murder at the Mansion or Honeymoon Ball shows;  
40 person minimum for Ghost at the Mansion.  
School bus driver and teacher complimentary.

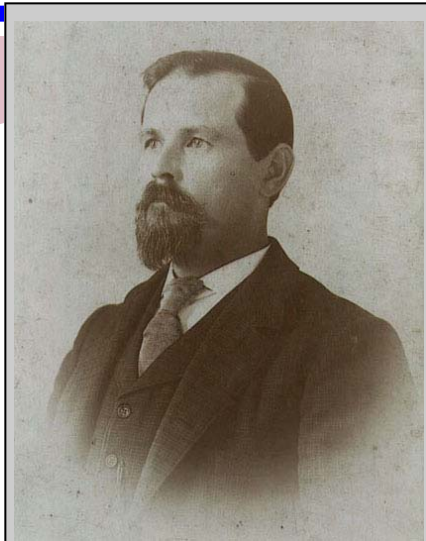
Time Required: Vaudeville style show: Allow a minimum of 2 hours for show, mansion tour, shopping and games if desired; 1/2 hour for cookies or hot-dog meal.  
Murder at the Mansion or Ghost at the Mansion:  
Allow a minimum of 2-1/2 hours for play, meal, tour, shopping. Games can be added if more time is available.  
Step-on tour: between 1 to 1-1/2 hours  
If less time is available, we can adjust the program to fit your schedule with advance notice.

Amenities: Get your class off the interstates; as little as 30 minutes from I-24 and I-40. Alternate routes thru McMinnville offer beautiful scenery and great roads.  
Elegant Victorian Carriage House seats up to 115.  
Plenty of bus parking. Ample rest rooms  
1200-square-foot Victorian Gift Shop (The gift shop is a history lesson in itself, filled with items, books and toys the Faulkners or their children could have owned.)  
All buildings are connected by sidewalks .

Menus: \*Optional menus for Vaudeville-style history show & tour  
Cookies and Lemonade: Assorted cookie tray (about two per child), plus our famous pink lemonade.  
Coney Dog Meal: Hot dog, French fries, brownie, lemonade.  
Chicken Strip Meal: Chicken strips, fries, brownie , lemonade

Spaghetti meal: Spaghetti with meat sauce, brownie, roll, lemonade or tea

For details and directions, visit online at [www.falconrest.com](http://www.falconrest.com)



**I**n 1896, entrepreneur Clay Faulkner promised his wife Mary he'd build her "the grandest mansion in Tennessee" if she would move next to their woolen mill a couple of miles from downtown McMinnville.

Mary agreed, and Faulkner supervised construction as enthusiastically as he promoted the mills' Gorilla Pants (so strong even a gorilla couldn't tear them apart) and mineral water at the Faulkner Springs Hotel, the "ideal health and pleasure resort" he would eventually open down the road.

Faulkner's solid brick, 10,000-sq.-ft. mansion had all the "modern conveniences" when it was built — indoor plumbing, electric lights, central heat, and more.

Today, the National-Trust-award-winning property is filled with museum-quality Victorian antiques.

And some say it's presided over by a friendly ghost — perhaps the proud builder himself.

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