

Falcon Rest

Mansion & Gardens



Bring history to life for your students with

"Edu-tainment"

field trips to the
1890s mansion where history is fun

A Vice-Principal from Memphis once 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.

"Tennessee's Biltmore" — PBS
McMinnville, Tenn.



*On your way to anywhere
thru Middle Tennessee*

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 three interactive shows where your students become actual people from history.

Murder at the Mansion

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



The Honeymoon Ball of Gen. John Hunt Morgan

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 invade McMinnville to capture the General.

The Civil War comes to life.

Ghost at the Mansion

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 your students 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 surprise twist and is followed by a meal and mansion tour.



All shows include a spaghetti meal and mansion tour.

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

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Age Group: Best for grades 4 through 12.

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)
Murder at the Mansion, Honeymoon Ball or Ghost at the Mansion interactive shows, **including** spaghetti meal & tour
Students \$17, Adults \$20

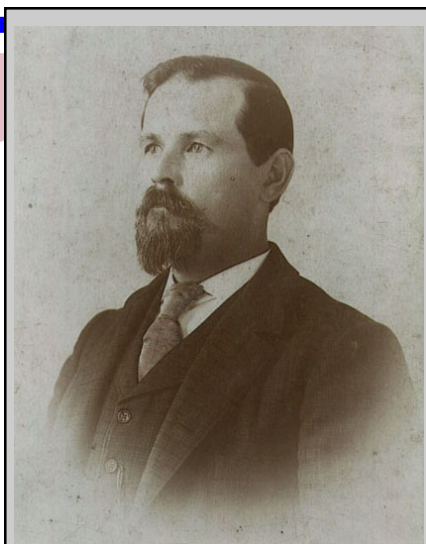
Step-on Guide Service in addition to any show...\$2 each
(For classes desiring to spend more time on their trip, the Victorian Gentleman will board your bus for a rib-tickling tour through McMinnville history, highlighted by the beautiful waterfalls at Rock Island State Park. His "tall tales" are all true, and they'll make the history of the region come to life for your class.)

Group policies: 20 person minimum for Murder at the Mansion or Honeymoon Ball shows;
40 person minimum for Ghost at the Mansion.
School bus driver and one teacher per class of 15 or more complimentary.

Time Required: Allow a minimum of 2-1/2 hours for show, meal, tour, and shopping.
Games in the gardens 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.
Our Victorian Carriage House Banquet Hall 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: Spaghetti with meat sauce, brownie, roll, lemonade or tea.
Please let us know if any of your students or chaperones have dietary restrictions.



In 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.

For details and directions, visit online at falconrest.com



View our group tour video

Wondering how an "interactive history-based show" works? Scan this code with your smart phone, or go online to falconrest.com/group.htm to see the fun for yourself.