

# BUFFALO NIAGARA

NEW YORK

## STUDENT YOUTH TOURS AND MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES





## S.T.E.M. & PROJECT LEAD THE WAY ACTIVITIES



### **BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS** 2655 South Park Ave / Buffalo, NY

Our hands-on plant science programs and accompanying mini-tours of the Botanical Gardens are exciting, informative and tons of fun for students of all ages! Create a terrarium, start a succulent garden, learn about plants we eat, discuss plant reproduction and the parts of plants/flowers, learn about ecosystems and pollution and more.

- **Length of tour:** varies
- **Age:** Varying options available. Some programs are aligned for specific grade levels.
- **Availability:** Year-round, Programs must be reserved and booked at least three weeks in advance.
- **Group size:** 6-100 • **Meals:** Not available. Students may bring bagged lunches. Reserved lunch space available.



### **BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE** 1020 Humboldt Parkway / Buffalo, NY

Inspire your student's curiosity by exploring natural sciences through exhibits, interactive science studios, a National geographic 3D cinema, customized workshops and museum tours.

- **Length of tour:** 60-90 mins
- **Age:** K-12
- **Availability:** Year-round (day & evening)
- **Group size:** 10 +



### **URBAN AIR ADVENTURE PARK** One Walden Galleria, Buffalo, NY

A trampoline park but with a lot more including a ropes course, a Sky Rider coaster, Warrior Course, Battle Beam, rock climbing walls, laser tag, bumper cars and a VR area!

- **Age:** Grades K-12
- **Availability:** Open daily
- **Group size:** 10+
- **Meals available**



### **CENTRAL ROCK GYM** 55 Chicago Street / Buffalo, NY

World class indoor climbing, fitness, and community experience with state of the art facilities, expansive climbing walls, cutting edge fitness equipment, professional yoga classes, and various youth programs and summer camps.

- **Length of tour:** 1-5 hours
- **Age:** Grades 7-12 , can accommodate younger
- **Availability:** Year-round
- **Group size:** 300
- **Meals available**



### **GRAYCLIFF ESTATE** 6472 Old Lake Shore Rd / Derby, NY

Tour the historic landscaping and gardens by Frank Lloyd Wright and Ellen Biddle Shipman, and the first floor of the Isabelle R. Martin House. Student's on longer tours will also see the second floor, Foster Garage, and more!

- **Length of tour:** 1-3 hours
- **Age:** 10-22
- **Availability:** Year-round, seven days May to October; No Wednesday or Sunday November to April.
- **Group size:** 15+
- **Meals:** No, but can refer to local restaurants



### **NIAGARA POWER PROJECT VISTA** 5777 Lewiston Rd / Lewiston, NY

Science center atop the largest dam east of the Mississippi and second largest hydro producer in the nation! Experience New York State's largest hydroelectric generator learning about electricity, geology and discovering STEAM careers through exciting interactive multimedia displays and exhibits, a 4D simulated ride and much more.

- **Length of tour:** Tailored to needs of 1-4 hours
- **Age:** All ages
- **Availability:** Open seven days a week 9am – 5pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Day, New Year's Eve & Day
- **Group size:** Up to 200 • **Meals:** Indoor cafeteria and outdoor picnic seating available for catered meals.



### **SKYZONE** 425 Cayuga Road #400 / Cheektowaga, NY

Fun and educational trips. Jump, zip and soar across the sky zone court, play 3-D dodge ball or take a flight in the Foam Zone. Sky marketing program encompasses jumping with brand-building exercises with a competitive presentation to follow. Learn great marketing strategies by a company that was "built by accident", or take part in SKY P.E. as an alternate physical education class. Fun for all ages!

- **Length of tour:** 1-3 hours
- **Age:** K-college
- **Availability:** Year-round (day & evening)
- **Group size:** 15+ • **Meals:** Available



### **SPIRIT OF BUFFALO & BUFFALO RIVER HISTORY TOURS**

Our boats leave from Canalside, **44 Prime Street, Buffalo, NY**

Buffalo River History Tours - Fully narrated history of the Buffalo River / Nautical Science Field Trip on the Spirit of Buffalo

- **Length of tour:** 90 minutes/Nautical Science 2 hours
- **Age:** All ages
- **Availability:** Every day, mid-May through mid-October
- **Group size:** History Tours up to 125; Nautical Field Trip up to 30 • **Meals:** Private charters only



### WHITWORTH FERGUSON PLANETARIUM Buffalo State College / Buffalo, NY

Students will tour the night sky, our solar system, and the Universe in the immersive environment of the planetarium!

- **Length of Tour:** 1-2 hours
- **Age:** All ages
- **Availability:** Year round
- **Group size:** Up to 26 at a time, but we can rotate through larger groups.
- **Meals:** Yes, but must be arranged through the Student Union. Groups can bring their lunches and eat near the planetarium.



### WHIRLPOOL JET BOAT TOURS 115 South Water Street / Lewiston, NY

45 minute guided jet boat tour through the amazing historic sights and class V rapids on the lower Niagara River

- **Length of Tour:** 45 minutes
- **Age:** 6+ (minimum height 44") for Wet tour, or 4+ (minimum height 40") for the Dry tour
- **Availability:** Seasonal, April to October (dry tour schedule may be extended, TBA)
- **Group size:** Any size • **Meals:** May be arranged through Water Street Landing next door



### NIAGARA JET ADVENTURES 555 Water Street / Youngstown NY

Adventurous and educational White Water Experience! Learn all about the lower Niagara River and it's history while navigating class 3 – 5 white water rapids.

- **Length of Tour:** 1 hour
- **Age:** 4+ (minimum 40" tall)
- **Availability:** All 4 seasons – closed when the ice flow hits the River (usually late December – end of March)
- **Group size:** 114 students per hour in the warmer months (May – October) & 78 students per hour in the cooler months • **Meals:** Snack bar available, we do work with Hard Rock Café for boxed lunches

## HISTORY & HERITAGE



### FOREST LAWN 1411 Delaware Avenue / Buffalo, NY

Docent will lead the school group on a walking tour highlighting some of the historical people buried there, cemetery symbolism and cemetery lore. The tours can be designed to include a particular subject that the teacher wants to highlight. A fee of \$5.00 per student is required.

- **Length of Tour:** 2 hours
- **Age:** Grades 4-12
- **Availability:** Year round
- **Group size:** Up to 20 per guide. If group is larger, more guides are available. • **Meals:** None



### BUFFALO DOUBLE DECKER "HANDS ON HISTORY" TOUR Buffalo, NY

Experience this region's rich heritage aboard an authentic British Double Decker bus. Your guide, an Irish police officer from 1880, uses humor and history to bring to life tales of the Underground Railroad, Erie Canal and Grain Silos by taking students to the actual places where history happened.

- **Length of Tour:** 1-2 hours
- **Age:** 7+
- **Availability:** May through October
- **Group size:** up to 65



### BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY NAVAL & MILITARY PARK One Naval Park Cove / Buffalo, NY

Students will step back in history as they explore the USS Little Rock, USS The Sullivans, and the USS Croaker and learn about the people who served aboard these mighty ships.

- **Length of Tour:** 2-2.5 hours
- **Age:** 6+
- **Availability:** Seasonal; April-October
- **Group size:** 10-150 • **Meals:** restaurants nearby and boxed lunches available for purchase upon request.



### NASH HOUSE MUSEUM 36 Nash Street / Buffalo, NY

Tour of the home of Rev. & Mrs. J. Edward Nash's home and many of their artifacts. We tell the history of the black community in early Buffalo.

- **Length of Tour:** 1-2 hours
- **Age:** 7+
- **Availability:** Year round by appointments. May to November Thursday-Saturday 11:00am to 3:30pm
- **Group size:** Any size group can be accommodated. • **Meals:** None



### BEST OF BUFFALO TOUR Starts in front of City Hall (65 Niagara Square, Buffalo)

This downtown interior / exterior walking tour gives students an overview of Buffalo history, and teaches about prominent architectural buildings and styles, the Erie Canal and the Pan-American Exposition, the history of Niagara and Lafayette Squares, and more.

- **Length of Tour:** K-2: 60 minutes, 3-12: 90 minutes
- **Age:** K-12
- **Availability:** Seasonal (September - October, April - June)
- **Group size:** min. 5, max. 150 • **Meals:** Lunch may be purchased at nearby downtown restaurants.





### **FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S DARWIN MARTIN HOUSE COMPLEX** 125 Jewett Pkwy / Buffalo NY

This program introduces Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural genius in the context of Buffalo's history, concepts of art, math, science and innovation.

- Length of tour: 60-90 mins.
- Availability: Year-round
- Group size: 20-60



### **THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** 641 Delaware Avenue / Buffalo, NY

A unique place where local and national history intersect. A unique event which still impacts our nation over a century later. A unique and powerful experience that takes you back in time through sight, sound and interaction that are sure to engage, enlighten, and entertain all ages on the legacy of Roosevelt as United States President.

- Length of tour: 1-2 hours depending upon activity and group size
- Age: All ages
- Availability: Year-round
- Group size: maximum 50
- Meals: Space for meals available if reserved. No catering available.



### **NIAGARA FALLS** P.O. Box 773 / Niagara Falls, NY

Tour Niagara Falls State Park including a ride aboard the Maid of the Mist and a walk at the base of the Bridal Veil Falls at the Cave of the Winds.

- Length of tour: Varies
- Age: All ages
- Availability: All attractions: April-October



### **OLD FORT NIAGARA** P.O. Box 169 (102 Morrow Plaza) / Youngstown, NY

Tour an original 18th century fortification and learn about early American history through living history programs. Special offerings include Spy for General Washington and Fall Frontier Days.

- Length of tour: 90 minutes – 2 hours- can be customized to suit
- Age: 4th grade and up
- Availability: Year round, seven days.
- Group size: 12-500 • Meals: Between Memorial Day and Labor Day.



### **ANTI-SLAVERY RE-ENACTMENT TOUR: "LIVING HISTORY THEATER"**

An educational and immersive experience into 19th century civic protest. The sites serve as 165-year old classrooms with costumed interpreters/actors coming to life, in a setting where the landscape has changed very little! Encounter historical figures including an abolitionist, a former slave and women's rights activist, and visit a Quaker community. Then visit the house museum celebrating President Millard Fillmore's "The Fugitive Slave Law", its sway in the Underground Railroad and more.

- Length of tour: 4 hours
- Age: All ages
- Group size: 25+
- Availability: Year-round



### **MILLARD FILLMORE PRESIDENTIAL SITE** 24 Shearer Avenue / East Aurora, NY

Tour of the only home built by a president as his honeymoon cottage.

- Length of Tour: 40+ minutes
- Age: 10+
- Availability: Open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1- last tour 3:00. Special tours can be arranged by calling 716-652-2621.
- Group size: 10-20 • Meals: None

## **ARTS & THEATRE**



### **SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** 646 Main Street / Buffalo, NY

Educational experiences fostering an appreciation of live theatre. A variety of acting, singing and dance programs available.

- Length of tour: Facility tour - 1 hour
- Age: 12+ years
- Availability: Year-round: Broadway shows run October-June
- Group size: 20+



### **THE ROYCROFT INN & CAMPUS** 40 South Grove Street / East Aurora, NY

Tours of the Campus include information on Hubbard, the Industrial Revolution, the Arts & Crafts Movement, and the buildings and artisans of the Campus. One of the important elements of the Arts & Crafts Movement is handmade work: hands-on activities can include bookbinding, illumination, print press and metal work.

- Length of tour: 1-2 hours, dependent on content
- Age: Kindergarten through college (ideal 10 +)
- Availability: Year-round
- Group size: Activities 12-24; tours 24; field excursions up to 120 • Meals: On site

## MUSIC & PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES



- BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Kleinhans Music Hall / 3 Symphony Circle / Buffalo, NY  
Tour of Kleinhans Music Hall, a designated National Historic Landmark with an international reputation as one of the finest concert halls. See a performance, meet guest artists and musicians. Attend a workshop and more.
- **Length of Tour:** 45-60 minutes
  - **Age:** All ages
  - **Availability:** Year round, but based on availability/confirmation
  - **Group size:** 40-50/group, multiple guides needed for larger groups, \$5/person



- SIX FLAGS DARIEN LAKE** 9993 Allegheny Road / Darien Center, NY  
New York State's largest combination theme park & waterpark resort. Groups are invited to perform all season long. Or take part in the spring time festival featuring marching bands, choral groups, jazz, and orchestra and concert bands. Park also offers Science Days program featuring elementary, middle and high school physics days.
- **Age:** All ages
  - **Availability:** Festivals in May, full season May-October
  - **Group size:** 15+ • **Meals:** On site



- CD RECORDING SESSION** GCR Audio / 564 Franklin Street / Buffalo, NY  
Take part in a CD recording session at a studio owned by Goo Goo Dolls bassist, Robby Takac. The studio is a revolving door of world-class artists.
- **Length of Tour:** 2-3 hours or as long as required
  - **Availability:** Tuesday - Saturday, 11am - 4pm
  - **Group size:** dependent on equipment up to 25 sit down, 40 for choral group



- COLORLED MUSICIANS CLUB & MUSEUM** 145 Broadway / Buffalo, NY  
The Club has a very rich and significant history. Located in the same building, the CMC Museum is a multimedia archive where the visitors can view and interact with artifacts that represent the long history of the club. Parts of the CMC collection can also be made be available to scholars and researchers. Jam sessions, recording studio and more!
- **Length of Tour:** hour plus- depending on what group is doing
  - **Availability:** Year Round
  - **Group size:** Up to 50. If the group size is higher, please call for special arrangements.

## GROUP DINING



- FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY** 745 Seneca Street / Buffalo, NY  
Tour of Larkin Square during Food Truck Tuesday discussing the space and our entertainment programming.
- **Length of Tour:** Flexible, likely short tour with opportunity to explore on their own
  - **Age:** Flexible
  - **Availability:** Tuesdays, late April - early October
  - **Group size:** Flexible but event can be crowded • **Meals:** On site



- THE EAGLE HOUSE RESTAURANT** 5578 Main Street / Williamsville, NY  
Historic tavern and restaurant
- **Age:** All ages
  - **Availability:** Year round
  - **Group size:** Up to 60
  - **Meals:** Complimentary meals provided for tour guide & bus driver



- WEST SIDE BAZAAR** 25 Grant Street / Buffalo, NY  
Brief overview of West Side Bazaar, mission/vision, business incubation, and walk around the space.
- **Length of Tour:** Variable dependent on interest [the overview is about 5-10 minutes, students often are given time to walk around, see products, try food if applicable - there is a charge for this organized by the teacher or administrator normally].
  - **Age:** All ages
  - **Availability:** Tuesday - Saturday, 11am - 4pm
  - **Group size:** 20-25 students is ideal, larger groups can be accommodated with advance notice during slow times
  - **Meals:** Meals are available for purchase on site or for pre order through West Side Bazaar's catering program



- FASHION OUTLETS OF NIAGARA FALLS, USA** 1900 Military Road / Niagara Falls, NY  
Indoor outlet shopping center offering 200+ designer brands. Food Court, Food Hall (coming soon) and sit down restaurant options available for meals.
- **Length of Tour:** 1-2 hours
  - **Age:** All ages
  - **Availability:** Open Year Round. Closed on Christmas. Mon - Sat 10am to 9pm; Sun 10am to 6pm
  - **Group size:** Any size group can be accommodated • **Meals:** Food Court, Food Hall and Applebee's

## MUSIC & PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES



## STUDENT MUSIC PERFORMANCE VENUES

VENUE	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT INFO	ADDRESS	DAYS & TIMES	CAPACITY
Academy of Performing Arts HS	Jody Covington	716-816-4220	450 Masten Ave, Buffalo, NY	Various	600
Buffalo Suzuki Strings		716-743-8728	4 Webster St, North Tonawanda, NY	Varies	300
Canalside	Jill Clark	jill.clark@esd.ny.gov	44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY 14202	Seasonal	Varies - unlimited Marching concert, chorus
Chautauqua Institution	Scott	716-357-6200 groupprograms@chq.org	1 Ames Ave, Chautauqua, NY	May 1 - June 20; Sept 1 - Oct 31	Varies
Six Flags Darien Lake	Group sales	585-599-4641	9993 Allegany Rd, Darien Center, NY Music festivals May and June	Seasonal, May - Oct	
Eastern Hills Mall	Russ Fulton	716-633-1600	4545 Transit Rd, Williamsville, NY	Varies with mall hours; call for information	Varies; unlimited capacity. Additional security required
Elmwood Village Association <i>multiple outdoor venues</i>	James Cichocki	716-881-0707	1068 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY	Varies - call	Varies, depending on location - 10 to 10,000
Erie County Fair	Lou Ann Delaney	716-649-3900 x260	The Fairgrounds in Hamburg Hamburg, NY	Mid-August annually	Unlimited. Marching bands, concert bands
Fashion Outlets of Niagara	Mickey Wilson	716-205-1802	1900 Military Rd, Niagara Falls, NY	Year-round <i>(blackout dates may apply)</i>	50 for concert band chairs; total capacity 100+ standing
Great Pumpkin Farm at Kelly Schultz Antique World	Katy Toth	716-759-8483	11199 Main St, Clarence, NY	October weekends	Unlimited capacity for marching bands
Hard Rock Cafe	Group Sales	716-282-7822	333 Prospect St, Niagara Falls, NY	Year-round - varies	40+
Kleinhans Music Hall <i>Home of the Buffalo Philharmonic</i>	Jeff Dabbelt jdabbelt@bpo.org	716-242-7822	3 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY	Call for information	3,000
Larkin Square	Kayla Zemsky	716-362-2665 kaylaz@larkindg.com	745 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY	Year round, outdoor (varies)	Varies but flexible
Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises	Mike Murphy	716-433-6155	210 Market St, Lockport, NY	Seasonal; call for information	75-100
Music is Art Buffalo Festival	Phil Aguglia	716-200-6518	Buffalo RiverWorks	September annually	Any size
Niagara Falls State Park	Mary Kay Dugan	716-278-1763	Niagara Falls, NY	Seasonal; call for information	Varies
Old Fort Niagara	Bob Emerson	716-745-7611	Robert Moses Pkwy, Youngstown, NY	Year-round; call for details	Outdoor - unlimited Indoor - 60
Roswell Park	Debbie Miga	716-845-5708	Elm & Carlton Streets, Buffalo, NY	Mon - Fri 10am-2pm	75 standing
Walden Galleria	Alex Corbelli	716-681-7600	Cheektowaga, NY	Mon - Sat 10am-9:30pm Sun 10am-7pm	Chorus: 40 Band: 10-15