T.C. Steele State Historic Site

2008-2009 School Program Opportunities

Outreach Programs

Art on the Go: Discover the Hoosier Group of Artists
Grades 3-8
This program will help students gain a better understanding of Hoosier artists, and specifically those from Brown County. T.C. Steele was a member of the Hoosier Group and helped to form the Brown County Art Colony. Discover who the other members were and their influence on Midwest and American art.
The program cost is $2.50 per student. A large group (100+) price break is available.

Steeles: Technology pioneers in Brown County
Grades K-5
This program is designed to show how the Steeles brought a piece of the city to the country and how they were technology pioneers in Brown County. Today, many students think of technology as computers, iPods, or an Xbox. During the time the Steeles lived in Brown County, they had a player piano, rugs, and shawls that were woven on a loom using a special technique. What is the connection to today? It’s the binary code. Computers and other electronic equipment still use binary code today.
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Art and Orienteering
Grades 4-12
The goal of orienteering is to navigate along an unfamiliar course using only a map and compass. For groups with no experience in orienteering, a “how-to” program will be available upon request.
Here’s how it works: four or five locations have been chosen for their artistic or historical significance around the 211-acre property. Reproduction images of paintings, historic photos, and other objects related to the Steeles are contained in a waterproof box at each location. Compasses and maps will be available for groups to use to find the boxes. There are also clues in each box to lead you to the next place. The boxes can be interpreted on the trail by a staff member or brought back to the classroom for discussion. A “challenge course” is also available for high school students.
The program cost is $2.50 per student. A combination program and site tour is available for $3.50 per student.

Tour the House of the Singing Winds and T.C. Steele’s Studio
All Grade Levels
T.C. Steele was inspired by the picturesque scenes he encountered in Brown County. In 1907, Steele and his second wife, Selma Neubacher Steele, purchased 211 acres in Brown County and began building their home, which they named the House of the Singing Winds. They built the Large Studio to accommodate Steele’s work and landscaped the surrounding hillsides to enhance the beauty of their property. Selma Steele created several acres of gardens around the home that our visitors can enjoy today.
This tour can also include the grounds, cemetery, and Dewar Log Cabin. An art project can finish the day. Your class could also hike to the remote studio and do some sketching.
The site tour cost is $1.00 per student. A combination site tour and program is available for $3.00 per student.

Check us out online at www.tcsteele.org and http://www.in.gov/ism/StateHistoricSites/T.C.SteeleHome/index.aspx

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