



HISTORICAL *Thanksgiving Program*

Lake Waubesa Bible Camp (LWBC) is hosting an interactive educational program featuring our country's first Thanksgiving. We extend our invitation to you and your students to experience the story and the life of both the Pilgrims and Native Americans during this period of American history. Each student attending this program will participate in the following:

- Playing the games of Pilgrims and Native Americans
- Experiencing the tools used by the Pilgrims & Wampanoag Tribe
- Learning and completing chores of the Pilgrim children
- Discovering cooking methods and the foods Pilgrims and Wampanoag Tribe ate
- Discovering the cultural differences between the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Tribe
- Explore the life and impact of Chief Massasoit
- Enjoying a bountiful Pilgrim feast (made by LWBC staff)

Throughout each of these elements, our teachers will re-tell the story of that first Thanksgiving conveying the importance of these historical instances. Students will learn why and how the Pilgrims came to America, the hardships they faced, encounters with the Native Americans, and what a typical day may have looked like in the lives of these people. Our staff will lead and guide your students through each of these hands-on sessions, geared towards elementary students.

LWBC would love to answer any of your questions regarding this program. Our desire is to provide an educational experience that is interactive but also historically accurate. We hope you will consider this opportunity that we may journey together to better know and remember our country's history! To reserve your date, please email thanksgiving@lwbc.com or call 608-838-3335.

Sincerely,

Becca Kregness
Program Director
Lake Waubesa Bible Camp

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DETAILS

Program Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Costs: \$18 per person

Typical Schedule:

9:00 am	Arrival /Bathroom Break
9:15 am	Introduction
9:30 am	Session 1
10:20 am	Session 2
11:10 am	Session 3
12:00 am	Feast
12:45 pm	Conclusion
1:00 pm	Dismissal / Bathroom Break

Additional Information:

- Feast will be allergen friendly. Food allergies must be submitted one week prior to your booked date.
- Final numbers need to be submitted one week prior to your booked date.
- Much of the program will take place outside. Please encourage your students to dress appropriately.
- Our program can accommodate a maximum of 50 participants at one time.
- Each participant (student and chaperone) will need to have an activity waiver on file at the time of the program.
- Our facilities can accommodate bus parking and/or bus drop-off and pick-up.
- Start time can be adjusted upon request (does not apply to ticketed days).

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CLASSES

Tools

This class focuses on the Pilgrim's journey across the ocean, specifically on life on the Mayflower. It will also dive into their arrival in the New World and the challenges that faced them regarding food and shelter. Students will learn to safely use the tools Pilgrims would have used to build their houses and work the land.

Chores & Childhood

The chore class teaches the Pilgrims' life in England and what drove them to seek a new home in the New World. We will follow the story of the Pilgrims to their settled life in the New World, focusing on the chores children could and would have performed. We will work together to churn butter as well as enjoy some traditional games. Each child will go home with a game to share with their family.

Wampanoag Life

We will spend some time looking at the Wampanoag Tribe, the Native Americans who helped the Pilgrims survive in the New World. This class will focus on the introduction between the two groups and the differences between their ways of life. Some of these practices were even adopted by the Pilgrims. Students will explore artifacts to help them better understand the life of the Wampanoag people. They will also try their hand at archery and experience how challenging it was to add meat to their table.

Historical Figure Highlight

This year we will be highlighting the life and impact of Chief Massasoit. Chief Massasoit was the head of the Wampanoag Tribe. He established an alliance between Governor John Carver at Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag people. Chief Massasoit played an important role in the survival of Plymouth Colony. He even joined the Thanksgiving Feast.

Thanksgiving Feast

The focus of this class is the First Thanksgiving Feast itself. It will include a review of the basic history of the Pilgrims. The students will be able to tell the story themselves by the end of the day. Students will learn how today's Thanksgiving is different than the first Thanksgiving feast.