



FIELD TRIPS TO THE CENTER FOR MARK TWAIN STUDIES

The Staff of the Center for Mark Twain Studies (CMTS) is happy to accommodate local school field trips. The Mark Twain Study and Quarry Farm constitute one of the cornerstones of this region's cultural and historic legacy. The Staff of CMTS endeavor to instill an appreciation of the importance of Mark Twain's legacy in the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions to the young people of the area, hopefully instilling in them a sense of pride of their local community.

CMTS can accommodate groups comprised of 2nd grade students all the way through to undergraduates at the college level. CMTS can accommodate 40 students in one day. CMTS does not have the staff or capacity to have groups larger than 40 students at one time.

Teachers can choose a number of different options when planning their field trip, including:

- A tour of the Mark Twain Study and Exhibit on the Elmira College campus (45 minutes)
- A visit to Woodlawn National Cemetery, the final resting place of Mark Twain, his wife, his children, and the Langdon family (30 minutes)
- A tour of the grounds of Quarry Farm. Please note that visitors are not allowed to enter the main house of Quarry Farm (60 minutes)
- A tour of the Elmira College campus (45 minutes)

It has been our experience that the best, most educationally productive field trips are those in which students have had extensive preparation in the classroom beforehand. It is highly recommended that all students and teachers learn as much as they can about Mark Twain, both his personal history and his literature, before embarking on the field trip. **A large selection of texts written by Mark Twain and about Mark Twain are available at no cost to all local teachers.** This special program, The Mark Twain Literary Project, is sponsored by WENY Newschannel 36 and CMTS.

To start the process of scheduling a field trip and to order books from the Mark Twain Literary Project, please contact Director Joseph Lemak at jlemak@elmira.edu.

Guidelines for all Field Trips

- It is highly recommended that teachers and students prepare as much as possible for the field trip in classroom beforehand.
- It is highly recommended that all teachers and staff actively engage with all student activities during the entirety of the field trip.
- Teachers are entirely responsible for the behavior of all students during the entirety of the field trip.
- The CMTS staff will not involve themselves with student behavior issues.
- Quarry Farm is a private residence on the National Historic Landmark Register and must be given its proper care and respect.
- The CMTS staff wants to have your school every year. However, schools and groups who do not follow these guidelines will not be allowed back.