CROWN HILL FOUNDATION

HOMESCHOOL DAY 2026
Zone & Exhibitor Listing

BLUE ZONE EXHIBITORS

- Indiana Astronomical Society
- Marion County 4-H
- Freewheelin' Community Bikes
- Take Flight! Wildlife Education
- Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites
- Indiana Repertory Theater (IRT)

GOLD ZONE EXHIBITOR

- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Atlatl
- Stantec Archaeology
- Indiana DNR Division of Entomology
- Crown Hill Foundation Heritage Tours with Bingo Board (10:30 a.m. • 11:30 a.m. • 12:30 p.m.)
- Ed Martin Dream Trailer (Ivy Tech)

GREEN ZONE EXHIBITORS

- Creative Energy Arts
- Conner Prairie
- Allison Ryver, Author
- Indianapolis Zoo
- Indiana Landmarks
- Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division
- Crown Hill Foundation Artists in Residence
- Newfields

WHITE ZONE EXHIBITORS

- James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home
- Indiana Phenology
- Crown Hill Foundation presents: Cemetery Scavenger Hunt
- Girl Scouts of Central Indiana
- The Academy of Chaos
- WFYI Indianapolis
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum
- The Eiteljorg Museum

PINK ZONE EXHIBITORS

- Indiana Project Learning Tree (DNR Division of Forestry)
- Civil War Roundtable with Famous Hoosiers, Inc.
- Crown Hill Arboretum with ISA Certified Arborists
- Asher Bennington - Stone Carver
- Freetown Village Singers and Reeanctors
- The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site
- Civil War Surgery & Medicine Demonstration with Fred Schaefer
- Declaration of Independence and Revolutionary War History with Doug Roush

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BLUE ZONE EXHIBITORS

Students will be able to **interact with three different types of telescopes**. A specialized solar telescope, a Smart Telescope that is operated using an IPAD and a telescope to look through.

Students will **create a paper finger fortune teller** that introduces them to a variety of 4-H project areas and related careers. As participants play with their fortune tellers, they will discover different project options, discuss the skills learned through each project, and explore careers connected to those interests. This hands-on activity encourages curiosity while helping youth make connections between 4-H experiences and future educational and career opportunities.

What is an ABC quick check? Where is my fork? What can a third hand do? We invite curious minds to come and visit Freewheelin' and find out!



Display of live birds and discussion about natural history, adaptations and the importance of biodiversity.

Indiana Fossils - **Learn about the animals that roamed Indiana** during the Paleozoic and Ice Age periods! Dig for fossils, study casts and interpret the past.

Take part in an ongoing simple mask-making activity! Every half hour, we will play a group theatre game. This will involve listening, team work, physical coordination, and creativity.

GOLD ZONE EXHIBITOR

Dept. of Historical Preservation and Archaeology Presents: Atlatl! An atlatl is a spear-thrower, a handheld device used to propel a dart or spear with greater force, speed and accuracy than by hand alone. An ancient and one of humankind's earliest mechanical inventions, the atlatl was used by prehistoric peoples worldwide for hunting and warfare before being largely replaced by the bow and arrow.

Students will have **hands-on opportunities with artifacts** from Indiana's past.

Enjoy insect related crafts and observe displays of insects, coloring sheets with insects on them, etc

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GOLD ZONE EXHIBITOR

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"Heritage" Tours (10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.; tours are about 1 hour). Our most popular tour, but for intermediate students! Led by our wonderful Crown Hill Foundation docents, The Heritage Tour presents the history of Crown Hill Cemetery while visiting the graves of some of the many interesting people buried here. Students may utilize a provided bingo board while on the tour.

Ed Martin AUTOMOTIVE GROUP
The Only Name You Need To Know

Through hands-on experience, young students can embark on a transformative journey toward becoming a skilled automotive technician. This interactive trailer offers young students a unique blend of hands-on experiences and technical challenges in a world of automotive technology.

GREEN ZONE EXHIBITORS

CREATIVE ENERGY ARTS

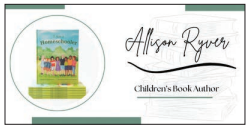
We will be **racing earthworms** and discussing the importance of composting!

CONNER PRAIRIE
STEP INTO THE STORY

Activity 1: Bird Art. Get creative, make connections, find joy, and PLAY while learning about the people and organizations working to ensure that time spent in nature is accessible to everyone. Guests of all ages are invited to use loose parts to create birds and habitats, while learning about people and organizations making history.

Activity 2: Try out the Trades. Conner Prairie offers a range of Historic Skills Classes to guests ages 10+. Stop by the Conner Prairie tent to explore some of the tools used within the Historic trades.

Activity 3: Science Tools Exploration. Science tools invite exploration, curiosity, and discovery. Utilize tools to explore how plants & animals are the same and different by examining them close up.



Threads of Story: Weaving, Finger Knitting & Creative Connections. Discover how a single thread can become something extraordinary! Try your hand at weaving and learn the basics of finger knitting. This hands-on experience invites students to see how patience, creativity, and perseverance intertwine - just like the threads of a loom - to create something meaningful. Leave with a new skill and a deeper appreciation for the art of making and the stories we weave along the way.

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GREEN ZONE EXHIBITORS (cont'd)

When **studying animals and exploring the natural world**, we use a variety of different tools and techniques. Learn about some of the ways you can use your curiosity to discover the world around you.

Investigating Statues and Monuments - In this activity, learn about statues and monuments as public art, interact with the rocks and metals they are made of, and find out how we can help preserve these landmarks. Then work step-by-step to decipher public art as you explore Crown Hill Cemetery. Finish up by using what you learned to design your own monument.

Indiana Trivia Game: Spin the wheel and answer fun Indiana trivia questions with a wide variety of topics from history to sports to literature and more!

Artists Jessica Dunn and Michael Moscaliuk, along with students, will facilitate unique Crown Hill coloring pages that feature iconic Crown Hill landmarks among other architectural and natural elements of the cemetery. Students will have the chance to learn more about Crown Hill, its diverse geography and ecosystem.

Learn about the parts of a flower through close looking and curiosity! Then, make your own flower sculpture out of pipe cleaners!

WHITE ZONE EXHIBITORS

Write your own Hoosier Dialect word. Students will learn about James Whitcomb Riley and how he wrote in what he dubbed the "Hoosier Dialect." Students will read examples from his poetry, then create their own Hoosier Word, define it, and illustrate it if they'd like. The goal is to understand how idioms work and how they can improve students creative writing.

Discover the wonders of botany and seasonal change. Explore hands-on puzzles to learn how plants respond to changing seasons. Complete a scavenger hunt to earn a prize.

Cemetery Scavenger Hunt Activity – Learn about several of our notable people and find items in an interactive scavenger hunt!

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WHITE ZONE EXHIBITORS (cont'd)

girl scouts of central indiana

Who Inspires You? Inspiration Wall, Women of Influence Match-Up, and a Bracelet SWAP. Celebrate inspiring women, discover the story of Dorothy Dell Moffett, whose gift of Camp Dellwood to Girl Scouts 100 years ago created a lasting legacy, and learn about the Crown Hill Women of Influence Patch Program. Interactive, and fun for all ages!



Signature Sprint: Replicate 5 famous signatures and slam the button for a prize!

wfyi INDIANAPOLIS

Hands on PBS Kids activity and resources for families to take home.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY MUSEUM

Discover the **history of the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade** while building engineering skills with a fun, hands-on float design challenge. Students in grades K-3 will get to construct a festive "Red, White & Blue" themed Lego float and race it around an RC track. Stop by our tent to let your young engineers build, race, and celebrate America's milestone in this quick 15-20 minute activity!

Eiteljorg Museum

Families are invited to **make their own stick dice game!** Versions of this dice game were played by Native Americans across North America and continue to be played today. Students will decorate their own set of stick dice and use counting sticks to keep score as they play. This hands-on activity supports counting and simple math skills while encouraging creativity, cultural learning, turn-taking, and good sportsmanship.

PINK ZONE EXHIBITORS

PROJECT LEARNING TREE INDIANA

Learn how to read the story of a tree from a tree cookie (cross-section). Participants will have the opportunity to examine real tree cookies and learn to read the rings, then create their own tree cookie craft telling the story of their life or following the story of another tree.

THE INDIANAPOLIS CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Students will learn about **Abraham Lincoln's boyhood in Indiana** (ages 7–21) where he loses his mother and sister, teaches himself to read, and discovers the value of hard work. They will also participate in a 19th century board game called SHUT THE BOX, which offers lessons in mathematical concepts.

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PINK ZONE EXHIBITORS (cont'd)

Green Arbor Tree Experts, Inc. loving your trees! | 317-296-3335 | NORA TREE SERVICE | NOVA TREE CARE

CROWN HILL ARBORETUM

Since it's widely regarded as **"the single best place for tree lovers in the city,"** it only feels right for Crown Hill to be an accredited arboretum. Observe tree climbers, learn about the physics of moving heavy objects, the technology that makes tree climbing safe, how to properly work with a pendulum and help identify tree defects. Students can learn what it takes to become an arborist - and how they can become one, too!

Asher Bennington
STONE CARVER

Watch limestone carving in action! Asher uses reclaimed architectural Indiana limestone and carves it by hand, while demonstrating a trade and hobby that is not so common these days.

FREETOWN VILLAGE
A Living Experience in Black History

Period-appropriate games and crafting traditional items using methods and materials reflective of early Indiana history. Gain an appreciation for Indiana's local history through active participation in traditional period games. Differentiate between modern recreational activities and historical pastimes, highlighting shifts in technology, material culture, and daily life.

BENJAMIN HARRISON
PRESIDENTIAL SITE

The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site will be providing multidisciplinary civic learning, as well as aspects of English, history, math and science through the activities and artifacts brought to Homeschool Day. We will be bringing copies of artifacts from the house, a presidential trivia activity, and various handouts/museum materials for the public.

THE INDIANAPOLIS CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Civil War surgical reenactments with Fred Schaefer, a Crown Hill Foundation docent and living history reenactor known for portraying a Civil War-era field surgeon. Drawing on his professional experience as a surgical technologist, Schaefer's interpretation of a Civil War surgeon is both medically informed and historically accurate.

Roush Patriot Art

With the 250th anniversary of our nation's birth certificate, **the Declaration of Independence**, Mr. Roush will discuss the history and demonstrate penmanship of the time.