



## **Backpack to the Past**

### **SAMPLE STUDENT ITINERARY FOR YORK COUNTY, SC**

#### **Day I**

##### **Noon**

##### **Arrive at **Historic Brattonsville****

Historic Brattonsville is a 775-acre living history village that includes a Revolutionary War battlefield site. The site features 29 historical structures and traces the Carolina Piedmont development from the 1750's through the 1840's. Box lunch/picnic at Historic Brattonsville.

**12:45 pm**

##### **“Life on the Plantation” at Historic Brattonsville**

*Teachers lead students on a self-guided walk of the site with living history interpreters in selected buildings and areas. Springtime activities take place in the kitchen, herb gardens and in the barnyard.*

**2:30pm**

##### **Depart **Historic Brattonsville****

**3:00pm**

##### **Arrive at **Museum of York County****

The Museum of York County is a cultural excursion into learning which includes a fabulous collection 200 artfully mounted African animals, displays of African artifacts, changing art and natural history galleries, a planetarium, and nature trail.

##### **Physical science class –**

##### **“Lightly Speaking”**

*What is the magical stuff we call light? What does electricity look like? Are magnetism and electricity the same things? These and other fascinating questions from the world of physics are posed and answered. Using lasers, telescopes, prisms, lenses, oscilloscopes and other instruments, the basic physics of light and the electromagnetic spectrum are explored at the appro-*

*priate grade level.*

##### **Natural history class - “Rainforest Recycling”**

*Rainforests are one of the most important natural resources we have. We'll use mounted animals, skulls and skins to highlight the adaptations of rainforest animals. Actual products from the rainforest will be used to show students why we need to protect this valuable resource. After learning about the rainforest, we'll focus on everyday actions we all can take to help preserve this amazing habitat.*

##### **Astronomy class - “Planetquest”**

*Join the crew of an alien spaceship and scout the planets of our solar system! The journey may be fictional, but the exploration is factual.*

*We will examine each planet with the help of robotic spacecraft such as the Voyager, Magellan, Viking, Ulysses, Galileo and the Mars Pathfinder.*

**Website for Historic Brattonsville & Museum of York County – [www.chmuseums.org](http://www.chmuseums.org)**

6:30 pm

Depart **Museum of York County** for hotel

7:00 pm

Check-into hotel, Rock Hill

7:45 pm

**“Death in Them Thar Hills”** mystery dinner theater presented by **NarrowWay Productions**  
*Sit back and enjoy a great dinner as you meet & mingle with the (and not so fine) folks o Cactus Gulch, Arizona. A rip roarin’ western whodunit!!!!*

**Website - [www.narrowway.net](http://www.narrowway.net)**

10:00 pm

Arrive back at hotel

## **Day 2**

7:30 am

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am

Depart hotel for **Catawba Cultural Center**

8:30 am

Arrive at **Catawba Cultural Center**

**The Catawba Cultural Center** is on the Catawba Indian Reservation, and is the only federally recognized Indian tribe in South Carolina. The Center preserves, protects, promotes and maintains the rich cultural heritage of the Catawba Indian Nation. The student program at the Center includes – *Storytelling and history of Catawba Indian Nation, Catawba language presentation, pottery demonstration by Catawba potter, and drumming and dancing by tribal members.*

**Website – [www.ccppcrafts.com](http://www.ccppcrafts.com)**

10:30 am

Depart **Catawba Cultural Center** for **River Park**

10:50 am

Arrive at River Park for picnic lunch and program by **City of Rock Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism. River Park** is a seventy-acre park along the Catawba River which includes a scenic view of the river, a boardwalk through Upcountry wetlands, a 2.5 mile walking trail and wildlife galore. The **River Park student program** *instructs students in a compass course and walking trail flora and fauna identification.*

**Website – [www.rockhillrocks.org](http://www.rockhillrocks.org)**

**OR**

Introduce your students to a great leadership training experience at **Camp Canaan.**

**Website – [www.campcanaan.com](http://www.campcanaan.com)**

2:00 pm

Depart **River Park** for **Lowe’s Motor Speedway and NASCAR SpeedPark**

3:00 pm

Arrive at **Lowe’s Motor Speedway** for track tour. Known as the “Mecca of Motorsports” Lowe’s Motorspeedway hosts three NASCAR Winston Cup events each year. The multi-purpose facility emphasizes spectator comfort and fan-friendly amenities.

3:30 pm

*The student track tour of the Speedway includes a lap around the 1.5 mile track. The students will hear the history of the Speedway, what it takes to stage a major Nascar event, and a physics lesson all at the same time. There will be enough time for a visit to the gift*

shop before departing.

**Website—[www.lowesmotorspeedway.com](http://www.lowesmotorspeedway.com)**

5:00 pm

Depart for Concord Mills and **NASCAR SpeedPark.**

5:15 pm

Arrive at the Speedpark for some FUN!

The SpeedPark has five outdoor go-cart tracks, games, miniature golf, laser tag, climbing wall, bumper boats, a state-of-the-art arcade and a NASCAR souvenir and gift shop.

*Students may purchase an admission ticket for unlimited rides at a group rate or choose to purchase individual ride tickets. Dinner voucher for hot dog/hamburger meal is included.*

**Website—[www.NASCARSpeedPark.com](http://www.NASCARSpeedPark.com)**

8:30 pm

Depart **Nascar Speedpark** for hotel

9:30 pm

Arrive at hotel

### **Day 3**

7:30 am

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am

Depart for **Paramount's Carowinds**

**Paramount's Carowinds** is a 105-acre theme and water offering thrilling entertainment fun for all ages. More than 100 rides, attractions and live shows. The park is located on the SC/NC state line.

**Website—[www.carowinds.com](http://www.carowinds.com)**



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