

How Can My Classroom Get Involved in Preservation?
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Section A: Fundraisers

Sell hardtack



**Have a
bake sale**

Create a book of Civil War stories, poems and artwork. Sell the booklet.

Make and sell
housewives
or
haversacks

Sell services such as a carwash or yard work

Wrap presents.

**Raffle
a book
or other
item**

Put a change jar in your classroom or lunchroom

Host silly competitions, such as silliest top ten list, silly poems, etc, with fee to enter

Host a Civil War encampment with an entrance fee.

Have a fair with chances at the dunk tank and pie throwing contests.

Host a Civil War dance or "ball". Have reenactors teach period dances. Ask for a donation upon entrance.

Produce a Civil War newsletter of local history, or a tour

Sell silly postcards!

Host a Civil War play or other performance

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Invite a representative to breakfast at your school. Present him or her with an award -- and ask them what they can do about preservation!

Write a letter to the editor about a local preservation issue.

Attend a town meeting or county meeting in which development and preservation issues are discussed. And, speak up! Report your findings to the paper.

Circulate a petition about an important preservation issue.

Write letters to senators and representatives regarding pressing preservation issues. Uncertain about which project to pick? Visit www.civilwar.org for more information.

Make copies of the posters and essays you send to our annual contest. Present the copies to your senators and representatives in person. Try to get a local newspaper or cameraman present.

Read the newspaper and look for opportunities to get involved. Follow up!

Host Civil War encampment. Add a preservation speaker to get your audience fired up! Publicize this in the paper.

If you live near D.C. or your state capitol, arrange a visit with your legislator. Gently remind your representative about the potential for positive publicity!

Produce a Civil War newsletter. Add some preservation highlights. Make sure your local officials and representatives are on the mailing list.

Make sure parents & adult friends & family members vote in local elections! Help out by doing research on candidates' positions on development & preservation. Publish your results. Candidates love publicity.

Host a Civil War play or other performance. At the end, give a speech about preservation. Make sure your flyers talk about preservation too. Invite local officials and representatives.

Section B: Advocacy

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Section C: Service

Participate in
Park Day.
For a local site,
visit
www.civilwar.org
. Help clean up
and restore our
historic places!!

If your local historic sites don't participate in Park Day, volunteer your services to help clean up or do other chores ANYTIME. Ask if they have a "wishlist" of items they need to have done.

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Do you know a lot about local history? Volunteer at a local site as a guide. Remind people that without preservation, they would have to learn about this site from a book.

Research and document the history of your community, including the Civil War period. Ask community businesses to donate their printing services. Create a booklet and sell it to support a local project. Make sure your library and historic society get a free copy.

If you know of a site that is destined for development, & it has interesting and/or historic features, take pictures, & measurements & document the site. Present your findings to the historic society & community leaders.