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School Vacation Week at Old Sturbridge Village Feb. 13 – Feb. 21

Everyone named “George” and “Martha” gets free admission Feb. 15

Winter Scavenger Hunt, Sledding, Ice Skating, Sleigh Rides

Indoor Crafts, Puppet Shows, and a Washington Birthday Ball

(STURBRIDGE, MA) - Feb. 2, 2010: Keep the kids busy during February school vacation week at Old Sturbridge Village with a mix of invigorating outdoor fun and cozy indoor activities and hands-on crafts. Enjoy a winter scavenger hunt, sleigh rides, ice skating (bring your skates), and sledding (on 1830s-style reproduction sleds). Indoor activities include puppet shows, hearthside cooking, candle-making, and butter churning. Children can make and take a “thaumatrope” – a 19th century toy that fools the eye. For all times and details: 1-800-733-1830; www.osv.org.

Skirts will swirl on Valentine’s Day Feb. 14, as the Old Sturbridge Village dancers present a Washington Birthday Ball in the Bullard Tavern. Beforehand, OSV historians will discuss 19th-century hairdressing techniques (including bear grease and sausage curls) in “Her Crowning Glory”; etiquette for the ball in “Please Take Hands”; and 1830s ball accessories in “Frills and Furbelows.”

On Presidents Day Feb. 15, Village blacksmiths will demonstrate hatchet making in honor of George Washington. Visitors make a George Washington hat, see how a George Washington cake is made, and hear period songs and stories about the first president. Everyone named “George” or Martha” will get free admission to OSV Feb. 15, and the “Indian Doctress” will present Algonkian winter fashions and stories.

Old Sturbridge Village celebrates New England life in the 1830s and is open year-round. Winter hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wed.–Sun., and all Mon. holidays. Admission: \$20; seniors \$18; children 3-17, \$7; children under 3, free. All programs are subject to change. For times and details of all OSV activities visit: www.osv.org or call 1-800-SEE-1830.

Details of School Vacation Week Activities at Old Sturbridge Village:

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Saturday February 13

- Sleigh rides, skating, sledding (weather permitting)
- Winter scavenger hunt
- Make a George Washington Hat
- Toasting to George Washington and Other American Patriots
- “I Cannot Tell a Lie” -- Songs and Stories of George Washington
- Shadow Puppets in the Dennison Building

Sunday February 14

- Sleigh rides, skating, sledding (weather permitting)
- Winter scavenger hunt
- Village Blacksmiths Make a Heart Shaped Trivet
- Frills and Furbelows: Accessories to the Ball in the Parsonage
- Please Take Hands: Etiquette for the Ball in the Parsonage
- Her Crowning Glory; 19th Century Hairdressing in the Parsonage
- OSV Dancers present Washington Birthday Ball in the Bullard Tavern
- Toasting to George Washington and Other American Patriots
- “I Cannot Tell a Lie” -- Songs and Stories of George Washington
- Shadow Puppets in the Dennison Building

Monday February 15

- Sleigh rides, skating, sledding (weather permitting)
- Winter scavenger hunt
- Village Blacksmiths Make a Hatchet in the Blacksmith Shop
- Make and Take a George Washington Hat
- Baking a George Washington Cake in the Fitch House
- “Fur Mittens and Wooden Snowshoes: Algonkian Winter Fashions”
- “Ice Monsters: Algonkian Winter Stories”
- “George Washington: the Man the Myth” in the Dennison Building
- Toasting to George Washington in the Bullard Tavern
- “I Cannot Tell a Lie: Songs in Stories of George Washington”
- Shadow Puppets in the Dennison Building

Tuesday Feb. 16 – Sunday, Feb. 21

- Sleigh rides, skating, sledding (weather permitting)
- Winter scavenger hunt
- Puppet shows
- Hearthside cooking
- Candle-making
- Butter-churning
- Make a “thaumatrope” – a 19th century toy that fools the eye.

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