Who can join the Jr. Historians?

The Jr. Historian program is open to students between the ages of 10 and 18 (4th-12th grades). We have members from many different school districts as well as home schools from all over the county. As a Jr. Historian, students and their parents should be committed to the goals of the program, be prepared to assist with the activities, dedicate a substantial amount of time to Mountain Craft Days demonstrations, and take an active role in the various programs.

Members pay a one-time registration fee of $15.00 to cover the cost of a Student Membership and a Jr. Historian T-shirt. After the first year, Jr. Historians will pay $5.00 annual Student Membership fee. Family Memberships are also available for $35.00. Any funds raised are used to provide instructors and purchase materials. Any extra funds are used to benefit the preservation efforts of the Somerset Historical Center.

Interested in Joining the Jr. Historians?

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**Who are the Jr. Historians?**

The Jr. Historians of the Somerset Historical Center are a group of students who are excited about history and hands-on learning. Members learn to interpret exhibits and historic buildings, become familiar with traditional crafts and domestic skills, learn about our collections and conservation, and how to share knowledge with others.

**What are the members’ responsibilities?**

The Jr. Historians will be expected to participate in training, programs, and special events at the Historical Center. They will also have the opportunity to volunteer at the Historical Center at items other than during special programs and events. The Jr. Historians play a major role in interpreting three crafts during the Mountain Crafts Days. The Demonstrations are butter churning, coffee bean roasting, and Dutch oven baking. Other programs and crafts will take place seasonally throughout the year.

**Do I need historic clothing?**

The Somerset Historical Center has appropriate and historically accurate clothing and clothing patterns that can be checked out and used by Junior Historians and member volunteers for the demonstrations at Mountain Craft Days and other events that may take place throughout the year.

Jr. Historians should not acquire or make historical clothing without first consulting the advisors in order to ensure proper material, style and colors.

**Other Benefits of Jr. Historians**

As a student member of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, you will receive a free admission to the Historical Center, a 10% discount on items and publications in the Museum Shop, and you will receive a subscription to the quarterly publication, *The Laurel Messenger*. 