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SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY: UNTOLD

A photograph of several Marines in camouflage uniforms and helmets, sitting on a wooden structure, possibly a boat or a training platform. They are looking in various directions, some towards the camera. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

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HISTORY

PARRIS ISLAND TOUR

VISIT ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST ICONIC MILITARY TRAINING FACILITIES AND MEET A MARINE

Home to one of only two Marine Corps recruit depots in the nation, Parris Island is where thousands of recruits transform into Marines each year. During this immersive experience, groups will meet a Marine and hear firsthand stories about life in the Corps; explore the training facility, gaining insights into the rigorous process of becoming a Marine; and learn the history (including Civil War history) that make Parris Island such an iconic part of American military heritage. Participants will also visit the ruins of both **Charlesfort** (built by French in 1562) and **Santa Elena** (Spanish settlement from 1566–1587). Together, these settlements mark Parris Island as one of the most important early centers of European exploration and colonization in the United States.



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CULTURE

HISTORIC BEAUFORT TOUR

SOUTHERN BEAUTY AND SMALL-TOWN CHARM MEETS
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE UNDER MOSS-DRAPED LIVE OAKS

Walk in the footsteps of history at the site where **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** drafted parts of his iconic **"I Have a Dream"** speech. Immerse yourself in the powerful story of the Gullah Geechee people, whose traditions, language, and artistry have endured for generations and continue to shape the Lowcountry today. The journey also includes time in award-winning **Downtown Beaufort**, where centuries-old antebellum homes and moss-draped live oaks create an unforgettable Southern charm. To top it off, enjoy a one-of-a-kind stop at America's only **Kazoo Factory and Museum**, and explore a quirky piece of musical history and even craft your own kazoo!

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**MARINE
SCIENCE**

PORT ROYAL SOUND

EAST COAST'S LARGEST NATURAL CLEANING SYSTEM

The Port Royal Sound has one of the **largest tidal ranges** on the **Southeast coast**, with a difference of 8.5 feet between low and high tide. This tidal action moves an estimated 250 million gallons of water per minute, flushing out pollutants and delivering nutrients to the area. It is home to over 100,000 acres of salt marshes, a highly productive ecosystem that acts as a **natural filtration system**. Large oyster reefs colonize the flats of the sound. **Oysters** are filter feeders that pump water through their gills to trap particles like algae and detritus. One oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day, playing a significant role in maintaining water clarity and health.



STANDARDS

SOUTH CAROLINA 3RD GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 3.1 (Communities and Geography of SC): Understanding how geography influenced settlement, including early attempts like Charlesfort and Santa Elena.

Social Studies 3.5 (South Carolina and the Nation): Role of military bases and service in shaping communities.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 3.L.5 (Ecosystems): Relationships between plants, animals, and environments in South Carolina's coastal ecosystems.

Science 3.E.4 (Earth Systems): Landforms, erosion, and the role of natural resources in shaping communities.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 3.2 (Communities in SC's Past and Present): Examining how people lived in different periods, from antebellum times through Reconstruction.

Social Studies 3.3 (Cultural Traditions): Exploring Gullah Geechee heritage as part of South Carolina's unique cultural identity.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 3.L.5 (Ecosystems): Observing dolphins and estuarine habitats firsthand.

Science 3.E.4 (Earth Systems): Coastal waterways, tides, and their impact on ecosystems.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Fine Arts Standards (Music): Exploring how sound is created and participating in music-making.

Social Studies 3.5: Economic activity and cultural contributions in South Carolina.

ELA: Explanatory writing — describing the process of making a kazoo.



STANDARDS

SOUTH CAROLINA 4TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 4.1 & 4.2 (European Exploration & Colonization of SC): Connections to early European settlements on Parris Island (Charlesfort & Santa Elena) and the role of South Carolina in U.S. military history.

Social Studies 4.5 (Civil War & Reconstruction): Understanding South Carolina's role in military history and its continuing legacy.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 4.L.5 (Ecosystems): Interdependence of plants, animals, and environments; impact of human activity on ecosystems.

Science 4.E.2 (Earth's Features): Shoreline erosion, barrier islands, and coastal landforms.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 4.4 & 4.5 (Antebellum & Civil War South Carolina): Civil War stories, Reconstruction, and Gullah Geechee heritage as part of South Carolina's cultural identity.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 4.L.5 (Ecosystems): Observing dolphins and estuarine ecosystems.

Science 4.E.2 (Earth's Features): Coastal waterways, marshes, and the impact of tides on habitats.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Fine Arts Standards (Music/Arts): Creating music, exploring sound and instrument-making.

Social Studies 4.6 (South Carolina in the Modern Era): Innovation and cultural contributions in the state.



STANDARDS

SOUTH CAROLINA 5TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 5.1 & 5.2 (Colonial & Revolutionary America; Building a Nation):

Understanding the role of the U.S. military in shaping the nation's history and identity.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 5.L.4 (Ecosystems & Interdependence): Coastal ecosystems, predator-prey relationships, and habitats.

Science 5.E.3 (Earth Systems & Resources): Shoreline erosion and barrier island ecosystems.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 5.3 & 5.4 (Civil War, Reconstruction, and Cultural Change): Civil War history, Reconstruction-era impacts, and Gullah Geechee cultural heritage.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 5.L.4 (Ecosystems & Interdependence): Dolphin behavior and estuarine ecosystems.

Science 5.E.3 (Earth Systems): Human-environment interactions in marine systems.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Fine Arts Standards (Music/Arts): Exploring sound, music-making, and craftsmanship.

Social Studies 5.5 (20th Century & Beyond): Innovation and cultural contributions in the U.S.

Overall Learning Themes Across the Trip:

Social Studies: South Carolina's role in American history (Colonial, Civil War, Reconstruction, Civil Rights, modern cultural identity).

Science: Ecosystems, geology, human-environment interaction.

ELA: Informational/narrative writing, listening comprehension, reflection.

Arts & Culture: Hands-on Gullah Geechee heritage, music, creative expression.



STANDARDS

SOUTH CAROLINA 6TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies (World History 6.1–6.5): Connections to early European exploration and colonization, linking back to Charlesfort (French) and Santa Elena (Spanish) as part of European expansion in the Americas.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & “Bone Yard” Ecology Program

Science 6.E.2 (Earth’s Processes & Landforms): Coastal erosion, barrier islands, and the forces shaping South Carolina’s shoreline.

Science 6.L.4 (Ecosystems & Resources): Human impact on natural environments, sustainability, and interdependence.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies (World History 6.1–6.5): Understanding the global connections of slavery, trade, and cultural heritage, with the Gullah Geechee people representing a direct link to African traditions preserved in the Americas.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 6.L.4 (Ecosystems): Real-world study of marine life interactions within an estuary.

Science 6.E.2 (Earth Systems): Influence of tides and water movement on ecosystems.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Fine Arts (Music): Exploring sound, rhythm, and instrument-making.

Social Studies (Innovation & Culture): Connections between innovation, culture, and identity.

Overall Learning Themes Across the Trip:

Social Studies: European expansion and cultural connections between Africa, the Americas, and Europe.

Science: Ecosystems, geology, and the relationship between humans and the environment.

Fine Arts: Music and cultural creativity.



STANDARDS

SOUTH CAROLINA 7TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies (World Geography 7.G.1–7.G.4): Connects to how physical geography influences settlement, defense, and community development. Parris Island highlights the geographic importance of natural harbors.

Social Studies (Global Interdependence 7.E.1): Understanding how military bases link local communities to national and global security.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & “Bone Yard” Ecology Program

Science 7.L.3 (Ecosystems & Biotic/Abiotic Factors): Exploring predator-prey relationships, adaptations, and interdependence in a coastal ecosystem.

Science 7.EC.5 (Environmental Stewardship): Examining human impact, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies (World Geography & Culture 7.C.1–7.C.3): Gullah Geechee heritage provides a clear link to African cultural traditions preserved in South Carolina, showing global cultural diffusion.

Social Studies (Conflict & Change 7.H.3): Civil War and Reconstruction history in Beaufort reflects broader themes of conflict and rebuilding societies.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 7.L.3 & 7.EC.5: Real-world exploration of marine ecosystems and the importance of protecting biodiversity.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Fine Arts (Music): Exploring sound and instrument-making.

Social Studies (Innovation & Culture): Industrial creativity and cultural contributions in South Carolina as part of the global economy.



STANDARDS

SOUTH CAROLINA 8TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 8.5 & 8.6: Students will explore the evolution of the U.S. military, South Carolina's role in national defense, and the impact of military bases on the state.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 8.L.3: Food webs, predator-prey, coastal ecosystems.

Science 8.E.6: "Bone Yard" shows coastal geology, environmental change.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 8.1–8.5 (Colonial SC through Reconstruction): Civil War stories (SC's role in secession, battles, Reconstruction); Antebellum homes (plantation system's economic/social structures); Gullah Geechee culture (African cultural retention, heritage, influence).

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 8.L.3: Dolphin behavior in estuarine ecosystems.

Science 8.E.2: Human impact on coastal/marine environments.

ELA Standards: Scientific writing, using real-world observations as evidence.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Social Studies 8.6 (Modern SC History): SC's contributions to industry, innovation, and culture.

Fine Arts Standards: Musical instrument creation, sound, creativity, craftsmanship.

ELA Standards: Writing technical explanations and sequential processes.

Overall Learning Themes Across the Trip:

Social Studies: South Carolina's role in American history (Colonial, Civil War, Reconstruction, Civil Rights, modern cultural identity).

Science: Ecosystems, geology, human-environment interaction.

ELA: Informational/narrative writing, listening comprehension, reflection.

Arts & Culture: Hands-on Gullah Geechee heritage, music, creative expression.



STANDARDS

NORTH CAROLINA 3RD GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 3.H.1 (Historical Thinking): Understanding how past events and places (Charlesfort and Santa Elena) shaped communities.

Social Studies 3.G.1 (Geography): How geographic location (a deep natural harbor) influenced settlement and military importance.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 3.L.2 (Ecosystems): How plants and animals survive in coastal habitats; predator-prey relationships.

Science 3.E.2 (Earth Systems): Landforms, erosion, and environmental change along the shoreline.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 3.H.2 (Cultural Heritage): Exploring Gullah Geechee traditions as part of local and regional culture.

Social Studies 3.C.1 (Civics & Culture): How communities preserve traditions and values over time.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 3.L.2: Studying dolphins and estuarine ecosystems to understand food chains and adaptation.

Science 3.E.2: How tides and water systems affect living environments.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Arts Education – Music: Understanding sound, rhythm, and instrument-making.

Social Studies 3.H.2: Innovation and cultural contributions to communities.



STANDARDS

NORTH CAROLINA 4TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 4.H.1 & 4.H.2 (History): Compare how European exploration and settlement influenced the Carolinas, including early Spanish and French attempts at colonization (Charlesfort and Santa Elena).

Social Studies 4.G.1 (Geography): Understand how the coastal location and natural harbor made Parris Island strategically important.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 4.L.1 (Ecosystems): Classify organisms, study food chains, and understand the balance of coastal habitats.

Science 4.E.2 (Earth Systems): Recognize erosion, deposition, and the role of barrier islands in protecting coastlines.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 4.H.1 & 4.C.1 (History & Culture): Learn how the Civil War and Reconstruction shaped communities, while exploring the lasting impact of Gullah Geechee heritage.

Social Studies 4.E.1 (Economics): Identify how historical events and cultural traditions influenced the economy.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 4.L.1 & 4.E.2: Observe estuarine and marine ecosystems, emphasizing adaptations and human-environment interaction.

ELA W.4.2: Write scientific explanations with evidence from real-world observations.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Arts Education – Music: Understand how sound is produced and explore rhythm, pitch, and instrument-making.

Social Studies 4.E.1 (Economics & Innovation): Learn how local industries contribute to culture and economy.



STANDARDS

NORTH CAROLINA 5TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 5.H.1 & 5.H.2 (History): Explore how U.S. military history and defense systems reflect broader national growth and challenges. Parris Island connects to themes of national identity, service, and sacrifice.

Social Studies 5.C&G.1 (Civics & Government): Understand the role of institutions like the military in shaping American democracy and security.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 5.L.2 (Ecosystems): Classify organisms and analyze their roles in food webs and coastal habitats.

Science 5.E.1 (Weather & Climate): Study how coastal processes like erosion and storms shape landforms.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 5.H.2 & 5.C.1 (History & Culture): Explore Civil War history, Reconstruction, and cultural traditions such as Gullah Geechee heritage.

Social Studies 5.E.1 (Economics): Understand how historical events shaped local economies and communities.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 5.L.2 (Ecosystems): Explore interactions of dolphins and estuarine life within food webs and habitats.

Science 5.E.1 (Weather & Climate): Learn how tides and environmental conditions affect marine ecosystems.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Arts Education – Music: Explore sound, pitch, and rhythm through hands-on instrument-making.

Social Studies 5.E.1 (Economics & Innovation): Learn how innovation and small industries shape American culture and economy.



STANDARDS

NORTH CAROLINA 6TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 6.H.1 (Historical Thinking & Interpretation): Connects to European colonization in the Americas (French Charlesfort, Spanish Santa Elena) as part of global exploration and competition.

Social Studies 6.G.1 (Geography): Geographic factors (deep natural harbor, coastal access) that shaped settlement and strategic use of Parris Island.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 6.E.2 (Earth Systems): Coastal landforms, erosion, and human-environment interaction on barrier islands.

Science 6.L.2 (Ecosystems): How organisms adapt to coastal habitats; interdependence within ecosystems.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 6.C.1 (Cultural Diffusion & Identity): Gullah Geechee heritage as a reflection of African cultural retention and blending in the Americas.

Social Studies 6.H.2 (Global Perspectives): Civil War and Reconstruction history as part of global themes of conflict, resilience, and change.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 6.L.2 (Ecosystems): Food webs and interdependence in an estuarine environment.

Science 6.E.2 (Earth Systems): Influence of tides, salinity, and water cycles on marine ecosystems.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Arts Education – Music: Explore the science of sound, pitch, and rhythm through hands-on instrument creation.

Social Studies 6.E.1: Innovation and small industries as drivers of cultural and economic development.



STANDARDS

NORTH CAROLINA 7TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 7.H.1 (Historical Analysis): Connects to European competition in the Americas (French and Spanish settlements at Charlesfort & Santa Elena) as part of global expansion.

Social Studies 7.G.1 (Geography): Geographic features such as deep harbors that shaped exploration, settlement, and defense.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 7.L.1 (Ecosystems & Biotic/Abiotic Factors): Analyze how environmental conditions affect populations and interactions in coastal ecosystems.

Science 7.E.1 (Earth Systems): Understand how natural processes (erosion, storms) shape barrier islands.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 7.H.2 (Global Change & Conflict): Connect Beaufort's Civil War and Reconstruction history to themes of societal conflict and recovery.

Social Studies 7.C.1 (Culture): Explore Gullah Geechee traditions as examples of cultural diffusion and resilience.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 7.L.1 (Ecosystems): Examine energy flow, food webs, and predator-prey relationships in estuarine environments.

Science 7.E.1: Study tidal systems and water cycles that shape coastal habitats.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Arts Education – Music: Apply knowledge of sound, rhythm, and design by creating an instrument.

Social Studies 7.E.1: Explore how innovation and cultural contributions impact economies and identity.



STANDARDS

NORTH CAROLINA 8TH GRADE CONNECTIONS

Parris Island Tour: Marine Corps Training Center

Social Studies 8.H.1 (Historical Inquiry): Apply skills of sourcing and evidence to understand early settlements (Charlesfort & Santa Elena) and military history connected to NC and the Southeast.

Social Studies 8.H.3 (Revolution to Reconstruction): Explore the role of Southern ports and military defense in broader U.S. history.

Hunting Island State Park: Pier Fishing & "Bone Yard" Ecology Program

Science 8.E.1 (Earth Systems): Study coastal processes such as erosion, tides, and deposition along barrier islands.

Science 8.L.3 (Ecosystems): Evaluate interactions of organisms and environmental conditions in coastal habitats.

Historic Beaufort Tour: Civil War, Antebellum Homes & Gullah Geechee Culture

Social Studies 8.H.2 (Civil War & Reconstruction in NC): Connect Civil War and Reconstruction themes in Beaufort to NC's broader historical experience.

Social Studies 8.C.1 (Culture): Analyze how the Gullah Geechee community preserved African traditions, contributing to NC and Southern cultural identity.

Port Royal Sound Dolphin Tour: Marine & Environmental Science

Science 8.L.3 (Ecosystems): Study how energy flows and how human activity affects estuarine ecosystems.

Science 8.E.1: Examine coastal waterways and their importance for biodiversity and human use.

Kazoobie Kazoo Factory: Industry & Innovation

Arts Education – Music: Understand sound production and instrument-making.

Social Studies 8.E.1: Learn about innovation and entrepreneurship in shaping cultural and economic life.



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