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## **BARTOW-PELL MANSION MUSEUM OFFERS BPMM ADVENTURES FOR CHILDREN**

*Bronx, NY, May 4, 2012* — Why not give your children an historic adventure this summer? Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is offering *BPMM Adventures*, two week-long summer sessions incorporating history and nature, for children entering grades 1 through 4. Participants will learn about 19th-century living through a mansion scavenger hunt; create Native American-inspired artwork using natural materials; explore Native American Three Sisters crops and heirloom vegetables and herbs in the brand-new Children's Garden at Historic Bartow-Pell; burn some energy with period games like "graces," which was thought to help develop grace and posture; explore the great outdoors with nature hikes; and roll up their sleeves to make some of their own snacks, like *Grandmother's Harvest Drink*, the refreshing 19th-century beverage made with an interesting combination of water, ginger, sugar, and vinegar. Participants will capture memories of all their activities in a scrapbook keepsake to bring home with them at the end of the week.

Each summer session offers different activities so children may enroll in both. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided. Summer Session I will be held Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The registration deadline for Summer Session I is June 11. Summer Session II will be held Monday, August 6 to Friday, August 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The registration deadline for Summer Session II is July 23.

Space is limited; the maximum number of participants for each session is 10. Cost is \$150 per child per session; \$120 for members at the Family Friend level and higher. Scholarships are available. For additional information, contact Valerie Albanese-Fraher at [valbanese@bpmm.org](mailto:valbanese@bpmm.org) or call 718-885-1461.

Bartow-Pell, an 1840s Greek Revival mansion and a National Historic Landmark, is owned by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, operated by the Bartow-Pell Conservancy, and is a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City.



*Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. To reach us by public transportation, take the #6 Lexington Avenue Local subway to Pelham Bay Park station, followed by the Westchester Bee-Line #45 bus direct to the mansion gate. For driving directions, please visit [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org). The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six. Visiting the garden and grounds is free.*