Join us for NEOEA Day on Friday, October 9, 2020!

Hello, NEOEA!
By Rob McFee, NEOEA President

These are historical times in our country for many reasons. This pandemic has brought some of us closer together yet at the same time leaves us missing those in-person social interactions. With challenges come opportunity!

NEOEA Day has been a signature event in northeastern Ohio for many years; this year’s NEOEA Day will be October 9. NEOEA’s goal is to provide members with current, relevant opportunities that can lift all of us up either professionally or personally. Now, more than ever, our members can use this opportunity to explore some of the incredible offerings that our committee has put together for them. In response to the current Pandemic, some of our sessions this year will be virtual, including the annual Negotiations Conference. Hopefully this option will create the opportunity for many of you to attend, especially those of you who maybe have never considered joining us on NEOEA Day!

I urge you to take a look at the many opportunities in this catalogue. Educators work so hard but rarely do we get to pick a day to do something that is our choice. I hope you can use this day to join a session and do something for you!
NEOEA Day represents your dues dollars at work: those dollars pay for the preparation, production, and distribution of this catalog, and some programs receive grants paid from your dues dollars. Attending NEOEA Day programs, most of which provide growth opportunities at lower-than-usual prices, is an excellent way to get some of your NEOEA dues dollars back!

**Organization.** This catalog is divided into three main sections:
- professional development (pages 1-4);
- leadership development (page 4).
- personal development (page 5).

“Professional development” refers to things that make us more effective on the job. This was one of the original purposes of our organization when it was founded as NEOTA back in 1869, and it still comprises the largest portion of our NEOEA Day offerings. “Leadership development” refers to topics that assist members in advocating for public education and public education employees. “Personal development” refers to items intended to enrich the lives of members both on and off the job.

**Registration.** Each program description identifies a chairperson, along with a phone number for contacting that chairperson and an address for sending in registration forms and payment. A few programs are independently funded so that they have no registration fee; however, all programs require registration. You register for NEOEA Day programs by using the registration form below. Do not send registration forms or fees to NEOEA; send them to the address listed in the program description.

**Lunch.** Please note luncheon arrangements which will be indicated in the program description. Some programs include lunch; some provide a lunch break during which you can eat a “bag lunch” or purchase lunch onsite; others provide a lunch period in which you eat offsite.

**Using This Catalog**

Children. We asked chairpersons to identify “family-friendly” programs that would be appropriate for children 12 and above accompanied by parents or guardians. Most programs are designed for an adult audience, but some programs are thoroughly appropriate for and enjoyable by children. By NEOEA policy, “the presence or absence of children at any NEOEA Day program will be at the discretion of the person or persons planning the program.” Children are not permitted at NEOEA Day programs unless the program description uses the family-friendly logo or otherwise states that children are permitted to attend; if you have any questions about bringing children to the program you plan to attend, please contact the chairperson.

**Professional Development Credit.** Since implementing local professional development committees (LPDCs), Ohio no longer certifies CEU (continuing education unit) providers. Your LPDC determines whether it will recognize a particular activity for professional development credit on your own individual professional development plan (IPDP). To facilitate that process, NEOEA provides presenters with certificates of participation. Presenters distribute those certificates at the end of the program; please don’t ask for them earlier. You will need to work with your own LPDC to determine whether a program is appropriate for your IPDP, and you will need to comply with any deadlines that your LPDC may require.

**Virtual Sessions — New This Year.** Sessions marked with a “V” may/may be held virtually. Please contact the chairperson.

**Graduate Credit.** For NEOEA members who participate in any NEOEA Day workshop, one semester hour graduate credit ($180) is available through Lake Erie College. Registration information and course assignment is available by contacting Sally Schuler at Schuler05@gmail.com.

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**NEOEA Day Committee**

NEOEA Day is a project of the Board of Directors’ NEOEA Day Subcommittee. Members in 2019-20 included: Chairperson Barbara Martini, Champion EA; Karen Carney, Campbell EA; Larry Ellis, Youngstown EA; Julie Garcia, Lorain EA; Marchell Josie, East Cleveland EA; Sherri Koncilja, Painesville City TA-R; Dennis Lewis, Parma EA-R; Deb Lipnos, Twinsburg EA; Teri Mackey, Wadsworth EA; Marissa Platton, Austintown EA; Jonetta Reed, Euclid TA; Jason Scherer, Field Local TA; and Donna Smoot-Walters, Barberton EA-R.

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**NEOEA DAY REGISTRATION FORM**

You must register by mail, email, or phone. No credit cards accepted. This reservation form must be used for registration for your NEOEA Day selection. Please note the deadline for each program. Please note if your chosen program requires additional information to be noted on this reservation form.

Name ____________________________

Home address ____________________________________________________________

Cell phone ___________________________ School phone __________________________

Email address ____________________________

Name of local association ____________________________

COST: Cost of each program is listed in the reservation information. All must pay. $_________ Your grade level is __________

Additional fee for non-NEOEA members. $10.00

Make payment for non-member fee on a separate check payable to NEOEA.

Make reservation fee payable to the person indicated in the workshop reservation information. Send both checks (if you are a non-member) to the address indicated in the reservation information in the program of your choice.

Name and code number of the session you will attend __________________________

Mail this form to the address listed in the reservation information of the workshop you have chosen.

DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO NEOEA.
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**THE ARTS**

Program #1

**Scholastic Art + Writing Awards Info Session (Grades 7-12)**

*Place:* Will only be held by videoconference

*Time:* 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*Chairperson:* Gabrielle Burrage

**AGENDA**

Curious about submitting your students’ work to the Scholastic Art + Writing Awards? Join CIA staff for a morning information session to learn about the awards and benefits of participation, the timeline and responsibilities for teachers, and how to help your students gain recognition by submitting the best art and writing. Scholastic is a 100-year-old national program for students in grades 7-12, and Cleveland Institute of Art is the regional affiliate for the Greater Cleveland Area (schools located in Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties).

**RESERVATIONS**

*Cost:* None (no lunch break). Send registration form to Gabrielle Burrage at ce@cia.edu. For further information, contact Gabrielle Burrage at geburrage@cia.edu or 216.421.7461. **Deadline:** Oct. 1, 2020. (Limited to 35 participants.)

See also


**CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**

Program #2

**Wags & Whiskers (Grades K-7)**

*Place:* Lake Humane Society, 7564 Tyler Blvd., #E, Mentor, OH 44060

*Time:* 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

*Chairperson:* Karin Henschel

**AGENDA**

People who are abused by people often abuse animals and eventually other people. Also, half of all children are bitten by a dog by the time they are 12 years old.

This program will give overviews of the Be A Tree and Reach and Teach programs and a focus on the No More Bullying program.

No More Bullying is a bullying and violence prevention curriculum. This program focuses on eight core values such as courage, responsibility, compassion, humane, integrity, self-control, respect, and self-respect.

Be a Tree is a dog-bite prevention program aimed at students in grades K-4. It focuses on understanding dog body language and knowing how to act in situations involving dogs.

Reach and Teach focuses on educating children, grades 4-7, on how to be responsible pet owners.

Studies have proven that educating children in the humane treatment of animals leads them to have greater empathy for human beings.

**RESERVATIONS**

*Cost:* $20 (no lunch break). Make check payable to Lake Humane Society. Send check and registration form to Lee Nesler, Lake Humane Society, 7564 Tyler Blvd., #E, Mentor, OH 44060. For further information, contact Karin Henschel at KarinL.Henschel@gmail.com or 440.478.1542. **Deadline:** Sept. 30, 2020. (Limited to 50 participants.)

**ENVIRONMENTAL/ OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Program #3

**Questions about COVID**

*Place:* Will only be held by videoconference

*Time:* 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

*Chairperson:* Melissa Norton, NEOEA Environmental Concerns Chairperson

**AGENDA**

Don’t know where to get your information? Do you want to know the FACTS about public health? Thomas Quade, Geauga County’s Health Commissioner, will speak to us via Zoom to share the most recent health findings and concerns as we make our way personally and professionally through the COVID pandemic. He will share with us general guidelines for any county and where we should look for differences among counties, what role we as public educators play in public health, how schools are/will be held accountable during this pandemic, and how members address violations of the rules. He can address what services his office and those of neighboring counties can provide for school districts and classrooms. A question and answer session will round out the time spent together. Questions can be emailed ahead of time to melisalison@gmail.com so that Mr. Quade can plan accordingly.

**RESERVATIONS**

*Cost:* None (no lunch break). Send registration form to Melissa Norton at melisalison@gmail.com (subject line: NEOEA DAY PROGRAM) along with any questions as well as your role in your school system. For further information, contact Melissa Norton at melisalison@gmail.com or text or call 440.227.5527. A Zoom invite will be sent approximately one week prior to the event. **Deadline:** Oct. 1, 2020. (Limited to 50 participants.)

**GENERAL**

Program #4

**Downtown Cleveland Highlights Walking Tour**

*Place:* The tour will begin at the statue of Mayor Tom Johnson on the north side of Public Square (across from the Old Stone Church). We will end in Playhouse Square.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. OR 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

*Chairperson:* Scott O’Con

**AGENDA**

We will explore downtown Cleveland by foot and its amazing history and architecture, from Public Square to Playhouse Square and everything in between. Some of the things covered include the Old Stone Church, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Cleveland Public Library, the Cleveland Federal Reserve, the Arcade, the Cleveland Trust Company and the theaters of Playhouse Square. The tour will be a mixture of inside and outside stops. The tour is rain or shine. The tour will be approximately two and half hours long. Bathroom breaks available.

**RESERVATIONS**

*Cost:* None (no lunch break). Make check payable to Tours of Cleveland, LLC. Send check and registration form to Tours of Cleveland, LLC, 3766 W. 132nd St., Cleveland, OH 44111. For further information, contact Scott O’Con at tours@cleveland.com or 216.318.3865. **Deadline:** Oct. 5, 2020. (Limited number of spots available.)

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**AGENDA**

This NEOEA Day City Club forum will focus on trauma-informed educational practices, provide clarity on educators' role in response to vulnerable kids, and discuss the ongoing needs for educator self-care.

This session will be presented by Habeebah R. Grimes, Positive Education Program Chief Executive Officer.

**RESERVATIONS**

This is a Friday forum, so members would join via radio broadcast on NPR-affiliate WCPN and livestream from your home.

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**LANGUAGE ARTS**

See also

Scholastic Art + Writing Awards Info Session in The Arts, Program #1, Page 1.

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**LIBRARY/MEDIA**

**Digital Library Resources for Teachers (Grades K-12)**

**Place:** Will only be held by videoconference

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Cindy Beach, Asst. Manager of Programming and Youth Services

**AGENDA**

Want to know what the library has to offer you and your students? Find out at this workshop hosted by librarians of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County! Our workshop will be devoted to the 24/7 availability of the Library's database resources and how to use them effectively. Participants will gain a greater understanding of and familiarity with the Library as an essential educational resource.

**RESERVATIONS**

**Cost:** Free. Send registration form to PLYMC, Attn: Cindy Beach, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503. For further information, contact Cindy Beach at cbeach@libraryvisit.org or 330.744.8636, ext. 50063. **Deadline:** Oct. 7, 2020. (Limited to 20 participants.)

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**MATHMATICS**

See also

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**MULTI-DISCIPLINARY**

**Press Start! A Guide to Game-Based Learning in Your Classroom**

**Place:** ESC of the Western Reserve, 8221 Auburn Road, Concord Township, OH 44077

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

**Chairperson:** Trevor Rhodes, Educational Content Coordinator at Ohio History Connection

**AGENDA**

Whether it’s a simulation in the classroom, a family night of board games, or a video game at home, the medium of games is essential to learning through experience. How can teachers bring this medium to the classroom? The curriculum creators at Ohio History Connection will connect teachers to resources through this workshop! Teachers will learn about game-learning theory and play with a myriad of tabletop games, board games, video games, and simulations that can be applied to the classroom. Whether you are a kindergarten teacher looking for a way to roleplay social-emotional learning or an APUSH teacher wanting to simulate the American Revolution, this workshop will equip teachers to instruct through the most entertaining medium possible.

**RESERVATIONS**

**Cost:** $25 (no lunch break). Make check payable to Ohio History Connection. Send check and registration form to Ohio History Connection, 800 East 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211. For further information, contact Trevor Rhodes at tRhodes@ohiohistory.org or 614-297-2560. **Deadline:** Sept. 25, 2020. (Limited to 25 participants.)
AGENDA
Stop the Hate® is designed to create an appreciation and understanding among people of differing religions, races, cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. By challenging young people to consider the benefits of a more inclusive society, the consequences of intolerance and the role of personal responsibility in effecting change, the contest also reflects Jewish values of responsible citizenship and respect for all humanity.

Each year, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage gives out $100,000 in scholarships, awards and anti-bias education in recognition of 6-12th grade upstanders in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties.

RESERVATIONS
Cost: Free. Send registration form to Checole Andrews at zolalove@aol.com (please make subject NEOEA Day 2020). For further information, contact Checole Andrews at zolalove@aol.com (please make subject NEOEA Day 2020). Deadline: Sept. 18, 2020. (Limited to 25 participants.)

See also When Cancer Touches the School in Guidance/PsychologyPupil Services. Program #6, Page 2.

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Program #10 Central
A Child’s Way of Learning: Where There’s Passion, There’s Retention!

Place: Cleveland State University, 2001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 in building MU, Waetjen Hall
Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Melissa Rusnak

AGENDA
Explore a wealth of ideas designed to deliver essential skills via child-friendly techniques and materials. Join Artie Almeida and your colleagues for a day of singing, playing, moving, listening and creating. We will work with pitched, non-pitched, and non-traditional percussion instruments, explore some fun and unique activities for your student recorder players, and delve into music theory ideas your children will love. Rounding out our time together will be songs and movement lessons full of surprises for your young musicians. A detailed handout will be provided along with all necessary visual support, so that you can easily recreate the lessons in your classroom. Program participants should bring a soprano recorder.

RESERVATIONS
Cost: $10 (lunch included). Make check payable to Canfield High School. Send check and registration form to Canfield High School, Attn: Michael Kelly, 100 Cardinal Drive, Canfield, OH 44406. For further information, contact Michael Kelly at mkelly@canfieldschools.net or 330.533.5507, ext. 73305. Deadline: Sept. 25, 2020. (Limited to 75 participants.)

Program #12 East
Drumming for General Music Teachers (Grades 3-8)

Place: Ethnomusic, Inc., 17950 Geauga Lake Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Dr. Craig Woodson

AGENDA
YOU can learn how to play beginning hand and stick drumming from various cultures including the drum set, both acoustic and electronic. Part of the session will include making simple drums and percussion instruments for use in the 3rd-8th grade General Music classroom. We will focus on the needs of NEOEA attendees and begin with their existing drumming skills. Dr. Woodson will demonstrate instruments from his extensive global collection and all will come away with sufficient skills to teach the basic techniques found in his Roots of Rhythm drumming curriculum. Throughout the day we will make use of drum circles and facilitation techniques and discuss the value of drumming for music therapy.

RESERVATIONS
Cost: $35 (pack your lunch; lunches available to buy on your own). Make check payable to Ethnomusic, Inc. Send check and registration form to Ethnomusic, Inc., 17950 Geauga Lake Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. For further information, contact Dr. Craig Woodson at Woodsonphd@gmail.com or 440.725.8767. Deadline: Oct. 6, 2020. (Limited to 15 participants.)

SCIENCE
Program #13 East
Experience-based Science Activities for Classroom or Fair Projects (Grades 5-12)

Place: Kilcawley Center’s Chestnut Room at Youngstown State University, One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555
Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Mary Janek and Felicia Armstrong

AGENDA
Experience-based or hands-on science activities are an important part of student’s processing and understanding principles and operations. Teachers need access to various types of projects for both classroom instruction use and possible use as science fair projects.

This workshop will provide examples of classroom science demonstrations for middle school through advanced high school teachers and will include experiments in physics, biology, chemistry, environmental science, engineering, and other science-related fields of study, such as agriculture. Attendees will be provided with sources of information and techniques for presenting hard-to-understand topics. The workshop will also outline the steps required to develop experiments into science fair projects for those students desiring to pursue individual investigations in science and
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2020 Negotiations Conference

This year’s Leadership Development component of NEOEA Day is the 2020 Negotiations Conference. Local leaders will be able to get the Leadership Development they need without giving up a Saturday! Following are among the topics planned for this session, which is geared toward local presidents and negotiators:

- Legal Update
- Virtual Evaluations – What You Will Need to Know to Protect Your Members
- All the Leaves There Are These Days
- Hot Topics

AGENDA

Join us for an in-depth look at the role women have played throughout aviation and aerospace history. From the beginning, with Katharine Wright, up to the current female astronauts, women have had to overcome gender bias and other obstacles to set records and achieve their goals. Northeast Ohio is rich in aviation history, and the women from the area were true barrier-breakers. We will discuss several women who were either from the area or came to the area, and their contributions to aviation. Program includes a tour and discussion. After the tour of museum exhibits, guests will get the chance to see artifacts that are too fragile to put on display, including Amelia Earhart’s nurse’s dress. The museum is the only one of its kind. The research facility has information on over 6,000 women and is used by people from all over the world.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: $10 (no lunch break). Make check payable to IWASM. Send check and registration form to IWASM, 1501 N. Marginal Road, Cleveland, OH 44114. For further information, contact Heather Alexander at halexander@iwasm.org or 216.623.1111. Deadline: Sept. 30, 2020. (Limited to 25 participants.)

See also

Downtown Cleveland Highlights Walking Tour in General, Program #4, Page 1.
Press Start! A Guide to Game-Based Learning in Your Classroom in Multi-Disciplinary, Program #8, Page 2.
Wags & Whiskers in Classroom Management, Program #2, Page 1.

DIGITAL LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS (Grades K-12) in Library/Media, Program #7, Page 2.

The Negotiations Conference will be held virtually from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information on NEOEA’s Negotiations Conference, please visit neoea.org/Negotiations2020.pdf.
Program #18  
**Compassionately Committed to Change**  
**Place:** Laura’s House, 18120 Puritas Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon  
**Chairperson:** Kecia Sanders-Stewart, NEOEA Social and Human Concerns Chairperson  
**AGENDA**  
In the current climate and with the hustle and bustle of our busy lives we often overlook our chance to give back. Join us as we lend a helping hand to an organization that helps others in a big way.  
Bring your talents and love to Laura’s House – a facility that “bridges a family from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency.” We will multitask and make a difference. This is an opportunity to volunteer, but participation is limited.  
**RESERVATIONS**  
**Cost:** None (no lunch break). Send registration form to Kecia Sanders-Stewart at KeciaSan@aol.com or 216.210.2336. **Deadline:** Sept. 30, 2020. (Limited to 15 participants.)

Program #19  
**Help Books Change Lives at the Book Bank!**  
**Place:** Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank, 3635 Central Ave., Suite 1E, Cleveland, OH 44114  
**Time:** 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
**Chairperson:** Jené Wilson, NEOEA-R Organizing Committee  
**AGENDA**  
Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank (http://www.kidsbookbank.org) promotes reading and literacy by working with community agencies, setting up and maintaining Little Free Libraries, and making books available to schools and community members. On NEOEA Day, we will help sort, clean, and repair books at the Book Bank.  
**RESERVATIONS**  
**Cost:** None (no lunch break). Send registration form to NEOEA Day at KBB, 1004 Millridge Road, Highland Hts., OH 44143. For further information, contact Jené Wilson at jene@mac.com or 216.408.5825. **Deadline:** Oct. 5, 2020. (Limited to 10 participants.)

Program #20  
**I Wish Someone Would Have Told Me… Get Financial Planning Answers Now**  
**Place:** Garfield Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon  
**Chairperson:** Dennis Lewis, NEOEA Personal Welfare & Financial Planning Committee Chairperson  
**AGENDA**  
Education personnel have pensions that provide a basic income at retirement. But did you know that benefits are 60-70% of active workplace compensation? Most people want supplemental income to maintain their standard of living in retirement. Living comfortably is also desired during one’s career. Most financial events in life can be accommodated with proper planning. This presentation will address the broad general topic of financial planning, supplemental retirement and investment plans and how they can help education employees – from an educational – not a marketing – perspective.  
Attend this program and learn:  
- Why financial planning is so important  
- Basic steps in the financial planning process  
- How to use the power of compounding to work to your best advantage  
- What benefits you will be expected to provide on your own in retirement.  
**RESERVATIONS**  
**Cost:** None (no lunch break). Register online at https://neoea.condohome.net/ or send registration form to Dennis Lewis, PO Box 360426, Strongsville, OH 44136. For further information, contact Dennis Lewis at finance@peaoffice.org or 440.572.3472. **Deadline:** Oct. 8, 2020. (Limited to 40 participants.)

Our NEOEA Day committee contact several area museums about discounts for members and their families for NEOEA Day. If you don’t participate in an NEOEA Day program, we hope to see you at one of these locations.

The Butler Institute of American Art  
524 Wick Avenue, Youngstown  
https://butlerart.com/; 330.743.1107  
Free admission to all and free parking. For a docent-led tour contact Joyce Mistovich, Director of Education.

Great Lakes Science Center  
601 Erieside Ave., Cleveland  
We encourage educators to use Great Lakes Science Center as a teaching resource so we offer FREE general admission to Ohio educators every day! Just bring your school ID and enjoy free admission to our signature hands-on exhibits, NASA Glenn Visitor Center and Steamship William G. Mather. Come and preview Great Lakes Science Center before your next field trip. Call 216.694.2000 or visit the Box Office for more information.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark  
8800 Euclid Chardon Road, Kirtland  
http://www.lakemetroparks.com/parks-trails/farmpark; 440.358.7275  
Educators and their immediate families are free of charge; present a valid ID to gain entry.

Lorain County History Center and Oberlin Art Museum  
284 Washington Avenue, Elyria  
https://www2.oberlin.edu/amam/http://www.lchs.org/;  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Lorain County History Center open  
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon: School outreach presentation at the History Center  
12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.: The Hickories Museum open  
2:30 p.m.: School outreach presentation at The Hickories Museum  
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.: Happy Hour for educators at the History Center with school outreach program at 5:00 p.m.

National Packard Museum  
1899 Mahoning Avenue, NW, Warren  
https://packardmuseum.org/; 330.394.1899  
Free admission to educators with educator ID; children under 12 are free; all others would get senior admission of $5.

Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum  
2261 Hubbard Road, Youngstown  
http://todengine.org/; 330.272.4089  
Free admission to educators with educator ID; children at a discounted rate.