

Build & Learn at Merrehope
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Merrehope
905 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
Meridian, Mississippi



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Build And Learn At Merrehope is All About Architecture, Historic Preservation and Community

MERIDIAN, MS -- Students are invited to ignite their imaginations as “Build and Learn at Merrehope” returns for its second year on Tuesday, July 18th. This exciting experience is a free opportunity for 6th to 12th-grade students to unleash their creativity. Together they will build captivating mini-cardboard communities that will be on display around Meridian.

First students will gather in the double parlors at historic Merrehope while guest architects, designers, and preservationists share interesting facts and insights on Meridian’s historic buildings and preservation efforts. They will inspire the young builders with incredible stories that bring history to life and ignite their imaginations. After a tour of Merrehope, Meridian’s neoclassical 24 room mansion, students will go to the veranda and build their own mini-cardboard structures.

The individual structures will be combined in interesting ways to form multiple mini-communities. They will then be placed on display at various locations around Meridian. Everyone is invited to travel along the Merrehope Build & Learn Mini-Community Tour scheduled for July 26th through August 11th. In addition to Merrehope, the Meridian Public Library and the Meridian Museum of Art are locations on the tour and more will be added.

Through this experience, area students will have a deeper awareness of the architecture in our community—hopefully inspiring future educational and career choices and motivating our youth to become involved in community efforts to revitalize and preserve Meridian’s architecture.

Participation in the “Build and Learn” project is free to 6th- through 12th-grade students. Please register early as space is limited. Register at www.Merrehope.com or by calling Brainstorm at (601) 693-4833 Monday through Friday.

Merrehope, located at 905 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Meridian, is owned by the Meridian Restoration Foundation. The Foundation’s Board encourages the community to make Merrehope your first stop on the Build & Learn Mini-Community Tour and the historic home. The “Build and Learn Project” is partially funded by the a Allie Cat Grant. The project is being sponsored and coordinated by Brainstorm Creative Group.