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**“Education Rings the Bell for Liberty”**

Education has been one of the objectives of the NSDAR from the earliest years. Over 120 years ago founding members began to organize schools to educate children in remote Appalachian regions. Today Kate Duncan Smith DAR School remains. Four additional DAR Approved schools exist.



Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, founded in 1924 on Gunter Mountain in Alabama, is a public K-12 school serving the children of the mountains. <https://www.kdsdar.org/>



Martha Berry started a Sunday School for area underprivileged children, she soon discovered they yearned for more education. Today as a four-year college it offers training in many different fields of study. <https://www.berry.edu/>



Founded as a Christian sanctuary of hope and healing for children in North Carolina, the school's services have expanded to three campuses. <https://www.crossnore.org/>



As a boarding school in Massachusetts, middle school boys are challenged to overcome difficulties and perform at a higher level through practice, competition, and outstanding teacher support. <https://www.hillsideschool.net/>



This Settlement School's mission has remained the same since its 1902 founding: to provide education and service opportunities for people of the mountains, while keeping them mindful of their heritage. <https://hindman.org/>

**Here are some ways to support the DAR Schools Committee:**

- \* Ask members to join the Daughters Online Community (DOC) and join the “DAR School Committee” community to keep up with the latest DAR School news.
- \* In Chapter Programs: Educate chapter members on the work and mission of each DAR School by planning a chapter program or by creating your own “DAR School minute.”
- \* Contribute: By contributing \$200 to the Friends of DAR Schools Fund, individuals may purchase the “Friends of DAR Schools” pin to wear on the official DAR ribbon. Use the Donations and Contributions form DEV-1003 to make this contribution.
- \* Direct Giving: If you or your chapter wish to donate directly to a school, contact the school before you give. Remember to donate with a purpose; be specific regarding how you want your money spent. *Also know that monetary donations sent directly to a school do not receive credit on the Chapter Master Report (CMR).*
- \* Wish Lists and Rewards Programs: Most DAR Schools have wish lists that they update throughout the year, based on current need. Some also participate in consumer rewards programs.
- \* Visit the DAR School Committee webpage for more information.
- \* Education Luncheon: Help Illuminate Our Legacy of support of education by attending the DAR Education Awards Luncheon during Continental Congress

Here's an example of an activity you can do with your chapter. Play a DAR School Bingo type of game, identifying services, characteristics or history of the different schools. You can do more research and make changes to the game/activity. Surely, you can come up with variations to make this fun and informative.

	Kate Duncan Smith DAR School	Hindman Settlement School	Crossnore Communities for Children	Berry College	Hillside School
P l a c e					
D a t e					
F o u n d e r					
F o c u s					
P r o g r a m					

**Fill the boxes with the following mixed-up information about each school:**

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Year founded:</b>	<b>Founder:</b>	<b>Focus:</b>	<b>Programs:</b>
Georgia	1901	Alabama Society DAR	Liberal Arts	Foster Care
Gunter Mountain	1902	Charlotte and Mary Drinkwater	Children's Home	iLab
Massachusetts	1909	Dr. Mary Sloop	Traditional Arts	Patriot Pantry
North Carolina	1922	Martha Berry	Boys	Dyslexia
Troublesome Creek	1924	Mary Stone and Katherine Pettit	K-12 Public School	75+