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# CARPENTER'S SHOP STATION

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## General

The Carpenter's Shop was a very important part of the Post's Quartermaster Depot. The shop is housed in a reconstruction of the Quartermaster's Shops Building. This building housed the blacksmith, wheelwright, and carpenter's shops for the quartermaster depot. The civilian Master Carpenter was responsible for all wood construction at the post. He also had apprentice carpenters, wheelwrights, laborers and soldiers on paid extra duty to assist him in his duties. The carpenters, in addition to building the fort also made everything from tables and benches to repairing the many wagons that supplied the Fort.

## Carpenter's Shop Policies

It is imperative that safety be maintained in the shop at all times. The tools are sharp and the hammers heavy and can smash little fingers very easily. There are some very old antique tools in the shop and they are not recommended for heavy use, demonstrations only. At the Teacher Parent Workshop you will learn which ones these are. It is important to clean up after each squad has finished their project and before the next squad arrives; do not wait until the end of the day. Tools need to be cleaned and put away at the end of the day as well.

## Carpenter's Shop equipment supplied by Fort Tejon

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coping saws	auger bits	hand planes
coping saw blades	hammers	wooden mallets
hand saws	hand drills	draw knives
wood chisels	cut nails	lumber

## Carpenter's Shop Procedures

In the Carpenter's Shop students will have the opportunity to make something useful during their visit to the Fort. The emphasis here is for the students to use period hand tools to create something that they can use during their activities at Fort Tejon. A common project for the students is to make benches, crates, wooden toys or toolboxes. The possible projects are endless, they are only bounded by you imagination and that of the children. These projects all take time to plan. The most successful Carpenter Shop projects have been projects where the parents involved have purchased the wood and pre-cut a majority of the work.

We will supply some basis lumber for your project, nails and all tools. The lumber is generally 1 and 2 inch boards of various widths. It is recommended that your parents who will be working in the Carpenter's Shop get their inspiration for a project when they attend the Teacher Parent Workshop.

There are benches and tables to use for making your projects. There is a vise also to help hold your stock while cutting and drilling. We do not recommend painting your project because of the mess to shop and clothing; therefore we will not supply any to your class.

