

**Giddy-Up and Whoa!**  
**It's On a Horse and Wagon Ride We Go!**  
**Program for Preschools**  
**at the**  
**Saskatoon Western Development Museum**



**Swishing his tail and pointing his nose,  
Over the hill the horsie goes;  
Pulling the wagon with us inside-  
Oh how happy we are for the ride.**

**PROGRAM DATES: April 30 - May 4, 2012**

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**Dear Preschool Teachers,**

The Saskatoon Western Development Museum is happy to offer both spring and fall sessions of our popular Giddy Up & Whoa program for Preschools. Our spring session will take place from April 30 - May 4, 2012 and our fall session from October 1 - 5, 2012. Attached you will find information about our spring session. Information for our fall session will be sent out in August.

Horses played a big part in the 'making of our province'. Pioneers depended on horses for travel, power in the fields, for fun and for carrying goods to market. Without horses our province would not have grown as quickly into what it is today. These animals are a valuable part of our history - and a valuable asset in telling our story at 1910 Boomtown.

"Giddy-Up and Whoa; It's on a Horse and Wagon Ride We Go" is a program teaching children about horses. We've developed this program at a preschool level so the children can learn about horses, how important they are to us today and especially to the people of long ago.

### **What Does The Program Include?**

#### **Outdoors**

- ◆ A horse and wagon ride
- ◆ A close look at the horse (hooves, bridle, mane ...)
- ◆ A chance to meet the animals in the WDM Red Barn
- ◆ A tour of the WDM Red Barn

In the barn we keep 5 - 6 fancy sleighs. Children can climb into them and check them out. We've had some groups take their school picture in the sleighs so bring your cameras. It could be Santa's sleigh!

Chaperones must be alert to:

- Keep children from running behind and under the horses
- Help children go up and down the stairs in the barn
- Keep children from touching any of the machinery at the barn

#### **Indoors**

- ◆ You will have an opportunity to look at 'horsie' items
- ◆ What do you use to care for your horse? Samples of combs, bits, horse shoes and nails are provided.
- ◆ What do horses eat? A big bucket of oats is there for the children to touch.

- ◆ Books with horse stories and pictures for you to read and look at.
- ◆ Pictures of horses to colour and take home
- ◆ 1910 Boomtown buildings: the Harness Shop and the Livery Stable which focus on horses.

The horse and wagon rides are provided by Museum volunteers (The Saskatchewan Pleasure Driving Association). The rides are about 20-25 minutes long; the wagon holds about 12-15 people (children & adults). Outdoors the program is led by our volunteers.

Indoors, the program is teacher-led. Booked groups will receive specific instructions and information. The program area will be set-up in our Education Room; a Museum self-guided tour is optional. If a snack is your choice, we ask that your group bring their own. The Museum will provide an area for you to have your snack.

A schedule will be tailored for each individual group keeping your needs and requests in mind.

### **When Is The Program Available?**

**Monday to Friday, April 30 - May 4, 2012**

**Mornings: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or Afternoons: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

These 2 hour time slots are the available periods of time (each group may choose their arrival time and departure time) and an appropriate schedule will be set-up.

### **Cost Of The Program**

- ◆ For up to and including 50 people (adults included) \$50.00 + \$2.00 per child for the Giddy Up & Whoa program
- ◆ For over 50 people (adults included) \$1.00 per person + \$2.00 per child for the Giddy Up & Whoa program (ratio of 1 adult at no charge/3 children)
- ◆ Chaperones: ratio of 1 adult at no charge/3 children, additional adults are \$8.00 each
- ◆ The adult/children ratio noted above does not include special needs' helpers.

**To Book The Program** please contact Corinne or Melissa in the Western Development Museum, Education Department, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We can be reached by phone at (306) 931-1910 or by email at [saskatoon.ed@wdm.ca](mailto:saskatoon.ed@wdm.ca)

We look forward to seeing you this spring!

Sincerely,

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