



2010-2011 Educational Programs

We welcome you to take your students on a journey to the past and discover the world of history that awaits at the Yorkton branch of the Western Development Museum. Through educational programs and demonstrations, students will be able to experience the life and times of Saskatchewan's early settlers.

PROGRAMS

Discovery Boxes (Gr. K-12; 1½ hours)

25 themes available as a four lesson series including a teacher-led in-museum program with hands-on artifacts that promote experiential learning and inquiry. Select lessons also available in French and Cree.

Scavenger Hunts (PreK-6; 1 hour)

Self-guided and historically informative scavenger hunts for chaperoned student groups around the museum. Levels include PreK-K, Gr. 1-3 & Gr. 4-6.

Wheels & Runners (Gr. 2; 2 hours)

A teacher-led program discussing the role of transportation in the development of the prairies. The program is made up of three modules including a story using hands-on artifacts, a take-home craft, and museum search.

ABC s of Toys (Gr. K-6; 1½ hours)

Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a toy that was enjoyed by pioneer children. This teacher-led program follows a script that allows the students to see and touch actual toy artifacts in a toy box. Allow extra time if a self-guided gallery tour is desired.

Load of Nonsense (Gr. 4-8; 1 hour)

Using an immigration theme, teachers lead students in an artifact guessing game where points are gained towards the goal of settling a successful homestead. Allow extra time if a self-guided gallery tour is desired.

Guided Tours (PreK-6; 1 hour)

Available in May and June. Our volunteer guides lead students through the indoor exhibits, sharing information and thought-provoking questions. If a self-guided tour of the outdoor exhibits is desired, please allow for extra time.

In a Prairie Attic (Gr. 8; 2 hours)

A teacher-led program designed to accompany the exhibit *In a Prairie Attic: Bladon Family Toys*. Students are encouraged to explore the similarities and differences in their roles and those of the Bladon family members over 80 years ago.

Celebrate Christmas Past (PreK-Gr. 6; 2 hours)

Late November / early December. Students will delight in the magic of Christmas as they go on a mystery puzzle search through the galleries, create a festive craft, hop on a wagon ride, and enjoy a snack and treat bag.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Rope Making \$10.00/class Length: ½ hour

With hands-on participation, students will create a length of rope for their classroom using a traditional rope-making apparatus.

Butter Making \$10.00/class Length: ½ hour

Students participate in the process of hand-churning butter and receive a sample taste.

Candle Making \$15.00/class Length: ¾ hour

Hand-dipped beeswax candles are made, with each class receiving the candles crafted during their visit. For safety considerations, actual student participation is limited to grade three and above.

Ice Cream Making \$20.00/batch (max. 40 students)

Length: 1 hour

Using an ice cream freezer, students learn about making homemade ice cream and receive a sample taste.

BOOKING PROCEDURES & RATES

Advance booking only

\$1.25 per student per program, except for *Discovery Boxes* (\$2.00 per student) and *Celebrate Christmas Past* (\$2.50 per student)

One teacher per class admitted free

Adult supervisors (teacher aides, parents) admitted free of charge and must be provided at the following ratios:

Preschool: 1 to 5 Kindergarten - Gr. 12: 1 to 10

All teacher-led programs: 1 to 5

Adult supervisors over the above ratios will be charged the adult group rate

Please pay in one lump sum upon arrival. A confirmation letter will be sent prior to your visit.

To book a program or obtain further information, please contact:

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