

To: Grade Four Teacher(s) and Principal:
We invite you to join us for the 36th year of

GRADE FOUR THRESHING DEMONSTRATIONS

WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM
SASKATOON

SEPTEMBER, 2010

(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR DETAILS)





To the Principals and Grade Four Teachers

Following the tradition of past years, the Saskatoon Branch of the Saskatchewan Western Development Museum is organizing for our 36th annual "Harvest Time Demonstrations" this September. These demonstrations are designed to give an overview of the development of harvest techniques from the days of hand tools to the era of steam and gas traction. Special focus is placed on the social aspects of harvesting. Using artifacts and commentary, Museum staff and volunteers provide a first-hand glimpse of harvesting in days gone by.

The demonstrations are for Grade Four students only and are designed to tie into the curriculum for that grade level.

Sessions on Tuesday, September 14 (10:00 - 11:15 a.m. & 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.) and Wednesday, September 15 (1:30 - 2:45 p.m.) are reserved for schools in the Saskatoon Public School Division.

Note: Schools from the Saskatoon Public School Division are registered by their Division Office.

Sessions on Wednesday, September 15 (10:00 - 11:15 a.m.) and Thursday, September 16 (10:00 - 11:15 a.m. & 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.) are open to all other schools. Please fill out the attached application form if you are interested in attending any of these sessions.

The cost is \$3.00 per student for the demonstration. Payments can be made by cheque, cash or credit card when you arrive for the program. Please advise us in advance if you would prefer to be invoiced. Saskatoon Public and Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Divisions will be invoiced for their students.

Each school is responsible for making transportation arrangements to and from the Museum grounds for their classes. As the Harvest Time Demonstrations will begin promptly, teachers are asked to schedule buses accordingly, allowing adequate time for settling classes before the demonstrations begin. Each session will be attended by approximately 500-600 students plus teachers and chaperones. To avoid confusion, each bus will be met by a staff person. The staff person will register your group and assign a volunteer who will guide your group to their seats.

Classes are also invited to visit the Museum while here for the Harvest Demonstration. There is no additional cost for this visit. We have a harvest scavenger hunt available at the grade four level for those visiting the Museum. This scavenger hunt will take students through various parts of the Museum looking for artifacts related to agriculture.

Enclosed are a Program Outline and a list of Museum Regulations. Please read them carefully and ensure that your class abides by the regulations. Also enclosed are some suggestions To Help You Prepare for the Demonstrations. As the demonstrations are held out of doors please ensure your students are dressed suitably for September weather.

The Harvest Time Demonstrations continue to be popular from year to year. We trust that our program will be a valuable educational event for your class.

If you have any questions, please call 931-1910; fax 934-0525; email cdaelick@wdm.ca

Yours sincerely,

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APPLICATION FORM - HARVEST TIME DEMONSTRATION (2010)

PLEASE PRINT

School Division: _____

Demonstration Date: (give order of preference - 1st, 2nd & 3rd)

___ Wednesday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

___ Thursday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

___ Thursday, September 16, 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Number of Year 4 Students: _____

Number of Accompanying Adults: _____

Do you plan to visit the Museum Buildings? Yes No

If "Yes", will you:

a) Tour Museum: Yes No

Time: _____ Until _____

b) For the classes touring the Museum, we have available a Harvest Time Scavenger Hunt. Are you interested in a copy? Yes No

c) Visit the Museum Store: Yes No

Note: The Museum Store is not part of the tour. We ask that children only visit the Museum Store if they have money, are planning to shop and are supervised by a chaperone.

d) Do you plan to bring a lunch and eat in Boomtown Park? Yes No

e) How do you plan to travel? Bus Private Vehicle

f) Do you plan to attend one of the orientation sessions:

September 1, 2010? Yes No

September 2, 2010? Yes No

(Signature)

Please Mail Or Fax This Form To:

Grade 4 Harvest Demonstrations
1910 Boomtown
Western Development Museum
2610 Lorne Avenue South
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
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Fax: (306) 934-0525



HARVEST TIME DEMONSTRATION - PROGRAM

1. **Introduction** - the importance of harvest in the farm year.
2. **Reaping and Binding**
 - sickle
 - scythe and cradle
 - scythe
 - reaper
 - binder
 - stooking
3. **Threshing and Winnowing**
 - ancient times
 - flail
 - threshing roller
 - bagging of grain
 - groundhog
 - hog & shaker/treadmill
 - threshing machine
 - power by steam traction engine, then by gas engine
 - operation
 - numbers of men involved
 - duties of women and children
 - socializing and cooperating
 - the "combined - harvester" (combine)
4. **History of Power Sources**
 - human
 - horse
 - steam
 - gas
5. **Added Demonstrations**
 - cutting log using a one-horse saw
 - digging a well with a horse-powered well-boring machine
 - making straw bales with a horse-powered baler

SASKATCHEWAN HARVEST DEMONSTRATION

Welcome to the Saskatoon Western Development Museum's Harvest Demonstration!

You will be seeing authentic harvest equipment from the past operated by Museum volunteers. Your class will be one of many attending this demonstration. In order to avoid confusion, and to ensure everyone's safety, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines and that you review them with your students.

1. Please have one adult supervisor present for each ten students in the group, and have the adults remain with the group.
2. Please keep your class together throughout the demonstration.
3. Machines and animals can be unpredictable. Please follow all directions carefully in order to maintain your safety.
4. Please be courteous. Save your questions until the end of the demonstration so that everyone can hear the commentary.
5. Our exhibits are meant to be looked at with your eyes rather than with your hands.
6. Portable washrooms will be available (**behind the bleachers**) on the Museum grounds.
7. Boomtown Park is available for picnic use. Please use the garbage containers provided.
8. For everyone's comfort and safety, the Museum reserves the right to ask a group to leave if they are not conforming to our standards of behaviour.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

If you have any questions, please contact Corinne, Education & Volunteer Coordinator at 931-1910; cdaelick@wdm.ca



TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE HARVEST TIME DEMONSTRATIONS

1. Orientation sessions for teachers will be held from **4:15 - 5:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 2** at the Museum. Procedures for the demonstrations, preparation and follow-up activities in the classroom and other museum educational programs will be discussed. Samples of various grains & crops will be available for the taking. The session is designed for teachers who are new to the demonstrations, and for teachers who have not attended a session within the last year; this is an important part of the program. To allow us to prepare for your attendance at one of the orientation sessions, please contact the Education & Volunteer Coordinator at 931-1910.
2. A copy of **Early Years: Harvesting**, prepared jointly by the Saskatoon Board of Education and the Western Development Museum is a valuable resource. It should be in your school's resource centre. Additional copies are available from the WDM Education & Volunteer Coordinator at \$4.00 each.
3. The Western Development Museum has made available to each Director of Education a copy of our **Teachers' handbook** for each school in their Division. The Handbook contains much information on pioneer life and a number of activities which can be used in the classroom. Additional copies are available from the WDM Education & Volunteer Coordinator
4. A set of **24 threshing photos** is available at a cost of \$12.00/set. Accompanying the photos is a list labelling each photo. If interested please contact the WDM

