



2020-2021

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION PACKET

Please note that 2020-2021 education program offerings are dependent on guidance from the Governor and the local health districts. Group sizes and offerings are subject to change at any time for the health and safety of students, teachers, and Museum staff.

Booking A Field Trip

- At least two weeks prior, identify the date you wish to schedule a program and notify the Museum by filling out and submitting the Field Trip Request Form on our website. Since we take reservations on a first-come-first-serve basis, the earlier you book, the more likely you are to get your requested date.
- The Museum is offering onsite field trips and virtual field trips. There are options to book as a classroom or individually.
- Onsite Field Trip programs can be scheduled for classrooms or groups of 10 or more Tuesday-Friday with sessions available at 9:30, 11:15, and 1:00.
- Virtual Field Trip programs (Distance Discoveries or Virtual Tours) can be scheduled for classrooms or groups of 10 or more Wednesday-Friday with sessions available at 9:30, 11:15, and 1:00.
- Students can register individually for weekly Distance Discoveries lessons on Tuesdays at 9:30am or Virtual Tours on Tuesdays at 1:00pm. Pre-registration is required by submitting the Field Trip Request Form on our website.
- After your program type, date, and time have been requested, a Museum staff member will be in touch with you to confirm details, and a confirmation email will be sent to you. **Your booking is not confirmed until you have received a confirmation email.**
- Once you have received your confirmation, if you need to make changes to attendance numbers to accommodate more or less students, chaperones, or teachers please confirm these changes with the education staff at the museum at least **two weeks** prior to your field trip.
- **All reservations must be cancelled 2 weeks in advance.** Field trips cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled at no additional charge.
- If you have any questions, please contact shseducation@ishs.idaho.gov or our education staff at 208-780-5188.

Paying for A Field Trip

- **Payment must be received two weeks prior to your field trip. Failure to submit payment will result in cancellation of your program.** Full refunds cannot be given less than two weeks before your visit. **Due to our limited capacity, the Museum will only be able to offer refunds or credit for up to 5 students. Over 5 students, the Museum will only be able to offer credit for a future visit.**
- Payment is automatically tax-exempt. The Idaho State Museum accepts cash, check, Visa, and MasterCard.
- **Cost is dependent on the program** you have chosen (prices listed below).

- **If paying as a classroom or group, teachers are responsible for collecting payment** from students.
- A limited number of qualifying **Title 1 classrooms can receive programming at no-cost.** An application for funding can be found on our website.

Before An Onsite Visit

- **Please review the museum etiquette rules with your students and the chaperone roles with your parent volunteers.** Both of those can be found at end of this packet.
- **Students should be divided into groups with chaperones before their visit.** Chaperones should be in charge of groups of 5-10 students (we require 1 chaperone for every 10 students) and will need to help students move through the museum, follow museum rules, and complete museum activities. **It is essential that students stay in their supervised groups** for their safety, the safety of the artifacts, and the safety of all other museum patrons.

Arriving for An Onsite Visit

- **Arrive on time for your reservation.** As we accommodate multiple schools each day, it is essential for us to honor our scheduled commitments. If you are running behind or need to reschedule, please contact our education team at (208) 334-2120.
- Advise the bus driver(s) to drop off students in front of the museum. **Buses can park in Julia Davis Park during the program.** There is school bus parking behind the bandshell on the far side of the park.
- **Museum educators will greet you** at the front and get you started with your program. If you are doing a self-guided tour, a museum staff member or volunteer will give you an orientation before sending your students in chaperone groups to explore. If you are doing a guided tour or workshop, wait for instructions from a museum educator.
- **Students may only bring a notebook and pencil** through the museum with them. No pens, markers, etc. are allowed to protect our exhibits.
- **No food, drinks, or gum, are allowed in the museum. Also, museum patrons may not carry backpacks** through the museum – please note, we do not have a place to store students’ belongings. Please leave them on the bus or at school/home.
- **Students are not allowed in the M Store during their field trip.** Due to the size of the store and the supervision necessary, field trips are not a good time for students to peruse the merchandise.

2020-2021 Programs from the Idaho State Museum

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Distance Discoveries: Online Workshops for Elementary Students

Join us as we discover the stories of Idaho history. Classes are conducted in real-time on Zoom, a web-based platform for video conferencing, allowing Idaho State Museum Educators to interact with students online. These 45-minute lessons will be content-based and utilize methods of inquiry and discussion. Idaho State Historical Society primary sources will be featured in the lessons including one-of-a-kind videos featured in the Museum's exhibits, images, documents, and artifacts. Instructions for a hands-on activity is included for the teacher to facilitate in the classroom or the activity can be facilitated by our Museum Educator remotely for an additional fee. The Museum will provide activity kits for Treasure Valley students, available for curbside pickup by the teacher or guardian.

Option A: Classroom Registration

Lesson Only: \$50 per class (max 35 students)

Lesson and Activity Facilitation: \$60 per class

Wednesday-Friday

9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm

45 minutes

Option B: Individual Student Registration

Lesson and Activity: \$2 per student if registering individually

Offered on Tuesdays 9:30am

Recommended for Grades K-6th

45 minutes

Distance Discoveries topics will include:

Why Do We Study History?

Students will learn the methods and tools Historians use to learn about the past.

Essential Question: How does the study of the past help us understand the present?

Activity: Curator for a Day

Idaho's Native Peoples

Students will learn that Idaho is home to five federally recognized Native American tribes that each have their own unique history and culture.

Essential Question: How is each Native American tribe unique and different from others?

Activity: Paper Parfleche

The Corps of Discovery

Students will learn about the trials and tribulations of Lewis and Clark's historic journey across North America.

Essential Question: Why was the Lewis and Clark expedition important to the development of the United States?

Activity: Magnetic Compass

Oregon Trail

Students will learn about the trials and tribulations of traversing the Oregon trail by facing simulated challenges that highlight important places and peoples.

Essential Question: Why did people embark upon a journey on the Oregon trail?

Activity: Boat Builders

Gold Rush

Students will learn about different forms of mining, life as a miner, and the importance the Gold Rush played in the formation of modern Idaho.

Essential Question: How did the Gold Rush play an important role in the formation of modern Idaho?

Activity: Gold Activity

Idaho Statehood

Students will learn about the history of Idaho through the many symbols in and around the capital.

Essential Question: How do symbols represent the Idaho's past?

Activity: Idaho's State Seal

Live Virtual Tours

Immerse yourself in Idaho history from the comfort of the classroom or your own home. Museum Educators will guide students through the exhibits and answer questions.

Option A: Classroom Registration

\$50 per class (max 35 students)

Register your class Wednesday-Friday

9:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm

45 minutes

Option B: Individual Student Registration

\$2 per student if registering individually

Offered on Tuesdays 1:00pm

45 minutes

- Museum Highlights
- Westward Expansion
- Native American Stories
- Innovation Idaho
- Fighting for Rights

ONSITE FIELD TRIPS**Self-Guided Visits**

Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm

\$3 per student, adults are free in a 1:5 ratio (\$10 per additional adult)

10 student minimum, 30 student maximum

Explore the Idaho State Museum as a class on your own - use activities from your curriculum or download our Explorer Guides to help your students engage with museum exhibits through a multidisciplinary lens. Pre-registration is required.

- For September-March, each time slot can accommodate a maximum of 30 students. Two-hour max.
- For March-May, each time slot will tentatively accommodate a maximum of 90 students. Two-hour max.

Guided Programs (Offered March 2021-May 2021)

Tuesday-Friday

9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm

Guided Tours

\$4 per student, adults are free in a 1:5 ratio (\$10 per additional adult)

10 student minimum, 50 student maximum

Bring your students to the Idaho State Museum and immerse yourself in Idaho history, exploring the relationship between the land and its people. Museum educators will guide your students through the exhibits and answer questions.

- Museum Highlights
- Westward Expansion
- Native American Stories
- Innovation Idaho
- Fighting for Rights

Workshop Programs

\$5 per student, adults are free in a 1:5 ratio (\$10 per additional adult)
10 student minimum, 50 student maximum

Enhance your museum visit with a hands-on workshop! Workshops include a themed tour and hands-on activity. Offerings are listed below.

Elementary Programs (3-6 Grade) 75 minutes; limit 50 students

Eye Spy Idaho: *How do resources affect the ways people lived? Students will tour the museum to learn about groups of people in Idaho throughout history and the resources they relied on including Native American Tribes, Lewis and Clark, and Pioneers on the Oregon Trail. In the classroom, students will play an Oregon Trail game to see who in the class can survive the long and dangerous journey.*

Drawn to Idaho: *Why do people make art? Students will explore the museum on a tour focusing the materials and methods used to make art throughout Idaho's history. From petroglyphs to paintings, students will consider why art is made and what we can learn from studying art through history. In the classroom students will create their own piece of art and consider their own thought and material process.*

Middle and High School Programs (7-12 Grade) 75 minutes; limit 50 students

Secret Life of Artifacts: *What are the stories artifacts tell? Students will be able to understand that history centers around narrative, and that we derive our understanding of historical narratives from objects, photographs, videos, and more.*

Innovation Idaho: *How has innovation and technology changed the way people live? This workshop explores the stories of various Idaho innovators and their innovations that have impacted communities*

locally and globally. They will then get a chance to brainstorm their own innovations and solutions to related problems today.

Trailblazing Women of Idaho (March-May): *This workshop will accompany the temporary exhibition*

Chaperone Roles

Thank you for volunteering as a chaperone at the Idaho State Museum!

You play a fun and important role in your student's visit.

- ✓ Ensure students are supervised at all times – your group must stay together!
- ✓ Help students interact with exhibits and other people gently and respectfully
- ✓ Only one group from your school should be in each gallery at a time due to space restrictions
- ✓ No food, drink, gum, or backpacks are allowed in the exhibits
- ✓ To keep focus on education, the M Store is off limits during group visits
- ✓ If you or your students have questions or need help ask an educator or a member of our visitor services team

Museum Etiquette for Students

- ✓ Use "museum voices"
- ✓ Walk (don't run!) and stop to enjoy the artifacts
- ✓ Treat the museum with respect, play gently, and don't touch the artifacts.
- ✓ Pencil and paper can be used in the museum. Be careful not to make any marks!
- ✓ Ask for help when you need it or have questions!