



IDAHO STATE  
**MUSEUM**

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Idaho State Museum Field Trip Programs Descriptions

## On-Site Programs

### Guided Tours

Museum educators will guide your students through the interactive exhibitions and answer questions. Pre-registration is required.

Museum Highlights (50 minute program, 40 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 40 minutes of free time.)

\$4 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades PreK-12

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

The people of Idaho have shaped the land, and in turn, the land has shaped the people. In this tour, students will explore the Idaho State Museum and discover artifacts and stories that represent the ever-changing landscapes and populations of the Gem State. Topics covered include the five federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, mining and the gold rush, Oregon Trail, Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery military expedition (depending on grade), Civilian Conservation Corps (depending on grade), fur trade (depending on grade)

Native American Stories (50 minute program, 40 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 40 minutes of free time.)

\$4 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades 3-12

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

There are five federally recognized Native American tribes in Idaho, which include the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock, and Shoshone-Paiute. In this tour, students will learn about each of the tribes through their artifacts and associated cultural practices. Topics covered include the five federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Native American boarding schools, Nez Perce War, environmental protection and restoration, treaties and rights

Industries in Idaho (50 minute program, 40 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 40 minutes of free time.)

\$4 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades 3-12

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Throughout time, industries have built up Idaho's economy and shaped the state. Students will learn about important industries in Idaho from the past and present through the study of related artifacts. Topics covered include logging, mining, fur trade, agriculture, irrigation, Idaho National Laboratory

Courage and Compassion (50 minute program, 40 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 40 minutes of free time.)

\$4 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades 6-12

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday, through March 16

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Tied to *Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience* temporary exhibit from Go For Broke National Education Center, on display through March 16, 2025. Students will analyze instances in Idaho's history where rights were granted and denied in the permanent and temporary exhibits and learn about the Japanese American experience during World War II. Topics covered include Chinese miners in Idaho, women's suffrage, Native American boarding schools, Japanese American experience during World War II

Fighting for Rights (50 minute program, 40 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 40 minutes of free time.)

\$4 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades 6-12

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday, after March 16

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

For more than 100 years, many Idahoans have fought for rights denied to them. In this tour, students will analyze historical events to build historical empathy and use that knowledge to make informed and responsible choices when crafting the future. Topics covered include Chinese miners in Idaho, women's suffrage, Native American boarding schools, Japanese American experience during World War II

## Guided Tour + Hands-on Activity

These programs include a themed tour and hands-on activity facilitated in the Museum's classroom with our Museum Educators. Pre-registration is required.

Eye Spy Idaho (80 minute program, 10 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 10 minutes of free time.)

\$5 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades 3-5

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Resources affect the way people live and their relationship with the environment. Students will investigate how different peoples at different times used natural resources in Idaho. Students will then participate in a collaborative game that challenges them to solve problems and create solutions in the Idaho wilderness. Topics covered include the five federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon Trail, Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery military expedition

Native American Traditional Ways of Knowing (80 minute program, 10 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 10 minutes of free time.)

\$5 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades 3-5

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Students will learn about Indigenous knowledge and lifeways. The tour connects traditional knowledge and contemporary scientific perspectives, investigating how both are applied to improve our world. Students will also complete a classroom craft about storytelling and the Origin Stories of the five Native Nations in Idaho. Topics covered include the five federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, oral storytelling, traditions, environmental protection and restoration

Courage and Compassion (80 minute program, 10 minutes of free exploration time. Please allocate time for students and chaperones to gather at the end of their visit within your 10 minutes of free time.)

\$5 per student

50 student maximum

Leveled to Grades 6-12

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday, through March 16, 2025

**Times Available:** 9:30am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:45pm, 1:00pm-2:30pm

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# Virtual Programs

## Distance Discoveries

Join us as we discover Idaho history. Programs are conducted in real-time using web-based video conferencing, allowing Idaho State Museum Educators to interact with students online. 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.

### Idaho's Native Peoples (45 minutes to 1 hour)

\$50 per class (max 35 students)

Grades 3-5

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm

Students will explore the history and unique cultures of the five federally recognized Native American tribes of Idaho through interactive artifact and photograph investigations. Students will examine the effect of non-Native settlement on the tribes and review the current roles of the tribes.

### Oregon Trail (45 minutes to 1 hour)

\$50 per class (max 35 students)

Grades 3-5

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm

How did the choices people made on the Oregon Trail affect Idaho's history? Students will learn about the trials and tribulations of traversing the Oregon Trail by following along with a journal written by a traveler on the Oregon Trail and artifacts from the Museum's collections.

### Gold Rush (45 minutes to 1 hour)

\$50 per class (max 35 students)

Grades 3-5

**Days Available:** Tuesday-Friday

**Times Available:** 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm

Students will examine what role mining and the gold rush has played in Idaho through interactive artifact and photograph investigations. Students will also learn about different forms of mining, life as a miner, and the importance of mining in Idaho's becoming a state.

## Activity Add-ons

Build on Museum or classroom learning by picking up an activity kit related to a Field Trip or Distance Discovery!

### Gold Panning

1 week check out period

\$3.00 per container, 5 containers max, each container serves about 5 students

Placer mining was one of the easiest ways to find gold if you were patient! In this add-on activity, students will work in groups to pan for “gold.”

### Boat Builders

\$.50 per student

Students will test if they could ford a river by building a boat out of popsicle sticks, foil, and straws. They will try to make their boat float, and then see if it can hold weight by adding marbles.

### Paper Parfleche

\$.50 per student

People use various bags to carry their belongings. Some tribes in Idaho carry food and supplies in a rawhide container called a parfleche. Students will make their own parfleche out of paper and decorate it with their own unique design.

### Design Your Own State Seal

\$.50 per student

Students will imagine that the Governor has asked them to create a new state seal that represents Idaho today. They will design a seal with words and images that symbolize Idaho to them.