



Idaho State Museum Field Trip Program Descriptions

Guided Tours

Museum educators will guide your students through 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

Four Score and Seven Years Before (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, March 7, 2026-January 3, 2027

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

Join us for a guided tour that explores the themes from the temporary exhibit *Four Score and Seven Years Before*, and see the connections between the founding fathers of the United State of America and the individuals that shaped Idaho.

United We Celebrate (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.)

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For generations, people in Idaho have been celebrating remarkable moments and milestones of our history which unite us. Join us as we explore the temporary exhibit *United We Celebrate: The Traditions That Bring America Together*, open March 7, 2026-January 3, 2027. In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, this exhibit reflects on how we come together as a community to celebrate our heritage.

Guided Tour + Hands-on Activity

These programs include a themed tour in the Museum exhibits 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

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Takeaway Kits

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

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.