

Frankenmuth Historical Museum

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM GUIDE FOR 2017

ALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION TO THE FHA MUSEUM

FRANKENMUTH TIME TRAVELLER

Offered April – November, also available in March and December depending on temperature and ground conditions. This program is available for all ages. Please note, due to the size of the authentic buildings, large groups may be divided into smaller units at each location. There is no running water, heat, or air conditioning in any of the 3 buildings. The log cabin has no electricity, and the bathroom facility is an outhouse.

Frankenmuth Time Traveler

3 hours / \$10.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Maximum group size is 75

Visitors begin with a tour of the authentically restored Wolkensdoerfer Log House. You will see the homestead buildings and grounds, discuss pioneer life in Frankenmuth, and participate in chores for which family members were responsible in the mid-1800s. Visitors next travel to the Hart Road School, a one-room schoolhouse, where they will learn to parse their sums, write on slates and use quill pens. After school, visitors walk home across an iron bridge on their way to the Eischer House, where they will learn about life in Frankenmuth during World War II on the home front. How did the people back home help the war effort? How did they learn about the news on the front lines?

FRANKENMUTH TIME TRAVELER

4 hours / \$14.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Maximum group size is 75

It includes all of the activities listed in the Time Traveler Program plus a visit to Grandpa Tiny's Farm. At the farm, visitors will see the animals in the Home on the Farm Time Traveler barn, the outside animals, learn about farming the old fashioned way, and take a horse-drawn wagon ride around the farm. There are plenty of things to see and do, as well as baby animals to touch.

LOG HOUSE PROGRAMS

These programs are offered at the Wolkensoerfer Log House, an authentic Frankenmuth artifact, built in the 1850's, renovated in 1870, and moved to Cross Park (7760 S. Main) in 1984. Offered April – November, also available in March and December depending on temperature and ground conditions

Pioneer Living Program

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

This is our original, very popular program. A tour guide will relate the history of early Frankenmuth, the log house, and the Wolkensoerfer family. Then visitors will enjoy their choice of four hands-on activities such as butter making, candle making, quill pen writing, clothes washing, tin punch, exploring handmade toys, and more.

Log House Tour

1 hours/\$4.00 per person

Minimum group size is 5

A tour guide will relate the history of early Frankenmuth, the log house, and the Wolkensoerfer family. Custom Program time and price varies.

Let us design a program just for your group. Would your group like to meet at the log house for an activity of your own? Would you like to choose just 1 or 2 activities? If so, call and we can arrange something. The first hour will cost \$4.00 per person, our activities may be added on for \$1.00 a piece, with the exception of candle making. Candle making costs an additional \$1.50 per person with a minimum group of 10.

HART ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE PROGRAMS

The Hart School is an authentic one-room schoolhouse, built in 1860 and actually used until 1920. It was moved to Frankenmuth by Tiny Zehnder and is located on the grounds of Grandpa Tiny's Farm. These programs are offered in April.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE EXPERIENCE

2 hours / \$7.00 per person
Minimum group size is 10.
20 can be seated comfortably
and 30 will fit if requested.

An instructor will teach lessons in either arithmetic, reading, spelling, grammar, and/or civics and lead activities including exploration of the school room, writing on slates and with quill pens, discussion of student behaviors and discipline, and school yard games circa 1900.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE TOUR

1 hour / \$4.00 per person
Minimum group size is 5
and Maximum is 25

A tour guide will invite visitors to come inside the Hart School and talk about the history of the school and tell a little bit about the Hart family. How did the teacher teach all the lessons to all the grades, how were the students disciplined? What were the job responsibilities of the teacher, who was allowed to teach, and what was the schoolhouse used for when school was not in session? Come on our tour and find out.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE TOUR CUSTOM PROGRAM

Time and price will vary

Groups can use the Hart School as a unique meeting place. Would your group like to explore the role of the schoolhouse in the early 1900's? We can provide the "community elder" who can briefly explain the history of the school. This can be followed by a civics exercise, reminiscent of the early 20th century, when small rural communities used their schoolhouse as a public meeting place too. Would your group like to reenact a typical school Christmas or end of the year program? Come and use this truly unique building.

EISCHER HOUSE PROGRAMS

The Eischer House is a genuine farmhouse from the Frankenmuth area, built in the late 1800's and moved to its current location on Grandpa Tiny's Farm by Tiny Zehnder. It can comfortably accommodate up to 30 visitors. These programs are offered April – November.

At Home with the Eischers

1 Hour / \$4 per person

Minimum Group Size is 5

Visitors are greeted by “Mr.” or “Mrs. Eischer” and led on a tour of the family’s home. Programming highlights history of the 1930’s and 1940’s, and the typical experiences of the Frankenmuth community during those tumultuous decades. Visitors will learn how the family’s world grew larger with the introduction of a radio into the home. Print news also brought the outside world into the community. During the World War II era, one of the Eischer boys went off to Europe and the visitors will learn about his military career. Visitors will also help Mr. and Mrs. Eischer support the war effort on the home front at this small family farm. An age appropriate hands-on activity is included.

FRANKENMUTH AND AMERICAN HISTORY

These programs can travel to your location within a 30-mile radius of Frankenmuth for an additional travel fee, equal to the current IRS mileage reimbursement. Some programs will require modifications.

PIONEER KITCHEN

2 hour/\$7.00 per person

This hands-on program allows visitors to experience life in the late 1800's, compare it to today, and develop an appreciation for how times have changed regarding food preparations and diet. As visitors explore our treasure trove of antique kitchen utensils, they will churn butter, grind coffee beans, and scrub clothes on a washboard. Our teacher will lead a discussion about chores children did "back then" and chores children do today in a family. Everyone will enjoy a treat of freshly made butter upon completion of the program.

ATTIC TREASURES

2 hour/\$7.00 per person

Explore treasures from our Frankenmuth Museum "family attic" and get an authentic look at Frankenmuth life in earlier times. As visitors go through an assortment of clothing, toys, beauty tools, household items, and more, our teacher will share the story of a family's emigration from Germany in the mid 1800's. Everything is available to be handled and there are even clothes to be tried on.

SHEEP TO YARN

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Students will learn about spinning, weaving, needlework, and textiles from years ago. During the program, visitors will learn about raising sheep and harvesting wool. They will comb fresh shaved wool, use a drop spindle, and learn about the wool's journey from sheep to yarn. Visitors will do an age appropriate craft.

CELEBRATING OUR GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

Frankenmuth Historical Museum has, as one of its missions, the responsibility for preserving the cultural heritage that makes Frankenmuth the “Little Bavaria” of Michigan. The following programs explore the German immigrant experience and the preservation of the community’s unique German-American culture for future generations.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10.

Offered at the museum. Based on a German Christmas, celebrated in 19th century Frankenmuth, this program highlights the joys of the season. A museum guide will share the history of different Christmas customs, such as Krist Kindle, Pelzenickel, and Saint Nicholas, and tell how long the Christmas season was. Hands-on activities may include making a Scherenschnitte card, grating spices, decorating cookies, and making a special Christmas ornament or decoration.

OLD WORLD SPRING AND EASTER TRADITIONS

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum 10 people

Offered at the Museum. This program combines Old World Easter traditions and history with hands-on projects. We will celebrate the season by coloring eggs using natural dyes such as onion skins, coffee, beets, etc. Visitors will learn about how the Pysankey eggs in the museum were created and how Easter was celebrated in Frankenmuth in the early 1900’s. We will also discuss the Maypole and other spring activities.

MUSICAL TRADITIONS

2 hours/\$8.00 per person

Minimum 10 people

(Dependent on availability of instructor and Fischer Hall)

The *waltz* dates from the 18th century; it was influenced by the *Lander*, a German fold dance. The *Schottische* is also a German folk dance. And then there is the *polka* while Czech in origin, it is closely associated with Frankenmuth and its many festivals. We will also learn the history and lyrics of the *Schnizelbank Song*.

GERMAN CULTURE KITS

may be rented by German language teachers, world history teachers, or other interested groups for a fee of \$15.00 for one month plus shipping.

FRANKENMUTH EXTRA

PASSPORT TO PROFIT

\$4 - \$5 /per person

A program for children and adults to learn business and economics related skills and concepts. Takes place at the Frankenmuth River Place shopping area. A passport will be provided with goals, terms and questions to be completed by the traveler. Businesses will provide a stamp for each page of the passport. We can make copies for you, and the program will be \$5 per person. You can make your own copies and program will be \$4 per person. Offered weather permitting

FRANKENMUTH AMAZING RACE

2 hours/\$5.00 per person

Minimum 10 people

Have fun finding clues and earning points by answering questions about the local businesses all while walking around Beautiful Frankenmuth. Race against friends, families or groups to finish the race. Certificates to the winners. Offered weather permitting

FRANKENMUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM TOURS

Featuring a permanent exhibit highlighting the history of Frankenmuth from its founding in 1845 to its current status as one of Michigan's top tourist attractions, the museum offers hands-on activities for children and interesting insights for adults of all ages. One gallery is also used for temporary exhibits; call the museum to see what is currently on display.

Self-guided tours are included free of charge in all programs offered at the museum. These tours are self-guided and may be done before or after your scheduled program. Offered year round, call for museum hours.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

\$2.00 per adult
\$1.00 per child
\$5 per family

GUIDED TOURS

45 minutes to 1 hour
\$3.00 per adult
\$2.00 per student

These tours are offered in English. Bilingual (German and English) and German tours are available if requested in advance.