

Museum Visit Information for Teachers

You are invited to bring your class to the Regina Plains Museum for guided learning activities connected to museum exhibits. Through discussions, activities and hands-on learning experiences, school programs are designed to interpret changing thematic exhibits by exploring how artifacts reflect the cultural, economic, political, and social development of the peoples of Regina. Students are also familiarized with concepts surrounding museums and collections. Teachers of elementary or secondary Social Studies, Language Arts, Arts Education, and other subjects are welcome to contact the museum to arrange a program to suit specific learning objectives, or to find out more about the programs planned around specific exhibits.

The following are some activities that are offered at the museum:

1. **A tour of the historic rooms** such as a general store and kitchen. Students will do a brief tour of these areas and pick objects to discuss. These could be objects they do or do not recognize and things that look odd. Do we have similar objects today? How did people cook years ago?

We also have a replica of a childhood home made by one of our volunteers. Peter Quiring created his childhood home complete with handmade furniture. This has been a very popular display and Peter could be available to tell the story of this house and his childhood.

2. **History Detectives – a game.** Historians often use objects as clues to learn about the past. Objects are a great way to learn about people and we can learn by investigating the objects they have. Students will examine artifacts to discover the identity of the person who owned the object.

3. **My Museum.** We ponder the questions of what a museum is, its role in our community and what kinds of museums there are. We will also talk about what an artifact collection is and what makes an object an artifact. Students will be guided to create their own museum, decide what it will be called, what objects it will have and what they want visitors to do at their museum. They will also draw their museum and design a logo for it.

4. **Child's Play:** students will be able to discover the history of toys through viewing vintage toys, discussing how toys and play have changed from years past. They can also make a toy, play checkers or another game. Another activity is to create a framed picture and share their favorite toy memory.

5. **The Regina Tornado.** In 1912 Regina was hit by a devastating tornado that is still regarded as the most destructive tornado to date in Canada. Through a movie and displays, students will learn about this event. They will also create a 'tornado' like painting.

6. **A path into the history of Regina:** students will learn about the history of Regina, the people who shaped this city, how streets were named and other information about the community they live in.

Program Length: 1 hour

Class Size: The museum can accommodate classes of up to 30 students. Classes are divided into two groups, each with an instructor.

Location: The Regina Plains Museum is located in downtown Regina at 1835 Scarth Street, on the second floor. Directions for buses and a map are found on page 4. The museum is within walking distance of Regina City Hall, and Victoria Park. The museum is wheelchair accessible.

Supervision: One adult supervisor (parent or teacher) is required for each group of 15 students. Additional supervisors may be beneficial for some classes.

Booking: To book your visit, call or Email the museum, indicating your preferred and alternate dates and times. Or, you may fax the Request Form, found on page 7. The museum educator will contact you to discuss specific needs and objectives, and your arrangements will be confirmed by fax. **Phone:** (306) 347-8065; **Fax:** (306) 565-2979; **Email:** rp.museum@sasktel.net

Cost: There is no fee for school visits. Donations are welcome.

Planning a Class Outing: Consider combining your museum outing with a visit to another downtown attraction, such as: Regina City Hall, Victoria Park, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, or the Dunlop Art Gallery. If you're interested in this option, we can help you with the planning.

Museum Conduct:

Before your visit, you are asked to review with your students the rules of proper museum conduct. **Museum Conduct requires that all visitors:**

show respect for others at all times (pushing, yelling, or discourteous visitors will be asked to leave.)

show respect for the facility and its artifacts (never touch anything in the museum, unless instructed by the Museum Guide)

 speak in indoor voices

 always listen to the Museum Staff

 do not bring food, drinks, or gum into the museum