2016-2017
Field Trip Planner
An Educator’s Guide to Planning a Group Visit

Washington County Museum promotes an understanding and appreciation of the history, art, science, and culture of our region through standards-based education programs.
Dynamic Field Trips at the Washington County Museum

Washington County Museum offers fun, content-rich experiences for second to sixth grade students. Each field trip program is linked to Oregon Department of Education Academic Content Standards. We also offer several resources, including pre and post lesson plans, on our website at www.washingtoncountymuseum.org/home/education/teachers.

Use this planner to make the most of your field trip to the Washington County Museum. It has everything you need to make your visit a success such as scheduling, bus parking, fees, and more! Please share relevant pages from this resource guide with other educators, chaperones and bus drivers.

Thank you for making the Washington County Museum part of your 2016-2017 lesson plans. If you have any questions, please call 503.645.5353 or e-mail us at education@washingtoncountymuseum.org.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to the Washington County Museum.

“I was very impressed with the presentation, activities, presenter, and exhibits. I look forward to taking future classes on field trips to the Museum!”

—2nd Grade Teacher, Brookwood Elementary
2016-2017 Dynamic Field Trip Programs

Your students will get hands-on with local history through the following dynamic programs:

**Silicon Forest: Innovation in Washington County**
- Best suited for Grades 3-6
- 90 minute field trip
- 60 students maximum

Students will have the chance to problem solve and engineer to better understand the engineering design process as they learn about Washington County’s unique high-tech culture. This presentation integrates history and STEM objectives for a fast-paced experience.

**Hillsboro Then & Now: Recognizing Community Changes**
- Best suited for Grade 2 & 3
- 75 minutes indoors
  + Option to add downtown scavenger hunt for 120 minutes
- 60 students maximum

Students will explore the history of their local community by examining people and events key to the formation of Hillsboro.

A presentation featuring historic photos and a timeline will be followed by hands-on activity stations, an exploration of Museum exhibits and an optional teacher/chaperone-led downtown Hillsboro scavenger hunt.

*This program is specific to the development of Hillsboro. We can offer a general Washington County version of this program upon request.*

**Centennial Wagon: Celebrating the Oregon Trail**
- Best Suited for Grade 4
- 60 minutes
  + Option to Pair with “On the Oregon Trail” Mobile Museum for 120 minutes
- 60 students maximum

In 1959, the State of Oregon celebrated its 100th anniversary. Part of the year-long celebration included the On-To-Oregon Cavalcade that reenacted a wagon train traveling the entire Oregon Trail. Students will utilize Hillsboro’s Centennial Wagon to compare the Oregon Trail experience with the 1959 Centennial trip to analyze historical accuracy and understand the significance of the Trail to Oregon’s identity.

*This program is most successful when students have some background of the Oregon Trail or are currently studying the Oregon Trail.*

**Braceros: The Men of Migrant Labor**
- Best Suited for Grades 4-6 or above
- 75 minute field trip
- 30 students maximum

Students will learn about the history of the Bracero Program locally and nationally by mapping migration routes, examining primary and secondary sources and simulating some challenges the braceros faced in the United States. This program examines the historical relationship between the US and Mexico in World War II and concludes by helping students consider current issues related to the Program.

**Additional Exhibits**

The Museum has additional exhibits on display and may offer programming that corresponds with these topics. Visit the Museum’s website to see what will be on display when you are planning your field trip. Please do not hesitate to ask the Education Department about programming related to these exhibitions.
What You Need to Know

How to Schedule Your School Visit

All school groups must make reservations two weeks in advance. Reservations are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and tend to fill up quickly. To make a reservation, please fill out the scheduling form on our website or contact the Education Department by phone at 503.645.5353 or by email at education@washingtoncountymuseum.org. Please make your reservation as early as possible.

Scheduling Multiple Classes or Larger Groups

When scheduling for multiple classes or large groups (more than 30), please be aware that groups may need to be divided in order to maneuver through gallery spaces.

Fees and Payment

The fee is $2 per student. Admission is complimentary for chaperones. An 8:1 ratio of students to chaperone is required.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Transportation scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year are available to all schools that apply on a first-come, first-served basis thanks to a generous donation from The Reser Family Foundation. Teachers must complete a transportation scholarship application online prior to their visit.org. Find the scholarship application online at www.washingtoncountymuseum.org/home/education/teachers/school-field-trips/. Admission scholarships may also be available.

Cancellations and Rescheduling

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please contact the Education Department at 503.645.5353 or education@washingtoncountymuseum.org as soon as possible. Although we will do our best to reschedule your appointment, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your request.
Where We Are Located

We’re above Starbucks! The Museum’s exhibits and programs are located at the Hillsboro Civic Center Plaza Building. The address is 120 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123. The Museum’s entrance is the double doors next to Starbucks on the corner of First Avenue and Main Street in downtown Hillsboro. Proceed up the stairs to find us. Elevator available.

School Bus Drop-Off and Parking

Please check with your school district on bussing protocols. In general, we suggest buses off-load on First Avenue heading north. Students will enter the Museum’s double doors near Starbucks on First & Main. The post office will be directly to your left.

Bus parking is available two blocks from the Museum at the Grocery Outlet complex on First Avenue between SW Baseline Street and Tualatin Valley Highway. Other parking (for cars) is available in the parking garage located catty-corner to the Museum on South First Avenue and SE Washington Street.

Driving Directions

From Highway 26: Take the North Plains / Glencoe Road Exit and turn South onto Glencoe Road. Glencoe Road will become First Avenue. Follow Glencoe Road for approximately five miles. The Civic Center will be on your left at the corner of First Avenue and Main Street. Using this route, buses will off-load in the right lane next to the post office. Students can cross the street to the entrance of the Museum using the crosswalk.

On the Max: Board the Max at your stop and get off at the Hillsboro Central Max Station (Blue Line). Walk 0.1 miles west to the Civic Center.

From TV Highway: Take TV Highway (Highway 8) into Hillsboro (TV Highway turns into 10th Avenue) and turn left onto E. Main Street. Go nine blocks to First Avenue and Main Street. The Civic Center will be on your left. Using this route, buses will off-load in the left lane next to Starbucks and enter the double doors next to Starbucks off the plaza.

Late Arrivals

Please be prompt. Classes that arrive late may receive a condensed tour due to scheduling limitations.
Chaperone Policy

One chaperone per eight students is required. Admission is complimentary for adult chaperones.

Preparing Students

Preparing your students for their visit to the Museum will greatly enhance the experience. Resources to help you are available on our website at www.washingtoncountymuseum.org/home/education/teachers/school-field-trips/. We encourage you to use these materials to introduce concepts, vocabulary and background information to your class prior to visiting the Museum.

Lunch

Brown bag lunch space may be available by request. Please check with the Education Department when booking your field trip to make arrangements.

Gift Shop

School groups are welcome to visit the Museum’s gift shop and take home a keepsake if the teacher chooses to allow access to the entire class. We ask that chaperones accompany students and limit the number of students to seven in the gift shop at one time.

Photography

Photography is allowed in the Museum galleries as long as images are taken using existing light only (no flash) and are for personal, noncommercial use. We request that teachers and students refrain from taking photographs during guided visits because it is distracting.

Connect With Us Online

Please like us on Facebook to receive up-to-date information about programs! Please write a positive review on Yelp.

Feedback

You will receive a short survey after your visit. Please take the time to fill it out. Your feedback is very important to us as we strive to create a valuable field trip experience for all school children.
Beyond Your Class Trip

Unable to visit the Museum? Bring Washington County Museum’s Mobile Museum to your classroom to engage your students in local history. Choose from five different presentations:

- Atfalati-Kalapuya: First People of Washington County
- Chinook: Master Traders of the Northwest
- On the Oregon Trail
- School Days
- Lewis and Clark: The Science of Discovery

Each presentation is one-hour long and includes an interactive talk and hands-on learning stations. The cost is $75-$90 per classroom (scholarships may be available).

For more information or to schedule a Mobile Museum presentation, contact the Museum’s Education Department at education@washingtoncountymuseum.org or call 503.645.5353.

Other Educational Opportunities at the Museum

Washington County Museum offers a full slate of other fun, educational opportunities and experiences.

Please encourage your students’ families to visit the Museum at no cost on Free Family Mornings, occurring on the second Saturday of the month during the school year. We also offer workshops, lectures, Scout Days and events in the community.

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