

SHERIDAN COUNTY
MUSEUM
EDUCATION

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2009 Education Programs at the Sheridan County Museum

The Sheridan County Museum offers many resources and programs to students, teachers, and families. Our education mission is to encourage and support learning about the rich historic and cultural heritage of the Sheridan area by creating connections between our past, present, and future generations. Detailed program sheets for the following programs, including standards and benchmarks addressed by each program, can be found on the Museum's website at www.SheridanCountyHistory.org/info/teachers.php



The Sheridan County Museum is owned and operated by the Sheridan County Historical Society

Visiting the Museum

The Sheridan County Museum is a great resource for helping your students to become more aware of their local history. Through the use of dioramas, maps, photographs and artifacts, your students will have the opportunity to explore Sheridan area history and make connections between the past and the present. We offer two general field trips that can be designed to meet your needs.

- *Then & Now: Exploring the History of Sheridan County*
- *On Your Own: Exploring the Sheridan County Museum*

Field Trips with the Museum

Are you interested in taking your students to places such as Acme and Monarch, or even to sections of the Tie Flume and other historical sites in Sheridan County? If you're not sure who to call for permission, who to call in as a tour guide, or would just like to have an additional resource during your trip, let us know. The Museum can help you plan the field trip, create on-site activities, and help your students to explore the places where history happened.

Exploring History Trunk Program... In Your Classroom or Ours

The Exploring History Trunk Program is a part of the Museum's education outreach services. The program is designed to serve as an additional resource to assist local educators with bringing history into the classroom and helps to create a unique and challenging learning environment that enhances a traditional classroom experience. The trunks are available for teacher-led use in your classroom as well as Museum-led use, either in your classroom or at the Museum.

- *Black Diamonds: Exploring Sheridan County's Coal Mining Communities*
- *Where the Buffalo Roam: Exploring the Cultures of the Plains Indians*
- *Pioneer Games: Exploring Classroom and Schoolyard Games of the Past*

Special Projects Program

Do you have an idea for a history project but you're not sure what to do next, how to put it together, or where to get the funding? The Museum is eager to help you fulfill your ideas for fun projects that bring your students closer to their local history through our Special Projects Program.

Conversations with the Past

One of the best ways to learn about the past is to create connections with the people who lived it. With funding from the Museum Education Special Projects Program, we can introduce your students to the people who are part of Sheridan County's more recent history. The experience that results from uniting these two generations in an amazing opportunity for them to learn from one another.

- *Listening to History: Exploring History with the People Who Lived It*

Preparing for History Day

Do you have students in grades 6-12 interested in participating in the National History Day competition? If so, we can help you cover some of the basics of preparing a History Day project. We'll use an exhibit as an example and walk your students through the basic elements of preparing and presenting their project, whether they are working on an exhibit, documentary, paper, performance, or website.

After-School, Weekend, and Summer Programs

In addition to our school-year education programs, the Museum offers activities for children and their families after school, on the weekends, and during the summer months.

- *Junior Curator Program* (May 1 – December 16)
- *Children's Exhibit Panels* throughout the Museum (May 1 – December 16)
- *Tidbit Tuesdays* (June, July, and August)