

Fort Caspar Museum

Fort Caspar Museum offers a variety of programs for students. While many of the activities are geared toward third- and fourth-grade students, a visit to the museum can meet a variety of standards for most grades. From site tours to Discovery Trunks and Classroom Connections, there are many resources available to you!

Site tours

Fort Caspar Museum interprets the cultural history of Fort Caspar, the city of Casper and central Wyoming. Site visits include tours of the reconstructed fort buildings, Mormon Ferry and Guinard Bridge; Museum Gallery Exploration; and other site features.

The Museum Gallery features exhibits on prehistoric peoples, western emigrant trails, frontier army, 100 years of Casper history, the oil and energy industries, and cattle and sheep ranching.

Site tours and the Museum Gallery exploration are led by museum staff. Prior to the visit, each teacher receives an "Educator's Guide" by e-mail. It includes information about the site tours, as well as pre-visit activities and post-visit

activities.

** Meets third- and fourth-grade essential curriculum for social studies and language arts.*

Availability: guided tours starting April 19th

Program length: 1 1/2 - 2 hours

Fee: \$10 per group or \$.50 per student if less than 20; teachers, chaperones & bus drivers free; cash, check, credit card or LPOs accepted.

Special Traveling Exhibit **April 6 – May 25**

FCM is hosting a special traveling exhibit again in 2011. (Remember The Bison exhibit last year?) Through the NEH on the Road program, FCM will host *Farm Life: A Century of Change for Farm Families and Their Neighbors*.

This exhibit offers visitors a view into life on a working farm and examines what it means for a family to live and work on the land. The story of life on a farm is told through photographs, objects, text, and interactives. Students will learn about the social, economic, and cultural framework of farms and their surrounding communities.

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Classroom Connections

Interactive, hands-on interdisciplinary programs complement your curriculum. This program is available in your classroom or at the museum. Current topics include Plains Indians, explorers, mountain men and pioneers. Students' favorite activities are Dressed for Success, Object Detective, Art Analysis, Junior Historian, and Writing Perspectives.

** Meets fourth-grade essential curriculum for social studies.*

Availability: October 15 - April 15

Program Length: Varies

Fee: \$10.00 per group or \$.50 per student if less than 20; teachers, chaperones & bus drivers free; LPOs accepted. Limit of 30 students.

Discovery Trunks

Discovery Trunks allow you to bring history in a hands-on format into your classroom. Each trunk contains reproduction

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accomplish every day," says NHTIC volunteer coordinator, Jason Vlcan.

To become a volunteer, (<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/NHTIC/help.html>) all you need is the willingness to give your time freely to benefit others and our community. Anyone can offer their time. It can be as little or as much as you can spare. You may be working, retired, older, or even a student still. Volunteers come from all walks of life and all sections of our community. Everyone, including you, can make a difference. Will

you be retiring soon and want to stay involved with the schools? Do you have students who love history and would be willing to teach others? Would you like to make a difference in our community? If so, don't hesitate. Give us a call at (307) 261-7783 and ask for Jason. We are very happy to talk to you about the endless possibilities of volunteering!

Quilting Exhibit: Warmth for the Body and Soul ***(March 1-April 30)***

The NHTIC is recognizing Women's History Month with a temporary exhibit, "Quilts: Warmth for the Body and Soul." The exhibit features

over 25 quilts, including traditional and artistic patterns.

Pioneer women carefully sewed together scraps of fabric and pieces of cloth to create quilts which provided warmth for their families on the long trek westward. Quilts were a practical excuse for women to socialize while also being productive. Further, the designs also offered women a way to express themselves with color, cloth and shape. Every quilt has a story. When viewing a quilt, you learn about the maker and as well as the intended recipient. Each quilt in this exhibit has a unique story -- for you to discover.

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objects, audiovisual materials, books and activities that your students can see and touch. The Educator's Guide includes background information, lessons, activities and a bibliography. Topics include Plains Indians, Explorers, Mountain Men, Pioneers, Frontier Army, and Cowboys.

** Meets fourth-grade essential curriculum for social studies and language arts.*

Availability: All Year

Rental: One week, Friday - Thursday. May be checked out for more than one week depending on availability.

Fee: \$2.00 per trunk; cash, check, credit card or LPOs accepted More information and details are available on our website at www.fortcasparwyoming.com. Click on Links for Teachers or School Programs.

Contact Curator of Education Erin Rose by phone at 235-8462 or by email at erose@cityofcasperwy.com to make a reservation.

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the Planetarium may have resources for you. Several of our shows have a strong history component that educators have wanted to share with their students. Dawn of the Space Age chronicles the space race.

Galileo: Power of the Telescope takes a close look at the Renaissance and how our thinking has changed over time. Spirits from the Sky discusses Native American sky lore, specifically of the Pawnee. Legends of the Night Sky: Orion tells the Greek story of Orion in a light-

hearted way. Earth's Wild Ride involves geology and paleontology in its story about our planet.

The Casper Planetarium's fundamental purpose is to serve as a resource for NCSD students and educators. Please take advantage of all we have to offer!