

JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Museum Programming for Home School Families Spring/Summer 2010

Education Classes

Native American Life: Trade and Communication

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3 Museum Members/\$5 Non-Members

Two-hundred years ago this region was home to the Potawatomi Indians. What did it look like? How did the Native Americans live? How did they communicate with each other? Students will learn the answer to these questions and more during this program. After analyzing drawings of a Potawatomi village to determine if their lives were like ours today, students will engage in a variety of fun, hands-on activities to learn more about Native American life. They will barter to learn how the Potawatomi traded with other tribes and eventually with the European explorers and settlers to get what they needed to survive. The students will also play a game to learn a few symbols from Native American sign language and write a story using pictographs. Recommended for students 3rd grade and up. Advance registration and payment is required by Tuesday, March 2. A minimum of 10 students is required for this class.

Prairie Pioneers

Thursday, March 25, 2010, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3 Museum Members/\$5 Non-Members

What? No "X box!" No cars? No grocery stores?!? This program gives students a glimpse at life on the prairie in 1832, the year Charles Reed built his cabin on the land that would become Joliet. Students learn about housing, transportation, clothing, and chores of yesteryear through hands-on activities. Students make and taste homemade butter—a favorite of students and parents alike. This program also includes an abbreviated tour of the Museum's main gallery. Recommended for students in K-4th grade. Advance registration and payment is required by Thursday, March 18. A minimum of 10 students is required for this class.

Solar System Scramble!

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3 Museum Members/\$5 Non-Members

If you are studying the solar system or just want a fun review, then this class is for you. We'll work our way through 6 stations to learn about the solar system with a special emphasis on the moon! We'll visit the Houbolt gallery and read a story about space travel, play solar system jeopardy and much more. Be ready for physical activity as we'll "train like an astronaut!" Recommended for 2nd grade and up. Advance registration and payment is required by Tuesday, April 6. A minimum of 10 students is required for this class.



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The Native American Circle of Life

Thursday, April 29, 2010, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3 Museum Members/\$5 Non-Members

In this lesson, students will participate in fun, hands-on activities to investigate significant aspects of Potawatomi life, including the role animals played in the Native American circle of life. Students will listen to a Native American folk tale to learn the role oral tradition played in passing down Native American history and how stories, especially those featuring animals, were used by Native Americans to explain the world around them. They will also learn how the Potawatomi, like other Native American tribes, lived off of the land and respected the animals that both taught them lessons and provided them with so much. They will then play Native American games of awareness to learn how Native American children were taught to become skilled hunters. Finally, they will do a Circle Dance, a dance that many Native American tribes did to honor the animals that had provided them with food, clothing, and so much more. Recommended for K-4th grade. Advance registration and payment is required by Thursday, April 22. A minimum of 10 students is required for this class.

Envisioning Joliet: Architecture and Urban Planning in Joliet

Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3 Museum Members/\$5 Non-Members

In this special program, we'll explore the architectural and urban planning contributions of architects and planners Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett. We'll start by viewing the Museum's special exhibit, *Envisioning Joliet: Burnham and Bennett in Joliet*, and then move outside for an architecture walk through downtown Joliet. Make sure you note the architectural styles that you like because back at the Museum, we'll design downtown Joliet using your own architectural style and vision for the future. All participants must have a signed waiver to participate in this program, recommended for 3rd grade and up. Advance registration and payment is required by Tuesday, May 4. A minimum of 10 students is required for this class.

Special Exhibits at the Museum

Envisioning Joliet: Burnham, Bennett and Beyond

Extended By Popular Demand through May 16, 2010

Chicagoans readily recognize the names Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett, but this exhibit will show visitors why they were significant here, in Joliet. Daniel Burnham's plan for the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 was the first milestone for Chicago's historic landscape, but many people don't know about Burnham's presence in Joliet. Several local buildings can boast a connection to Burnham: the Joliet Public Library Main Branch, the Klines Building, the Renaissance Center, the YMCA, and Joliet Township High School. Burnham collaborated with Edward Bennett on the 1909 Plan of Chicago and Bennett later went on to execute a plan for Joliet in 1921, a copy of which is on display in the exhibit. Visitors can also learn Joliet's plans for future development. The exhibit is presented by Lewis University, The City of Joliet, VOA Architecture and Planning Group, and JAHM and its Collections and Exhibits Committee.

Opening in June: Hometown Heroes (A History of the Joliet Police and Fire Departments)



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Common Questions:

- 1. Do I have to be part of a home school organization to participate in these programs?** No.
- 2. Is this a drop-off program or do parents have to attend as well?** This is a drop-off program; however, parental supervision is recommended for students younger than 6.
- 3. What if I have a student who is not able to attend the program after I have registered them?** Refunds can be issued up to the registration deadline. After this date, refunds cannot be issued.
- 4. Is the museum handicapped accessible?** Yes, the museum is handicap accessible. Students/parents who require a handicapped accessible entrance should be dropped off in the circle drive in front of the Museum on Ottawa Street.
- 5. Where do I park?** Parking is available in the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets.
- 6. Is there a Gift Shop?** Yes, the Museum's Gift Shop is a great source for resources on local and Illinois history. Children must be accompanied in the Gift Shop at all times. If you have any questions about merchandise, please call the Gift Shop Manager at 815-723-5201, ext. 226.
- 7. How do I schedule my home school group or student for an education program at the Museum?** Call or e-mail the Education Director ~ Kim Shehorn at (815) 723-5201, ext. 235 or k.shehorn@jolietmuseum.org

Special Events

Lunch with the Lincolns

Saturday, February 13, 2010 10:00 a.m.-11:30 and 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Your children won't want to miss this unique education program. Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in a log cabin? Do you want to know why President Lincoln grew a beard or why he wore such a tall hat? Curious about why Mrs. Lincoln's dress stood out so far? Then join President and Mrs. Lincoln for lunch and learn the answers to these questions and more. A lunch of pizza and lemonade is served. Students will also complete a Lincoln-related craft. The cost of the program is \$11 per student and \$8 per adult. If your child is a Cub or Girl Scout, kick off your theater badge work with this program as it is a fun, inexpensive way to fulfill the "See it Live" requirement. A **Lunch with the Lincolns** patch can be purchased for an additional \$2 per patch. Advance registration and payment is required by Friday, February 5, 2010 and can be made by calling the Museum at 815-723-5201, ext. 235. Refunds will not be issued after this date. A program recommended for children in 2nd grade and older. This program is also open to Girl Scout troops and Cub Scout dens. *Max and Donna Daniels have been portraying Abraham and Mary Lincoln professionally since 1988. They have performed at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center in Springfield, at the dedication ceremonies for the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and at the Discovery Theatre for Children at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. They received the "Best Abraham and Mary Lincoln Team" award from the National Association of Lincoln Presenters in 1994, and have been featured on ABC Chicago's Channel 7 "Someone You Should Know" program. They were also featured on C-SPAN Cable Network in the 1994 Lincoln-Douglas Debate Series.*



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NEW THIS YEAR!

Folk Music for Little Folks

Saturday, April 24, 2010 2:00 p.m.

Introduce your children to music and history with this fun, interactive folk music program that is definitely not your grandma's folk music! Musician Chris Vallillo will have your children singing and dancing with this program, designed to also fulfill badge work for both Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. We'll make a bean-filled tambourine, sing rounds, and actively participate in the concert. The cost of this program is \$12 per scout and \$10 per adult. Advance registration and payment is required by Friday, April 16 for this program~register early as seating is limited to 200

participants. *Chris Vallillo has won numerous awards and is a true advocate for his form of art. Most recently, he won the 2007 Quality of Life Award for collecting and producing musical events reflective of the "roots music" of rural Illinois. In 2009 he traveled the country with his extremely popular **Abraham Lincoln in Song** program, and the CD of the same name was featured on CNN.com*

Midnight at the Museum

Friday, July 9-10, 2010 6:30 p.m.-8:00 a.m. (Open to the General Public)

Bring your family to the Museum for an overnight you won't forget. We'll play games, make crafts, and spend time in the Museum's galleries. An evening snack and continental breakfast of bagels and Danish is provided. Advance registration and paperwork is required, including a participation waiver for participants. A 25% non-refundable deposit is required at registration with the balance due 4 weeks before the program. Because of space constraints, registration is limited to 115 participants. The cost of this program is \$19 per child and \$13 per adult. A

Midnight at the Museum patch is available for an additional \$2 per person. This program fills quickly so CALL EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE. To register, call the Museum at 815-723-5201, ext. 235.

Can't make it to any of our education classes? Then, tour the museum on your own.

- Gallery History Hunts for children are available in the Museum's Route 66 Visitor's Center.**
- The Museum's Resource and Discovery Room is full of fun, hands-on activities for children and books relating to the Museum's exhibits.**
- The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday from Noon-5:00 p.m.**
- Admission is always free for Museum members. Not a member? \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens (60+), \$3 for children ages 4-18, and free for children 3 and under.**

If you would like to be placed on the Museum's Home School Mailing List, please contact Kim at (815) 723-5201, ext. 235. Information about the museum and its programs can be received either via mail or e-mail. Make sure you check out the Museum's website, www.jolietmuseum.org, to learn more about what's going on at the Museum!



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