



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

AT

STUHR MUSEUM OF THE PRAIRIE PIONEER

2019/2020 CATALOG & REGISTRATION INFO

HATS

HERITAGE ACTIVITIES
FOR TODAY'S STUDENTS



Stuhr Museum's Mission

To preserve and portray the inspiring era of the pioneer town builders who created the first communities in Nebraska.

For over 50 years, Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer has offered a variety of opportunities for visitors and students alike to learn about Great Plains community development in the 19th and early 20th century. The story of communities is ever changing, and at Stuhr, we illustrate the community lives of the Pawnee Indians, the "moving community" of the thousands of people who trekked overland trails on their way to create new communities in the west, the plains pioneers who created the fledgling settlements in the central Nebraska region, and more mature towns that grew out of these settlements. Stuhr Museum also recognizes that the story of community development or "Town Building" is one that is never really finished, and we remain a part of the larger communities that continue to evolve to this day.

Since the 1960s, Stuhr Museum has collected and preserved historical artifacts and documents relating to life in Nebraska's plains communities from the 1860s through the 1930s. These artifacts are the tools we use to bring history alive and help visitors and students understand the economic, political and cultural development of plains life and how or why it relates to them. These tools play a key role in the museum's educational offerings that focus on the diversity of Nebraska's heritage, its people and their lives.

Stuhr's largest artifacts are the homes and businesses that have been collected and assembled from the central Nebraska region to represent various communities on the plains. These communities include an 1840s Pawnee Earth Lodge, an 1850s-60s log Road Rancho and plains settlement, The inland town of Runelsburg - missed by the railroad in the 1870s, this area represents a community that would eventually fade away, Ovina and Railroad Town, Nebr. - the rural trade centers that were helped by their railroad connections and drew in customers, who worked on the ranch in Ovina's case, or bustling Railroad Town, who drew in customers from the surrounding miles to support it and its businesses. The historical areas are supported by a large research facility - the Edgar and Frances Reynolds Research Center, three modern exhibit buildings - the Farm Machinery building is open seasonally, and the Gus Fonner Memorial Rotunda and Stuhr Building are open year round.

H.A.T.S. Heritage Activities for Today's Students

The H.A.T.S. program of education classes was introduced at Stuhr Museum in 1982. H.A.T.S. classes are not field trips, they are an extension of the classroom with intergraded curriculum based on instructional units for kindergarten through high school. H.A.T.S. classes are taught by Interpretive Museum Educators who dress in period appropriate clothing to help history come alive. Each grade level builds upon the previous year's subject material, and covers a diverse range of topics.

Stuhr Museum's classes provide learning opportunities that are compliment with the Nebraska State Standards in the areas of Social Studies/History, Reading/Writing and Science. A complete review of how H.A.T.S. classes compliment and support these standards is ongoing.

Our Objectives

- *To provide a complete year round, hands on experiential program, which teaches history in a manner that brings it to life and makes it relevant to the student.
- * To provide programs that meet the needs of students at all learning levels.
- * To provide teachers and the community with useful and relevant information.

Stuhr Museum's Educational Opportunities fall under the guidance of the **Interpretive Resources Department**. Our Departmental Mission is to inspire curiosity and promote understanding of the era of Plains community development through interpretation and education based on scholarly research using archival and material culture artifacts.

H.A.T.S. Class Registration and Fees

Registrations can be made by mailing or e-mailing a completed registration form to the Stuhr Museum Education Department. If you need another copy of the form, one can be downloaded from our website at stuhrmuseum.org. You may also call (308) 385-5316 ext. 204 to register.

We will be strictly enforcing the 1:5 adult to student ratio as well as requiring the names of chaperones to be provided to us no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled class. Any adults above the 1:5 ratio or not registered with the education department may not be admitted to any H.A.T.S. classes.

For any questions, please contact the education department.

1- and 2-hour H.A.T.S. Classes

\$4.25/student

\$4.25/per chaperone*

**NO CHARGE for School Personnel/
Home Educators* within ratio**

5-hour Discovery Days

A Day at the Rural School (Bring a sack lunch)
Civil War Camp of Instruction (Bring a sack lunch,
names of students must be e-mailed by January 15)

\$6.75/student

\$6.75/per chaperone*

**NO CHARGE for School Personnel/
Home Educators* within ratio**

Pioneer Living (Meal included. Each site holds a limited number; groups larger than 14 will be split.)

Overland Trails (Meal included.)

\$8.25/student

\$8.25/per chaperone*

**\$5.75/School Personnel/ Home Educators
Home Educators***

Payment Procedures

Public & Private Schools

Allowing us to bill your school after your H.A.T.S. class is the preferred option; however if you would like to make payment on the day of the H.A.T.S. class, please pay at the Gate House upon arrival. Make checks payable to Stuhr Museum, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Museum Memberships do not cover H.A.T.S. classes.

Home Educators

Please include your payment when submitting registration form by mail. If registering by phone, payment can be made over the phone with a Visa or MasterCard, or by check received within 7 days of registration. Should you need to reschedule, please call the Education Department at least 7 business days prior to your class, so that we can reschedule your group at no additional fee. If you choose to cancel participation in a class, no refunds will be made unless the person cancelling notifies the Education Department at least 7 business days prior to the class date. A refund will result in an administration charge of 10%. Museum Memberships do not cover H.A.T.S. classes.

Student - Any child in a public, private or home education class in grades K-12.

Chaperone - Any adult not associated with or employed professionally by the public or private school.

School Personnel - Any person employed professionally by a public or private school, including teachers, para professionals and bus drivers. School identification is required.

Home Educator - Any person who is the primary educator of home educated students.

Space is limited in many of our class sites for safety reasons. Students are given first preference, educators second, and chaperones third. Children younger than the specified grade level are not permitted.

While there will be some specific names, dates and locations mentioned in HATS Classes, our primary goal is to provide students with an experience that they cannot get out of a textbook.



**KINDERGARTEN
SPRING ON THE FARM
(*ONE HOUR CLASS*)**

DATES: April 13 - May 8, 2020

TIMES: 9:00-10:00 / 10:30-11:30 / 12:30-2:30 / 1:45-2:45

On a farm in the 1880s, everyone was expected to pitch in and help with chores, and there were no exceptions for young children. In the barn, they will help with chores while learning about the various animals a farm might have had, including goats and sheep, and how these animals were used. They will also visit the chicken coop to see and talk about chickens, with a chance to hold a baby chick. Other farm chores will be explored as well, including pumping water and, and the importance of the farm bell.



TWO HOUR H.A.T.S. CLASSES

**FIRST GRADE
FALL ON THE FARM**

DATES: Sept. 9 - Oct. 18, 2019 **TIMES: 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30**

Students in this class will learn about all the daily fall farm chores that everyone in a farm family on the Nebraska plains in the 19th century would have done. Near the house they will pump and haul water, wash clothes using a scrub board, and hang them on the clothes line. From there they will visit the barn, windmill, chicken coop, granary and garden, stopping to complete their chores at each. Once the work is done outside they will move to the Cleary Farmhouse porch to shell, grind and sift corn for later use in baking. As they prepare to leave, they visit the carriage house to see if the buggy will be ready for a trip to town later in the week.



**FIRST GRADE
PAWNEE CHILDREN**

DATES: Sept. 9 - Oct. 18, 2019 & April 13 - May 15, 2020 **TIMES: 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30**

Students will examine Pawnee family life, particularly the life of a young Pawnee child on the Nebraska plains in the 1840s. The class takes place in and near the Pawnee Earth lodge. The lodge and a tipi will be visited, and how they were used by Pawnees families will be discussed. Pawnee children's chores will be taught and each child will have a chance to handle reproduction or artifact tools and utensils and experience several activities, including grinding corn and helping to set up a small tipi. The visit is not complete without a chance to visit Sampson the bison, and learn how bison were hunted and used by the Pawnee.



**SECOND GRADE
WINTER ON THE PLAINS**

DATES: Nov. 4 - Dec. 13, 2019 **TIMES: 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30**

This class provides students with a setting to learn about winter family life on the Nebraska plains in the 19th century, with plenty of opportunities to try their hand at several chores, as well as taking a peek at some holiday gifts. Students will also help with winter holiday preparation and learn about holiday celebrations on the plains. Class locations include the 1850s Vieregg Cabin, the 1880s Hired Man's House, 1890s Peter Stuhr House, and the 1900s Cleary Farmhouse. Each location offers a unique experience. Classes will be assigned a location depending upon size unless a specific site is requested at the time of registration. Register early, as these classes are popular and fill quickly!



**THIRD GRADE & UP
19TH CENTURY COMMUNITIES**

DATES: April 13 - May 15, 2020 **TIMES: 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30**

This class is geared towards the third grade level and above. Students will study the characteristics of communities of the 19th century, and examine the diverse communities of Native Americans, early plains settlers and booming railroad towns. Local government and laws within the communities as well as their impact on citizens will be discussed. Financial considerations such as bartering, trading, marketing of goods and taxation will be explored. Community patterns such as land use, roads, etc. will be studied. Hands-on activities will include mapping of towns and communities, role playing of community members, and decision making as a community.





THIRD GRADE & UP TRANSPORTATION

DATES: Sept. 9 - Oct. 18, 2019 & April 13 - May 15, 2020 **TIMES:** 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30

The class begins near the Static Train Display with a discussion of transportation on the Overland Trails and the meaning of the terms transportation and migration. The class then moves into the Gus Fonner Memorial Rotunda where they discover how the harness and the ox yoke are used to connect the horse or the ox to plows or wagons. The class then moves to Railroad Town where various wagons are viewed, and their unique parts - tongues verses shafts, brakes, leaf springs and wheels are compared. The class then moves from animal power to steam power with a visit to the rail yards in Railroad Town. The jobs of railroad employees, including the Station Master, Engineer, Fireman, Conductor and Brakeman are examined as the Depot and the Caboose are explored. The class ends with students learning how to operate the hand car on the rails.

FOURTH GRADE & UP RURAL SCHOOL

DATES: Sept. 9, 2019 - May 15, 2020 **TIMES:** 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30

Students will start by raising the flag just outside the school house and then move into the cloakroom, where daily procedures are discussed and a few period items viewed. Once seated in the desks general information about the life of 1880s Nebraska students and teachers are explained. The remainder of the class is taught in first person, as if the students were attending school in 1888. Students will study reading and arithmetic using reproduction textbooks and chalk slates, penmanship using nib pens and ink, geography viewing an 1888 reproduction map, history using pictures and paintings in the room and participate in a spelling bee. The class ends with the final bell, signalling a resumption of modern life, with just enough time for questions and answers.



FIFTH GRADE & UP GREAT PLAINS PAWNEE

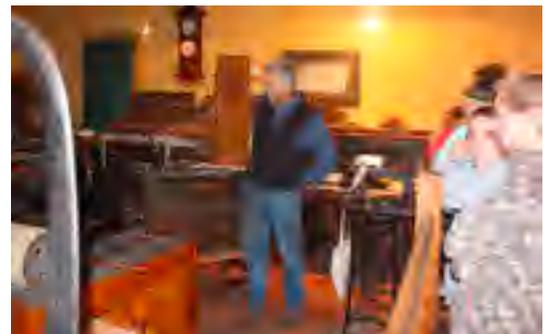
DATES: Sept. 9 - Oct. 18, 2019 & April 13 - May 15, 2020 **TIMES:** 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30

Beginning in the Gus Fonner Memorial Rotunda students will take a look at the tribes of the Nebraska plains, with a specific focus on the indigenous Nebraska tribe, the Pawnee. Plains life before the horse, trappers and traders will be discussed. The class then moves to the nearby Overland Trail marker, where students will learn about the impact of westward expansion on the Pawnee. A visit to Sampson the bison will follow, where they will learn about the use of bison by the plains tribes, and how the eventual destruction of most of the bison on the plains contributed to the decline of the tribes. The class will also visit the tipi and Earth Lodge to learn about family structure, social customs, and daily life and have the opportunity to handle both reproduction and artifact tools, utensils and other material culture items.

FIFTH GRADE & UP 19TH CENTURY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY - TRADES

DATES: Sept. 9 - Oct. 18, 2019 & April 13 - May 15, 2020
TIMES: 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30

This class is for students in fifth grade and older. Students will learn how science and technology of the late 19th century affected the daily lives of those who worked in communities on the plains. The focus of this class will be on the science and technology related to community business and trades, with an emphasis on communication, transportation and power. Students will experience how science and technology helped communities businesses though several hands on opportunities.



FIFTH GRADE & UP ROAD RANCHE

DATES: Sept. 9 - Oct. 18, 2019 & April 13 - May 15, 2020
TIMES: 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30

Class begins in the Stuhr Building at the wagon display that shows a family stopped for a "nooning" on the trail. The various trails through Nebraska and preparations for an overland journey in the mid-19th century will be discussed. From here the class will travel to the Log Road Ranche, where students will learn about the important role these stopover points along the trail played and what this meant for weary travelers heading both directions. Early settlement lifestyles will be discussed, and a few of the artifacts of early plains life survival demonstrated.

FIVE HOUR H.A.T.S. CLASSES - DISCOVERY DAYS



FOURTH GRADE & UP A ONE-ROOM SCHOOL DAY

DATES OFFERED: Sept. 9, 2019 - May 15, 2020 **TIME:** 9:30-2:30

This class takes place at the Rural School and is available from the first of October until the end of April. Expanding considerably on the two hour Rural School class, students will be able get a more in depth experience with each subject taught during a typical 1888 school day. Following an overview of the class and expectations, the remainder of the class is taught in first person, as if the students were attending school in 1888. Areas of study include reading, arithmetic, penmanship, history and spelling. The class will use reproduction text books, slates, chalk, dip pens & ink, an 1888 reproduction map, photographs and more. Students are encouraged to bring a period appropriate lunch for noon. The day includes two recess periods where students will experience popular period games. Class ends with the final bell, signalling a resumption of modern life, with just enough time for questions and answers.

FOURTH GRADE & UP PIONEER LIVING

DATES OFFERED: Jan. 13 - March 27, 2020 **TIME:** 9:30-2:30

Class locations include the 1850s Vieregg Cabin, the 1880s Hired Man's House, 1890s Peter Stuhr House and the 1900s Cleary Farmhouse. Each location offers a very unique experience. Class begins with a quick tour of the "out-houses" and their various uses. Once inside work begins on preparation of the noon meal, with each student helping to prepare a stew, corn gems, churn butter, and corn cob jelly, using a wood cook stove and other tools of the period. After dinner, there are many chores to do and students will focus on the daily chores that were necessary for survival on the plains, and each person's responsibilities to the family and established community, with an opportunity to compare this with life today.



FOURTH GRADE & UP CIVIL WAR - JOINING THE CAUSE

WEEK OFFERED: APRIL 20 - 24, 2020 **TIME:** 9:30-2:30

In the past few years we have received requests to be able to accommodate larger numbers of students, to have better weather, to be able to provide more interactive involvement and less lecture time in this class while still telling the stories you've come to enjoy. We are unable to do much about the weather, but we would like to present this opportunity to address the rest of the requests. The class will be relocated to Railroad Town, be set ups in stations, and be able to accommodate multiple classes at one time. The stations will include: Enlistment, 1861 Medical Exam, Tents and Shelters, Weapons of War, News of 1861, Military Drill Instruction, Women in the War & on the Home Front, Rations, Uniforms, Stories and Medicine during the War. Other stations may be added. Students will be able to spend more open ended time at each station. More details and a teacher packet are available on the museum's website.



FOURTH GRADE & UP OVERLAND TRAILS

DATES OFFERED: April 13 - May 15, 2020 **TIME:** 9:30-2:30

Students will learn about the Overland Trails, the reasons behind the Great Migration and how to prepare for the trip. Students will select supplies, load them into the hand carts, pull the hand carts along the trail, stopping to purchase or trade for supplies at the Taylor Store, and many other points along the way to inspect trail debris or read from the journals. They will reach a place where a wagon has stopped, proving it is a good location for a "noonin." Supplies will be unloaded and students will prepare their meal. While eating and resting, students will discuss the trail life of these moving communities, the hardships they endured and their impact on the growth of the nation. Once the meal is over, they will pack up and resume the walk on the trail, eventually returning to the start location to conclude journal readings and discuss their day.

(Warm, layered clothing and comfortable walking shoes are required)



Notes on the H.A.T.S. Two Hour Classes

***We ask that you use our pre-scheduled class times of 9:00-11:00 or 12:30-2:30.** However, we know some schools have long distances to travel and may not be able to make that work. If these times do not work for you, please let us know right away when scheduling so we can best meet your needs.

*Students are welcome to bring their lunches to eat either before or after classes. If you plan to do this, please let us know when registering so we make sure someone is available to meet you for check-in.

*We have very limited interior areas for lunch, and their use must be scheduled ahead of your class day. When the weather is more favorable, there are a number of outdoor locations for lunch.

*Self-guided museum tours may be added before or after a H.A.T.S. class for an additional \$2/person.

Notes on the H.A.T.S. Discovery Days

*These structured classes provide in-depth study of topics that are taught in the (H.A.T.S.) program and can be selected by the teacher to meet the special needs of the class and its curriculum. All of these classes are first- person, living history experiences and are crafted for 4th grade students and up.

Custom Classes or Programs.

*Museum educators are willing to work with you to develop a unique, one-of-a-kind experience for your students. Our staff can help you plan, prepare and implement your program either in the class room or at Stuhr Museum.

Call 308-385-5316 ext. 204 or e-mail education@stuhrmuseum.org to request more information.

MAY FIELD TRIPS

If a H.A.T.S. class will not work for you, May Field Trips can be another option. These visits are scheduled in May once Railroad Town is open, and includes a docent tour of the Fonner Rotunda or Stuhr Building. You will then have time to explore the grounds on your own. Cost is \$6.25 per student or chaperone, no charge for school staff.

PLEASE NOTE: Chaperones are required for your Field Trip visit and we require students to act in a respectful and safe manner toward the museum grounds and employees. Picnic areas are available on a first come/first served basis.

To schedule a May Field Trip, contact Tracy at events@stuhrmuseum.org or call 308-385-5316, ext 205. Please specify that you are wanting a May Field Trip and not a HATS class so we direct your request to the correct person.



ELLA EPP EDUCATION FUND

Established in June of 2003, the Ella Epp Education Fund provides matching scholarships for Nebraska school children from Class A, B, C, and D public schools to attend H.A.T.S. classes at Stuhr Museum.

The fund was established by Barbara and Peter Dessart and is named for Mrs. Dessart's mother, Ella Epp of Henderson, NE. Ms. Epp taught for 35 years in Nebraska public schools, including North Platte, Sutton and Henderson, before her retirement in 1998. She served as president of the Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) and president and board member of the Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA)-Capitol District.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

*Class A, B, C and D public schools are eligible annually for matching student tuition scholarships for Stuhr Museum's H.A.T.S. classes from the Ella Epp Education Fund.

*All public schools who return their completed registration form by June 15, 2019 will be automatically entered into the drawing to receive an Ella Epp Scholarship.

*Entry in the scholarship drawing is by H.A.T.S. class title. For example, if your school registers for seven of the fourteen H.A.T.S. classes offered, your school will be entered into the drawing seven times. However, schools may only receive one matching tuition scholarship in each academic year.

*The scholarship drawing will be done in July. Schools will be notified by mail no later than August 15th if they have won a tuition matching scholarship.

*If all funds are not awarded by the drawing date in July, remaining funds will be used to recruit a school that has not previously attended Stuhr Museum's H.A.T.S. classes.

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☞ Register for H.A.T.S. Classes by mailing in the class registration form to H.A.T.S. Registration - Stuhr Museum - 3133 W US HWY 34 - Grand Island, NE 68801-7280



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☞ If you do not have a Registration form with this catalog, or need a second copy, one can be downloaded from our web site: stuhrmuseum.org.

☞ Call 308-385-5316 ext 204 or email education@stuhrmuseum.org with any registration questions.