



SCHOOL AND TEACHER RESOURCES

Wenatchee Valley
Museum



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YOUTH ON THE COLUMBIA

Unforgettable adventures that include hands-on learning at the Museum and paddling a voyageur canoe at Confluence State Park and hands-on learning at the Museum. Safety equipment including life jackets are provided.

Spring

Native American Study - 3rd Grade this field experience educates students about the indigenous populations of the Columbia Plateau. Students will participate in a variety of hands-on activities including examining trade networks, oral traditions, and guided tours of exhibits.

Fall/Spring

Explorer Focus - 4th Grade this field experience educates students about European Exploration of the Columbia Plateau and the subsequent impact of the fur trade on indigenous people. This hands-on curriculum includes specific study of explorer David Thompson.

Fall/Spring

Water Ways - 5th Grade this field experience educates students about the water ways and the issue of water quality. The dynamics of river systems are explored through a variety of hands-on activities including microscopic and chemical analysis of collected water samples. This curriculum discusses the impact of human activities on water quality and students are challenged to develop possible solutions to mitigate that impact.

MY SKY TOURS

Join us for a fun-filled day at the museum learning about the earth, moon, and stars! In this program students will learn about some of the legends of the night sky, constellations, the space race, and current NASA programs. This tour includes an immersive experience in our new exhibit *My Sky*!

My Sky is a unique traveling exhibit that introduces children to foundational science skills such as observing, noticing patterns, predicting, estimating, and thinking creatively. These skills are fundamental to science and serve as building blocks to later, more complex STEM thinking and doing. *My Sky* was created by Boston Children's Museum and partner Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and sponsored by NASA.

The My Sky experience is offered Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, October 15th - December 18th, 2019.

WENATCHEE VALLEY MUSEUM
& CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS

MY SKY

IN COLLABORATION WITH NASA



PIONEER LIFE

An amazing **1st Grade** field experience that takes students on a trip back in time to the life of the pioneers from 1800s - 1920s. Students learn what it was like to live in Wenatchee before there were cars and electricity. This hands-on curriculum includes making butter, playing pioneer games, and learning about transportation by railcar with a demonstration of our model train.

The Pioneer Life experience is offered Thursdays and Fridays, October 17th - December 20th, 2019.

ICE AGE ADVENTURES

An incredible field experience designed to teach **2nd Graders** about the geological wonders of our valley caused by the Ice Age Floods, the culture of Clovis people, and the beautiful stone artifacts they left behind in the Wenatchee Valley 11,000 years ago. Hands-on activities include atlatl demonstrations, archaeological dig, rock identification, map building, storytelling, and guided tours of the Clovis exhibit.

Ice Age Adventures are offered Tuesdays - Fridays, January 7th - February 28th, 2020.

MUSEUM TOURS

Museum exhibits are accessible through guided or self-led tours. You may visit any of our exhibits or choose a themed tour. Guided tours can be customized to fit special interests or curriculum.

Exhibits:

Liberty Theater Pipe Organ • Great Northern Railway Diorama • Pangborn • Coyote's Corner • Native People of the Columbia Plateau • Ice Age Mystery • Our People, Our Place • Washington's Apple Industry

Guided Themed Tours:

Pioneer Life: Experience early settlement days in the Wenatchee Valley and explore how pioneers lived, worked, and traveled.

First People: Explore the rich culture, history, and art of the Native Americans who have lived in the Wenatchee Valley for thousands of years.

WA State History: Discover the exciting history and cultural heritage of our state.

Self-Led Tours:

Explore several, or all, of our exhibits on your own. Take along our Exhibit Guide to make the most of your visit.

Contact the Museum to make a reservation. For current exhibit information visit the Museum's website at wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.



MUSEUM TO YOU BOXES

These self-contained educational kits contain objects and activity guides for hands-on learning, designed to supplement classroom curricula or provide a club activity. Each box contains an Educator's Guide. The Museum offers 10 boxes on natural history, and 4 boxes on cultural history. Teachers may reserve these boxes for up to two weeks. Two weeks notice is suggested, as reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$15 per week.

Natural History

Bird Box: Soar into the wonderful world of birds with this introductory box. Includes specimens, feathers, nests, eggs, and books.

Birds of Prey: Investigate the feathers and ecology of Washington's eagles, hawks, and owls. Includes specimens, owl pellet dissection, and activities.

Butterfly: Investigate beautiful butterflies and their important place in our ecosystem. Includes specimens, activities, and posters.

Elk: Examine the biology of elk and their surrounding environment. Includes specimens, activities, and posters.

Fin Bin and Wild Salmon: Explore the life cycle of the salmon. Includes specimens and activities.

Plant Discovery: Explore the rich plant life of Eastern Washington. Includes curriculum, posters, books, and models.

Plants for People: Take a tour of the natural "grocery store" found in plants growing on the Columbia Plateau. Includes plant samples, poster, and activities.

Water and Bugs: Examine life above and below the water line. Includes curriculum, posters, and water-quality test kits.

Wildfire: Learn about wildfire behavior and the role of wildfire in the Eastern Cascades ecosystem. Includes artifacts, books, and activities.

Wolf Box: Use skulls, hides, tracks, and scat to examine the magnificent, and often maligned, wolf. Includes specimens and reference books.

Cultural History

Trading Post: This lively reader's theater play introduces the fur traders, Native Americans, Chinese miners, and settlers who came through Wenatchee's Miller-Freer Trading post in the 1880s. Includes script, costumes, and artifacts.

Visit with Mrs. Johnson: Investigate Central Washington dry-land farming and water use around 1905. Includes script, costumes, and artifacts.

Wenatchi Culture: Learn about the resilient, resourceful culture of the Wenatchi Indian people and their yearly cycle of life. Includes script, PowerPoint, artifacts, and activities.

Visit with Mrs. Tibbets: Discover the impact of water on turn-of-the-century life along our local rivers. Includes script, costumes, and artifacts.



To make a reservation, visit our website to access our Program Request Form or contact Education Specialist: Debbie Sawyer | dsawyer@wvmcc.org | (509) 888-6243