



Virtual School Days FAQ

What is the content included in 2020's Virtual School Days?

Virtual School Days will be a blend of our former Spring and Fall School Days programs. In order for us to align our content more to your curriculum, we have altered this program to include the following discussions:

- Native American Populations
- Early Europeans in the Fox Valley
- The Fur Trade
- Daily life of a Pioneer
- Historic food and cooking
- Life of a child in 1800s Wisconsin

Much of the content will be familiar to those teachers who have attended one or both of the programs in the past.

How long will the Virtual School Days program be?

This program will be about one hour long. With the program being virtual, it will be presented in a narrative format as an interactive story that students will engage with.

What is the cost?

Because this is our first time doing Virtual School Days and we understand schools will have limited funds for field trips, we are offering special pricing. Students will be \$2.50 each, and as always, teachers and chaperones are free.

How do I register for the online format?

Fill out the [Google Form](#) that is on our website. Our Education and Collections Manager will get an email showing that you completed the form and will contact you to. Your registration for the program will be complete once we receive payment. You can pay online by clicking the link on the submission page of the form or mail a check to the History Museum at the Castle 330 E. College Ave, Appleton, WI 54911.

I already filled out the Google Form for Fall School Days, but...

I want a different date?

Email our [Education and Collections Manager](#) and give us a few days and times that work for you. We will get back to you within 7 business days to your program date.



I don't want to attend the program anymore?

We understand this isn't what you signed up for. Email our [Education and Collections Manager](#), and we refund you if you've already paid. If you haven't already paid, please just let us know that you no longer want to participate in the program.

I want to transfer my registration to Spring School Days?

We can do that, but please be aware that we do not anticipate being able to have Spring School Days in person. There is a very good chance Spring School Days will be online, also. If you still wish to do this, reach out to our [Education and Collections Manager](#) and we will transfer your registration.

When will I know the date and time of my virtual field trip?

Our Education and Collections Manager will reach out to you, confirming the date of your program, within 7 business days of your request.

I typically register not only my class, but my school's entire 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade. Can we all do the program at one time?

We can certainly accommodate this -- to a point. We can have up to 100 devices on our video calls. If you are doing distance learning, and your group has more than 100 people (including teachers!) who will be tuning in on individual devices, we will need to split your group up.

What video call program will we need to use for the program?

We will be using Zoom. We have found it helps us provide the best product we can offer. If you have concerns about using Zoom, please contact our [Education and Collections Manager](#).

What will happen leading up to the day of the program?

Our Education and Collections Manager will send you two links: one will be a test video call to try the day before the program, and the other will be the video call link for the program. When the Education and Collections Manager contacts you with the date of your program, they will schedule the test call and the program itself.



I loved the hands-on component to Fall School Days - how will this be different?

We love getting kids interested in history through hands-on activities and interaction. Our presenter will ask the kids a lot of questions during the program to make it as interactive as possible. We will show pictures, diagrams, and artifacts to students through the video call. We will also be encouraging kids to get up from their seats and do some investigating around their home or classroom (we will work out with you during our test call how this can be done while following your school's safety measures).

If my school switches to distance learning before our virtual field trip, how will this affect the program?

We have planned this program to work for your class whether you're in the classroom or the kids are at home. We've worked hard to make the virtual version as interactive and equitable as possible.

Will the mercantile still be a part of the program?

Yes! We have moved our gift shop online as part of a post-field trip activity/lesson. There will be a variety of themed bags for the students to choose from in a wide range of prices. We will send you the order form and instructions when we confirm your program date and time.

Will the pre- and post-visit lesson plan packet be available?

Yes - we are working on editing and adding some lessons to fit curriculum better and make sure the lessons are well-suited for distance learning. We will send you these lessons when we confirm your program date and time.