Virtual School Days FAQ

What is the content included in the 2020-2021 School Year'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.

Is there a minimum number of students required to book the program?

Yes – we require 15 students minimum to schedule the program. If your class or home school family/group is smaller than this, please email us, and we can help find ways to make the program work for you.

How do I register for the online format?

Email our Education and Collections Manager with a few dates and times that work for you. 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.

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 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 the video call link for the program and a few questions to help us prepare for the program, such as whether your class is all in the classroom or distance learning. These will help us be better prepared for the program on the day of.

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 how and if 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 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. If you wish to use these lessons, please let us know.