

Field Trip Grants

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Field Trip Destination Type
History Center/Cultural Center

Field Trip Destination Name
Historic Arkansas Museum

Field Trip Date
April 2015

Field Trip Description

Have you ever wanted to go back in time? During this field trip to a historic museum, that is exactly what students will experience. They will step into the state's frontier history.

The objective of the field trip is to enhance an Arkansas History unit "Frontier Life in Arkansas" by exposing students to history discussed within the curriculum and having them build upon this knowledge by collecting information and reporting it back to the classroom. The farming and agriculture are at the foundation of our nation's food supply, economy, and culture.

Through the ages, agriculture has been invaluable in shaping how our families live and work. Arkansas Frontier features this rich farming past with living history programs and events that are fun for the whole family. With an interactive experience that goes far beyond the pages of a history book, one can see the lifestyle of early American pioneers.

Visitors to the farm see replicated living quarters of an early 1900's home. Tour guides dressed in period clothing demonstrate the chores of family members during this time. Compare the differences in education by attending a lesson in a one-room school house. Experience the culture of Native American Indians including how they lived and gathered food. Arkansas Frontier's Living History Farm will undoubtedly be worthy of a page in your own family's history book.

This field trip experience is important because it breathes life into the history of state. It will enable students to expand their learning in a way that is impossible in the normal history classroom.

It is important for students to have this opportunity outside the classroom, because the majority are low performing, low income students. Often students from low income families aren't exposed to museums, exhibits or educational centers.

How many students, staff, and volunteers will be participating?

Students

Staff 22

Volunteers 6

Benefits of Proposed Field Trip

Students will benefit from the field trip, because when more than one method of learning is accessed as in hands-on learning the real-world application, the information has a better chance of being stored in the memory for useful retrieval. Students who have difficulty in the learning arena for reason of ESL barriers, learning disabilities, or behavioral interference can be found to be on task more often because they are part of the learning process and not just spectators.

This experience will benefit the curriculum by building on the knowledge taught in the history unit, Frontier Life in Arkansas. In this unit, students will explore in hands-on learning activities to help better understand a strand of the Arkansas History Frameworks.

Students will discover what frontier life was like in Arkansas, why agriculture has been invaluable in shaping lives, and compare the differences in education from then to now. Students will see replicated living quarters of an early 1900's home. Tour guides dressed in period clothing demonstrate the chores of family members during this time. Compare the differences in education by attending a lesson in a one-room school house. Experience the culture of Native American Indians including how they lived and gathered food. Arkansas Frontier's Living History Farm will undoubtedly be worthy of a page in your own family's history book.

These activities supported by the field trip will be evaluated on a rubric by participation, procedures, observations, conclusions, presentation, and self-evaluation. These activities will be further assessed informally on in class assignments, homework, and group work. They will also be assessed on quizzes, tests, and the state mandated tests.

Use of Funds

Transportation	\$200
Activity Fees	\$260
Supplies	\$100
Resources	\$0
Food	\$140
All Other Costs	\$0
Total Cost	\$700