

GROUP TOUR POLICY FOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Cost - \$4.00 – students

\$4.00 – Adults (at the student price on field trips)

1. Payment accepted is Cash/Check/Credit Card. This is how the museum is funded and we are grateful!
2. Please arrange a date and time to visit at least 2 weeks in advance.
3. Please call and confirm the day before with an estimate of the number attending.
4. Buses need to approach the museum driveway from the west as there is a divider on Sprague making it impossible to pull into the driveway from the east. The buses are to pull into the parking lot from the museum driveway on Sprague Ave and will be able to pull through to exit through the alley onto Pines after the tour. A volunteer will direct the bus at the driveway entrance. Please communicate this with the bus driver.
5. Students will step off the bus in the back area of the museum property and a volunteer will explain the format of the tour and groups will be formed.
6. Please review safe behavior at a museum with students before arriving:
 - a. Walk with hands to yourself
 - b. Use inside voices

- c. Listen when someone is presenting.
 - d. Do not touch or lean on the glass cabinets
7. Please leave backpacks on the bus. Also, no food or drink or gum is allowed inside to protect artifacts.
 8. We kindly ask that teachers and parents assist with supervision.



Dear Educator:

Thank you for choosing to bring your students to the Spokane Valley Heritage Museum!

The museum volunteers and staff are especially delighted to share our community's history with young learners! We have numerous interactive exhibits and activities that will enrich their understanding of our heritage.

The museum is located in an historic building, the Opportunity Township Hall. Erected in 1912, the hall has served the community as a center of identity and community activities for well over a century. We are very proud of preserving this extraordinary building and happy to share its significance in our community.

We are able to accommodate large groups during the nicer months, as the outside exhibit area is open. We have hosted as many as 90 students, teachers and chaperones in an organized successful format by assembling 20-25 students in groups, depending on the total number of the tour. Students begin in station 1, 2 or 3 and will rotate to each station after

approximately 20-30 minutes in each station depending on the time allotted for the museum visit.

A tour typically takes over an hour, but a longer time is suggested so that the students can have enough time to experience all the museum has to offer. We strongly recommend that you do not schedule a tour right before students lunch hour or immediately after.

The museum is not static and exhibits change. Check our website for current information. Teachers requesting specific programs to enhance their curriculum should let the director know. For example, students studying local history will enjoy a presentation (at grade level) in the “Under One Sky” exhibit. This exhibit includes the Fur Traders, Missionaries, the Mullan Road, Indian artifacts and so much more!

Occasionally a teacher will request information be shared on the historic school that preceded the school the students attend. The museum archives contain images of all the early Valley Schools.

Outside activities enhance the learning experience as students can compare and contrast then and now. A few examples include:

- Making butter (hands-on experience for students).
- Pumping water from hand pumps (won't get wet).

- Planting seeds in Styrofoam cups to take with them.
- Shelling corn/grinding corn.

We look forward to seeing you as you discover all the history we have to share!

If you have further questions, please contact:

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