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FRANKENMUTH
HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Educational Program Guide for 2019

All programs include COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION to the FHA Museum

Some programs can travel to your location within a 30-mile radius of Frankenmuth for an additional travel fee, equal to the current IRS mileage reimbursement. Some programs will require modifications.

Log House Programs

These programs are offered at the Wolkensdoerfer Log House, an authentic frankenmuth artifact, built in the 1850's, renovated in 1870, and moved to Cross Park (7760 S. Main) in 1984. Offered April – November, also available in March and December depending on temperature and ground conditions.

Pioneer Living Program

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

This hands-on program allows you to experience life in the late 1800s, compare it to today, and develop an appreciation for how times have changed. A tour guide will relate the history of early Frankenmuth, the log house, and the Wolkensdoerfer family. Then visitors will enjoy their choice of three hands-on activities such as butter making, candle making, quill pen writing, clothes washing, tin punch, exploring handmade toys, spinning wool, and more.

Log House Tour

1 hour/\$4.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

A tour guide will relate the history of early Frankenmuth, the log house, and the Wolkensdoerfer family. Custom Program time and price varies. Let us design a program just for your group. Would your group like to meet at the log house for an activity of your own? Would you like to choose just 1 or 2 activities? If so, call and we can arrange something. The first hour will cost \$4.00 per person, our activities may be added on for \$1.00 a piece, with the exception of candle making. Candle making costs an additional \$1.50 per person.

Frankenmuth and American History

Attic Treasures

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Explore treasures from our Frankenmuth Museum “family attic” and get an authentic look at Frankenmuth life in earlier times. Visitors can go through an assortment of clothing, toys, beauty tools, household items, and more. Everything is available to be handled and there are even clothes to be tried on.

Sheep to Yarn

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Students will learn about spinning, weaving, and textiles from years ago. During the program, visitors will learn about raising sheep and harvesting wool. They will comb fresh shaved wool, use a drop spindle, and learn about the wool’s journey from sheep to yarn. Visitors will do an age appropriate craft.

Wild Weeds and Foraging (seasonal)

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Embrace the wild and eat your weeds. Plants have been used historically for food, medicine, and ceremonies. Learn to identify which plants are safe and how to utilize them. Learn nutritional and health benefits, taste a variety of plants and learn how to incorporate them in your everyday life.

Old Time Quilling

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Also called paper Filigre. It has been around since the 15th century. Learn how to coil and shape narrow strips of paper to create a design. Quilling is creatively satisfying and fun. Make holiday cards or bookmarks for friends.

Michigan’s Native Americans

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Become familiar with the first inhabitants of our area. What impact did they have on us? How did they live, what did they eat, where did they play? Explore more than traditions through stories and hands-on games, activities, and crafts.

Celebrating our German-American Heritage

Frankenmuth Historical Museum has, as one of its missions, the responsibility for preserving the cultural heritage that makes Frankenmuth the “Little Bavaria” of Michigan. The following programs explore the German immigrant experience and the preservation of the community’s unique German-American culture for future generations.

Christmas Traditions

2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Offered at the museum. Based on a German Christmas, celebrated in 19th century Frankenmuth, this program highlights the joys of the season. A museum guide will share the history of different Christmas customs, such as Krist Kindle, Pelzenickel, and Saint Nicholas. Hands-on activities may include making a Scherenschnitte card, grating spices, and making a special Christmas ornament or decoration.

Old World Spring and Easter Traditions **2 hours/\$7.00 per person**

Minimum group size is 10

Offered at the Museum. This program combines Old World Easter traditions and history with hands-on projects. We will celebrate the season by coloring eggs using natural dyes such as onion skins, coffee, beets, etc. Visitors will learn about how the Pysankey eggs in the museum were created and how Easter was celebrated in Frankenmuth in the early 1900’s. We will also discuss the Maypole and other spring activities.

German Culture Kits

May be rented by German language teachers, world history teachers, or other interested groups for a fee of \$15.00 for one month plus shipping.

Frankenmuth Extras

Passport to Profit

\$4-\$5 per person

A program for children and adults to learn business and economics related skills and concepts. Takes place at the Frankenmuth River Place shopping area. A passport will be provided with goals, terms and questions to be completed by the traveler. Businesses will provide a stamp for each page of the passport. We can make copies for you, and the program will be \$5 per person. You can make your own copies and program will be \$4 per person. Offered weather permitting.

Frankenmuth Amazing Race

2 hours/\$5.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Have fun finding clues and earning points by answering questions about the local businesses all while walking around beautiful Frankenmuth. Race against friends, families or groups to finish the race. Certificates or Frankenmuth pins to the winners. Offered weather permitting.

Music Traditions (Interactive and Physical Program)

1.5-2 hours/\$8.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Enjoy and learn music and dances from around the world. Experience dances and songs from African Zulu Warriors. Dance the Camel Dance of Israel. Make a mini kazoo and a straw instrument.

Historical Sensory Program

1-2 hours/\$7.00 per person

Minimum group size is 10

Take a journey through time. Enter a ship and hear the waves, hear the lightning crash, listen to the passengers speaking in German. Land and meet the Pastor's wife. Compare and feel items that express old vs. new traditions. Enter a log house. Experience the cramped space of pioneer living. Grind grain. Touch animal pelts. Travel from the past to the future through touch, smell, and listening.

Frankenmuth Historical Museum Tours

Featuring a permanent exhibit highlighting the history of Frankenmuth from its founding in 1845 to its current status as one of Michigan's top tourist attractions, the museum offers hands-on activities for children and interesting insights for adults of all ages. One gallery is also used for temporary exhibits; call the museum to see what is currently on display.

Self-guided tours are included free of charge in all programs offered at the museum. These tours are self-guided and may be done before or after your scheduled program. Offered year round, call for museum hours.

These tours are offered in English. Bilingual (German and English) and German tours are available if requested in advance.

Self-Guided Tours

Walk in any time the museum is open

\$2.00 per adult

\$1.00 per child

\$5.00 per family

Guided Tours

Must be set up at least a week in advance
to ensure guide availability.

45 minutes to 1 hour

\$3.00 per adult

\$2.00 per student
