

Mason County
Historical Society

Giving History A Future!

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2019 School Programs
Planning Guide

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HISTORIC WHITE PINE VILLAGE • PORT OF LUDINGTON MARITIME MUSEUM

History In Action Days (3rd - 4th grade)

History in Action Days at Historic White Pine Village are special events that fill the village with activity. Every year, several thousand school students attend History in Action Days, expanding their knowledge of the past, thus preparing them for the future. Interpreters are located in the buildings as well as on the grounds, giving students an opportunity to ask first-hand questions about our pioneer history.

Sometimes an interpreter will be doing special activities in a building, such as working in the Blacksmith Shop, cooking in the farm house, or operating the Swedish barn loom in the Artisan Center. Old-fashioned games and candy are available for purchase at the gift shop, and students can participate in a mini one-room school session.

History in Action Days last from approximately 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., the day is full of interactive activities.

Our 2019 History in Action Days are scheduled for May 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th and October 3rd, 10th, & 17th.

Cost for students & chaperones-

\$6.00
\$5.00 Mason County Schools

One Room School Experience (3rd - 4th grade)

Each spring, area third and fourth grade students attend our One Room School Experience at Historic White Pine Village.

The One Room School Experience provides an actual day of school for individual classrooms in our Marchido School, which is an original one-room school from Mason County, built in 1895. Students study lessons read from the McGuffey's Reader and experience recess, as it would have happened over one hundred years ago.

We provide your teacher with an abundance of materials and support, as well as an on-site assistant, and he/she is free to cater the program to his/her classroom. The village will be open for a self-guided tour.

Students normally arrive around 10:00 A.M., and leave around 2:00 P.M.

We are now hosting second generation students whose parents fondly remember their own experience while visiting Historic White Pine Village and attending the one room school.

Maritime History Day (2nd grade)

The Port of Ludington Maritime Museum is housed in Ludington's historic Coast Guard station built in 1934, which remained active until 2004, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum features three full floors of exhibits on various topics of maritime history. Some of the highlights include the history of the railroad car ferries of Ludington, the lighthouses of the region, and the Coast Guard and Life Saving Service, as well as the story of Mason County and several of its prominent residents. Throughout the museum state of the art exhibits tell the story of the lives of the people who were a part of this history. Visitors can look into the recreated cabin of Wallace VanDyke, a famous captain of the car ferries, and watch as he appears to tell them about his life spent sailing the Lakes. The museum is filled with exhibits you can see, hear, read, and interact with; including a fully interactive simulation of being at the wheel of the Pere Marquette 22 as it sails in and out of Ludington harbor in the late 1920s. Learn about the stories of shipwrecks and survivals, the history of an industry that fueled our state and region, and the lives of those who made them possible.

2019 Maritime History Day programming is being offered on Wednesday's in March, April, October and November. For any other days, please call to check for availability.

Cost for students-

\$6.00
\$5.00 Mason County Schools

Cost for chaperones-

\$12.50 per adult



To reserve your classes experience, or for more information, please contact us at 231-843-4808 or heather@mchshistory.org

• PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Booking Your Program

- ◆ We recommend that you book your program several months in advance. Programs **must** be booked a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.
- ◆ Upon registration, you will receive an email that includes a confirmation sheet, a fact sheet and copy of our museum policies.
- ◆ Full payment is due one week prior to your visit to the museum. This should include all students and chaperones. We accept credit card or a check.
- ◆ Reservations are welcome on any of our History in Action Days, Maritime History Days or any time during our regular operating hours.

Chaperone Policy

- ◆ There must be one chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones and additional adults must be included in your total number of participants.
- ◆ Persons not included in your initial reservation may not be permitted to participate, due to the number of other schools on property. If they can be accommodated they would need to make payment before entering the grounds.

Arrival and Departure

- ◆ **Historic White Pine Village (HWPV):** Buses should pull in through the gate, onto the back grass area and then unload.
- ◆ Individual cars can park in parking lot or on any of the grass areas. There is no charge for parking.
- ◆ **Port of Ludington Maritime Museum (PLMM):** Bus parking and drop off is located in the City lot located to the West of the Museum. Pull in and park in the southeast corner of the lot. There is a sidewalk that leads to our museum. There is no charge for parking.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ **Tour Length:** For both HWPV and PLMM we recommend you plan on 1^{1/2}—2 hours for your visit.
- ◆ **Photography** is allowed and encouraged at both HWPV and PLMM.
- ◆ **Lunch area:** Picnic tables are available throughout the grounds at HWPV on a first come basis. A few picnic tables are available at the gazebo by the bus parking for PLMM.
- ◆ **Personal Items:** Students and teachers are strongly encouraged to leave all personal items at school or on the bus. The Society cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items.
- ◆ **Tour Capacity:** On History In Action Days at HWPV we are limited to 800 students. PLMM is limited to approximately 70 students. It is very important that your reservation numbers accurately reflect the amount of people you plan to bring. Additional participants will be asked to pay for their participation.
- ◆ **Hours Of Operation:** HWPV is open 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday, May 4th-Oct. 19th. Last ticket sales take place at 3:30p.m. The PLMM Spring & Fall hours will be Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Last ticket sales take place at 4:30p.m.

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