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Spring 2024 School Programs
Planning Guide for Public, Private and Homeschool Groups

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Port of
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Homeschool Groups:

We welcome all school-aged groups, no matter their size, to attend any of our school programs we offer. Please contact us, for pricing and availability at 231-843-4808 or michelle@mchshistory.org



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

History in Action Days (HIA) at Historic White Pine Village are special events that fill the village with activity. Every year, thousands of school students attend History in Action Days, expanding their knowledge of the past, thus preparing them for the future. Volunteers are located in the buildings as well as on the grounds, giving students an opportunity to ask questions about 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, toys and candy are available for purchase at the gift shop, and students can participate in a mini one-room school session. HIA groups also receive a choice of either a free popcorn or ice cream from the Town Hall.

History in Action Days runs from approximately 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Spring 2024 HIA days are scheduled for Thursdays in May: the 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. Fall HIA: September 26, October 3 & 10.

Cost for student - \$9.00
Chaperone - \$12.00
 Teacher (public school) is free

Village attendance is limited to 500 persons per day. This is on a first come, first serve basis. **Be sure to get your reservations in early!**

For days other than HIA, please call to make reservations. Non-HIA days do not have special activities.



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

Each spring, third and fourth grade students attend our One Room School Experience (ORS) at Historic White Pine Village. Students normally arrive around 10:00 A.M., and leave around 2:00 P.M.

The One Room School Experience provides a glimpse of 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. When possible, we provide a school marm to teach the lessons and provide knowledge of classrooms in the late 1800's. After your ORS experience the village will be open for a self-guided tour.

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.

Costs are the same as HWPV's History in Action Days and includes the choice of a free popcorn or ice cream from our Town Hall.

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 floors of exhibits on various topics of maritime history and is filled with state of the art exhibits the students 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.

The students learn about the Coast Guard and Life Saving Service, railroad carferries, shipwrecks, Fresnel lenses, the Great Lakes, nautical knot tying and the lumbering era in Mason County. We offer several different options for school groups. These include: guided tours, self-guided tours and stations set up throughout the museum with volunteers teaching the history to the students. These field trips are geared towards 2nd grade curriculum but can be enjoyed and appreciated by any grade level.

Homeschool groups also can visit the museum on these days. We offer Maritime History days in both the Spring and the Fall.

Our 2024 Spring MHD programming is being offered in May. Please call to check for availability.

Cost for students- \$9.00
Cost for chaperones- \$12.00
 Teacher (public school) is free

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.
- ◆ Please stress to chaperones that students are not allowed to **climb on our exhibits, handle artifacts or go behind ropes or chains on exhibits.**
- ◆ 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 2 hours for your visit. HWPV boasts 30 buildings/exhibits on 12 acres of property, while PLMM has 3 floors full of maritime exhibits.
- ◆ **Photography** is allowed and encouraged at both HWPV and PLMM, but ***please do not allow children to climb on our exhibits*** for pictures.
- ◆ **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:** History In Action Days at HWPV is limited to 500 visitors. PLMM is limited to 70 visitors. It is very important that your reservation numbers accurately reflect the amount of people you bring.
- ◆ **Hours Of Operation:** Both museums are open from 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, May 4th - Oct. 19th. At HWPV, last ticket sales take place at 3:30 p.m. At PLMM, last ticket sales take place at 4:00p.m.

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