

MISSION MILL MUSEUM

Salem, Oregon

Education Program Guide 2009/2010

Tours and Activities at Mission Mill Museum



*Celebrating Oregon's Sesquicentennial?
Bring your group to Mission Mill Museum.*

At Mission Mill Museum you can learn about:

- Local History
- Oregon History
- The Early Settlement of the Oregon Country
- The Migration West
- The Steps to Oregon's Statehood
- The Industrialization of Oregon
- Turning Fiber into Fabric
- The Kalapuya
- Water Power

This historic five-acre site interprets the lives of the people who lived and worked in the Willamette Valley through the vibrant structures of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill and the classic frame houses of the Methodist missionaries and early pioneers. The history presented at Mission Mill Museum helped shape the state of Oregon from 1834 to 1962. The Mill and the early settlers' stories are woven together by work and water –water that sustained life and powered industry. Visit us and take time to become acquainted with the lives of some of Oregon's early residents.

Can't come to us? We can bring the history to you!

Outreach activity programs are available to visit your class and we provide the activity leader and supplies. All of our activity programs are available through our outreach program.

\$3.00 per student (\$60.00 minimum charge) and \$0.35 per mile beyond 25 miles.



Early Settlement Tour & Activity Programs

Visit our three historic houses and explore the lives of early settlers in the Northwest.

The Lee House is the oldest frame house still standing in the Pacific Northwest and was home to four Methodist missionary families, including Mission founder Jason Lee and his second wife. Several items belonging to these families are on display in the House. These original artifacts help to bring the story of the Willamette Mission to life.

The Methodist Parsonage was built to house those missionaries involved with the Indian Manual Labor School. These same missionaries established the Oregon Institute in 1842, which became Willamette University in 1853.

The Boon House was home to Oregon Trail migrant John D. Boon, who served as Oregon Territorial Treasurer, and later as Oregon's first State Treasurer. Boon was a businessman in early Salem, influencing the development of the city's transportation, communication and commerce.

Early Settlement Tour Length: 1 hour (Maximum group size = 45 people)

Early Settlement Tour and One Activity: 2 hours
(Maximum group size = 60 students)

Activity - The Kalapuya

The Kalapuya were the First People of the Willamette Valley, who lived a season-based lifestyle that utilized the Valley's natural resources. This activity gives students a chance to explore how these people lived and how their lives dramatically changed as a result of white settlement in the area. Students get hands-on opportunities to make and keep games based on those the Kalapuya played.



Activity - School Days

Come experience what a nineteenth century school day was like. A teacher dressed in costume leads children in arithmetic using slates, a spelling bee and other lessons from the 1800s. Don't forget recess! This activity will give the students an appreciation for the modern luxuries of school, such as computers and electric heating.



Activity - Pioneer Life

Early settlers to Oregon experienced many hardships. During this hands-on exploration of the past, students gain a better understanding of the chores that pioneer children had to complete each and every day. The lives of these children were full of hard work and chores, but they would always make time for play. Students participate in old-time games such as graces and hoops and even make a game to take home!



Industry in Oregon Tour & Activity Programs

Explore the Industrial Revolution in Oregon, the history of labor, and the importance of wool production to the State's economy and in the two World Wars while touring the 1896 buildings of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill.

The Mentzer Machine Shop has working belt-run drills, lathes and planers demonstrating how the millwright kept the Mill running. **The Scouring Room and Picker House** were buildings in which wool was cleaned and sorted. **The 1896 Mill Building** has lanolin-coated floors, working belts and pulleys, and many of the machines that were used at the Mill. A guide will start up the 1940s power loom, allowing students to experience the machine in operation.

Industry in Oregon Tour Length: 1 hour (Maximum group size = 75 students)

Industry in Oregon Tour and One Activity Length: 2 hours (Maximum group size = 60 students)



Activity - Fiber to Fabric

The Industrial Revolution forever changed how fabric is manufactured. New methods of processing and greater availability of fabric altered community and daily life.

Fiber to Fabric participants discover how various natural fibers were processed in the home through a hands-on exploration of carding, spinning, dyeing and weaving.

Activity - Power Up!

Water was the original source of energy used to operate all the machinery in the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill. This discussion and interactive activity introduces a variety of energy sources including their benefits and drawbacks and how they are harnessed for consumption.



Early Settlement & Industry in Oregon Related Activity

Dig It!

Archaeology is a way to explore the past through what's left behind by those who have gone before us. Students discuss research design, scientific methods and archaeological standards while excavating boxes with items that might have been found on Mission Mill Museum's property. Students dig, sift, map and theorize their way to a greater knowledge of history.

Excellent for students 4th grade and up!



Facing Statehood

Facing Statehood is an award-winning exhibit open through May 23, 2010, in celebration of Oregon's Sesquicentennial.

The exhibition opens with the Kalapuya, who have lived in the Willamette Valley since time immemorial. From there, the story moves into the period of drastic changes brought by explorers, trappers and missionaries. This influx of newcomers precipitated a great migration of settlers who soon initiated the debate over the region's political future. The exhibition finally explores the intrigue, disputes, agreements and actions that led to statehood. Also highlighted are those who were ineligible to participate in the democratic experience that came with statehood, namely women, Chinese, Blacks, and Native Peoples. As visitors leave the exhibition, they are asked to contribute their own hopes, dreams and visions for Oregon's next 150 years.



General Information

Mission Mill Museum is on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 2003 was designated an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. We are within 3 blocks of the Capitol Building and we are across 12th St. from Willamette University.

Museum Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and some holidays.

Driving Directions: From I-5 North or South take exit 253. Turn West onto Hwy 22 (Mission Street) and go approx. 1.7 miles. Just before Mission Street Bridge turn Right onto 17th Street. Go three blocks and turn Left on Mill Street. Go four or so blocks - Big Red Buildings on Right. If you hit 12th Street, you've gone too far.

The AMTRAK Station is also right across the street - convenient for those who are traveling by train.



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Registration Information

Fee Information: A Tour (Early Settlement or Industry in Oregon) = \$2.50 per student

A Tour and an Activity = \$4.50 per student

- We require a minimum of ten students.
- Please arrange a single payment for your group.
- School Group pricing is only valid on tours (guided and/or self-guided) that are booked in advance through our education department.
- Other discounts do not apply to group tours.

An Outreach Activity = \$3 per student (\$60 minimum) and \$0.35 per mile beyond 25 miles.

Scheduling: Call Mission Mill Museum (503-585-7012) two or more weeks in advance of your desired tour date. If you would like to schedule a spring tour, we recommend calling in January, as the available dates in March – June fill quickly.

Confirmation: A confirmation letter will be mailed to you once you make your tour/activity reservation. This letter is confirmation that your group/tour is booked. If you do not receive this confirmation within two weeks of scheduling a tour, please call us.

Deposit: We require a \$35 non-refundable deposit that will be credited to your total balance on the day of your scheduled tour. If for any reason you must cancel your tour and cannot

immediately reschedule, the deposit will be held for one year.

Payment: The balance is due on the day of your tour. We accept cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and purchase orders.

Chaperones: Mission Mill Museum requires one adult for every five students. Chaperones are admitted at no charge; all additional adults pay the student rate.

Orientation Video: An orientation video is available for use in the classroom. A \$10 deposit is required, and will be credited to your balance upon the return of the video on the day of your visit.

Self-Guided Tours: There may be days when guided tours are not available. Please know that it may be possible to book your school group in as a Self-Guided Tour Group. Please call for Self-Guided group tour reservations, just as you would to arrange a Guided Tour. School Group pricing is only valid on tours (guided and/or self-guided) that are booked in advance through our education department.

Note: The Museum has limited funding available, through the Mission Mill Museum School Tour Fund, to help offset some of the costs for classes to visit. Please contact Keni Sturgeon, Curator, for more information and qualification requirements.