Information on School Tours

Elementary School Tours

The focus of the Assistance League®’s Eugene Oregon Heritage Program is on pioneer life on the Oregon Trail and settlement at journey’s end. Children will explore A Day in the Life of a Pioneer Child and help with “chores”, utilizing real period artifacts such as a butter churn, wool carders, slates and slate pencils. The tour may end with a pioneer story or a song.

Tour content for 3rd grade (Settlement of Lane County) and 4th grade (Life on the Oregon Trail) corresponds to grade level curriculum guidelines.

Oregon Heritage guides are only responsible for the historical interpretive content. Teachers and chaperones remain responsible for appropriate group and individual behavior.

Elementary School Tours Guidelines

To the teacher: Before arriving at the museum for your scheduled tour, we ask that you do the following:

1. Please provide name tags for all students and chaperones.
2. Divide your class into three groups with assigned chaperones.
3. Review these behavior expectations with your students and chaperones:
   - Use inside voices.
   - Stay with the group and always walk.
   - Only handle museum artifacts with permission.
   - Respect “Do not touch” signs.
   - Be considerate of other museum visitors.
Chaperone responsibilities:

1. Supervise students at all times.
2. Know where the bathrooms are and guide students if needed.
3. Remind students of behavior expectations if necessary.
4. Manage any misbehavior problems.
5. Turn cell phones off.
6. Save conversation and gift shopping until after the tour.

Sight-challenged Groups
With prior arrangement, a sight-challenged group can be provided with gloves and taken on a sensory tour of the museum.

Other Groups

Adult or high school groups (etc.) are welcome to plan a Self-guided visit. Call the Museum at (541) 682-4242 for scheduling information.