

Hands-On- History School Programs  
Pre-Visit Information

# Ghost Towns

A CCHS staff member will visit your classroom on \_\_\_\_\_.  
They will arrive at \_\_\_\_\_ and depart at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Expect the staff member to arrive 5-15 minutes early for set up.)

## Program Summary:

In this program, your students will learn what it takes to make a successful town. Using the examples of ghost towns in Carver County, the students will learn the important role that transportation, people, natural resources, planning, and good luck played in deciding the future of a town. Students will try their hand at founding a town through an interactive game.

## Vocabulary/Concepts:

The following words and terms will be used in the program. It is beneficial if your students are introduced to these prior to their participation in the program. This will help your students gain a better understanding of the concepts in the lesson.

- Speculator:* A person who purchases land, hoping that the land will sell at a higher price
- Paper Town:* A town that has been mapped out, but nobody lives in (exists only on paper)
- County:* A division of townships for the purposes of local government
- Township:* A political division of land, 36 miles square
- County Seat:* The center of county government
- Natural Resources*
- Steamboat*

## Pre-Visit Set Up

Please group the students' desks into pods of four or five desks. This activity does involve some small group interaction, and it is easier to have the desks set beforehand to minimize transportation time during the lesson. This lesson also requires the use of a power point presentation. Museum staff will need a projector, laptop, screen, and the use of a marker or chalk board. Please let museum staff know as soon as possible if these are not available so that we can make other arrangements for equipment.

## Nametags:

Please have each student wear a nametag. This will help the staff member call on students and personalize their experience.

We look forward to visiting your classroom. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our Education Coordinator at 952-442-4234 or e-mail at [education@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:education@co.carver.mn.us).

