

Hands-On- History School Programs
Pre-Visit Information

Exploring the Great Northwest

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 class will get a chance to experience the Minnesota fur trade first hand. They will travel with voyageurs from the Great Lakes to a small fur trading post just south of Carver. Students discover the inner workings of the fur trade by spending a season in it. We will explore traveling in a canoe, portaging, life in a fur trade outpost, and some of the tensions caused by trade.

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.

Fur trade
Voyageur
Dakota/Sioux Indians
Fur-bearing animals
Trapping
Canoe

Pre-Visit Set Up

This lesson requires the use of a power point presentation. Museum staff will need a projector, laptop, and a screen. 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.

