

Hands-On- History School Programs
Pre-Visit Information

Can You Dig It?

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 learn about Native Americans in Carver County by studying bone tools, stone artifacts, and ceramics, focusing mostly on the most recent band of Native Americans, the Dakota. To better understand how we know what we know about the past, your students will also get the chance to dig through trash to discover how the archaeological record is made.

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.

Native American

Dakota/ Sioux Indians

Stratigraphy (the layers of soil and decay that form the archaeological record)

Archaeologist

Artifact

Archaeological record

Stone tools

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.

