



COME LEARN, LIVE AND CELEBRATE
SASKATCHEWAN'S HERITAGE AT OUR
MUSEUM DAYS
AT THE
SASKATOON WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM
2610 Lorne Avenue South

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 or
Wednesday, June 2, 2010
WE INVITE CLASSES GRADES 2 - 6
TO VISIT FROM: 9:30 - 11:30 AM or 12:45 - 2:45 PM



Dear Grade Two - Six Teachers:

**We invite you to bring your class to experience
Museum Day on Tuesday, June 1 OR Wednesday, June 2
9:30 - 11:30 am OR 12:45 - 2:45 pm**

The Saskatoon Western Development Museum's 1910 Boomtown resembles our province as it was in 1910, we are fortunate to have the many treasures and artifacts that people in Saskatchewan worked with, wore, used, played with and needed in order to survive and develop the province we live in today.

Our Museum features the Winning the Prairie Gamble Exhibit which is a celebration of Saskatchewan life from 1905 – 2005. This exhibit invites you to experience life through static and interactive displays including our sod house, 1920s fair scene with Fun House, depression-era Bennett Buggy, experience electricity coming to farms in the 1950s & 1960s, see Saskatchewan agricultural innovations and check out popular items of the last 65 years.

MUSEUM DAY will bring the museum alive, inside and out, with demonstrations, interpretations, displays and activities. Students accompanied by a chaperone/teacher may try their hand at different “old-time” activities. Teachers/Chaperones will be provided with a map listing of all activities taking place.

Interpreters will inhabit Boomtown; **demonstrations, inside and outside** (weather permitting), will add activity and interest. Children may try their hands at **making a rope, turning wheat into flour, writing with a nib pen and ink, washing clothes on a scrub board and squeezing them through a hand-turned wringer, pumping water and more. They may watch the blacksmiths shape a red hot iron rod into a utensil and listen to the telegraphers send a message using the dots and dashes of Morse Code. Have you every tried milking a cow?** Here is your chance! All activities are intended to give children an idea of what it was like to live 100 years ago?

Horse and wagon rides will allow the students to ride over rough prairie as they did a century ago. A look at a **windmill** will show a source of power not used as much today. Grain was cut by hand when crops were first grown; try your hand at using a **sickle and scythe**. It can be a challenge. Can you make a **stook** that stands up? Beat stalks of grain to extract the seeds was done by **'flailing a flail'**. What other ways was grain threshed? How are those kernels made into flour? Students can see how **grinding** is done by hand.

Students are also invited to visit the exhibit **“The Vikings”** which is on loan to the WDM from the Manitoba Museum. What type of people were the Vikings? This exhibit gives you an opportunity to learn more about them.

We encourage students to dress as children would have in early Saskatchewan days.

LUNCH: Please let us know if your class plans to bring a bag lunch to eat in Boomtown Park. The morning groups are welcome to stay for lunch; the afternoon groups may come early for lunch.

COST: \$2.50 per student; Teachers/chaperones no charge (ratio of 5 students/1 adult)

BOOKING: Please fax your application form to 306-934-0525 no later than April 16, 2010. Please note that schools who have not attended in the past will be given first opportunity to attend this year's event.

For more information please contact Brenda or Corinne in the WDM Education Department at 306-931-1910 or by email at cdaelick@wdm.ca.