Your Most Interesting Tool for Teaching Local History

Educator’s Guide

Meets Illinois State Standards & National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies
Welcome to Midway Village Museum

Here at Midway Village we have many options to choose from to assist in your classroom learning. Each year we hold our Civil War Hands on History Days program in early May, WWI in April, and WWII in September. These are immersive experiences where students can touch a tank, examine a 100 year old gas mask, and speak to reenactors about the events that have shaped our country.

We are also have programming in conjunction with our Award Winning exhibit, Many Faces, One Community: 6,000 square feet dedicated to celebrating our city’s immigrants and their profound impact on Rockford’s history. These tours are a year-round immersive experience. Lead by costumed interpreters, students engage in hands-on activities that explore the impact immigrants to Rockford had on local culture. They are available in dual language by request.

As always we are continuing to offer our unique Living History Tours in our historic village, gallery tours focused on Rockford’s rich history, and other immersive experiences. Can’t make it out to the museum this year? Then, take advantage of our history talks and outreach trunks and presentations in the classroom.

All reservations can be made online at www.midwayvillagetours.com or at educator@midwayvillage.com, 815-397-9112 x.106.

We make learning fun while meeting education standards

As you look through our programs, check out the standards they meet. We are also happy to work with you. If you have a specific learning goal in mind, let us know!

NCSS = National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies
ISS = Illinois State Standards

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*Programs and prices are subject to change.

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Bring Your Students to Midway Village

Register for tours and programs online at www.midwayvillage.com/school-tours.html

Year Round Opportunities

Museum Tour: Immigration & Culture - Year round

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<td>10 - 30 / 25 - 75*</td>
<td>$6 per student / $7* per student</td>
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*For groups of 25-75, you must add on a village tour for $1. Check out our website for more details.

This interactive tour promotes critical thinking and historical analysis. Students will examine similarities & differences of Rockford over time, while understanding causes of intolerance and how they can personally make a difference today. Your visit will also include hands-on activities in our classroom.

NCSS: 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-10 To review Illinois State Standards, please go to www.midwayvillage.com/standards.

General Museum Tour - Year round

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Interpreters dressed in turn-of-the-century style, guide students through hands-on exhibits examining Rockford's history of immigration, industrialization and pop-culture.

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Seasonal Opportunities

Old Stone School Tour - Apr - Nov

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$5 per student for self-led, $6 per student for guide-led, $1 additional per student for a village tour

History comes alive as students experience life in a turn-of-the-century one-room schoolhouse. Dress up and make arrangements to spend the day in the past.

Option 1: Lead Your Class
Take a look at our Old Stone School Manual to enhance your visit with recommended activities and lesson plans for pre-, during, and post-visit.

Option 2: We'll Lead Your Class
Turn your students over to our school teacher for this 1-1.5 hour classroom experience in the Old Stone School.

Complete you time travel experience with an optional guided tour of the museum and/or village for an extra $1 per student. (For groups of more than 30 the village tour is required.)

Heritage Garden Tour - June - Sept

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Did you know that gardens played a significant role in the American industrial revolution? Join us for a leisurely stroll through our village’s Heritage Gardens, as we explore the garden’s role in the woman’s movement, sanitation, industrialization and more.

Pre-K Adventure: Pioneer Life
Midway Village now offers one hour preschool programs year round for our youngest visitors. Programs are $5 per student. Our Pioneer Life program will show children what it was like to come to Illinois or further west in a covered wagon through stories, crafts, dress-up and more.

General Village Tour - Apr - Nov

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Historically dressed interpreters lead students through a tour of our Victorian village, providing a first-hand look into home life, economics and pastimes of Illinois residents from 1890-1910.

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Village and Museum Tour - Apr - Nov

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The general museum and village tours are combined to offer a comprehensive look at Illinois and Rockford history. Historic interpreters make connections between the village and museum center as students are introduced to the founders of Illinois and life of early citizens in the 1900s.

NCSS: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 To review Illinois State Standards, please go to www.midwayvillage.com/standards.

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Listen and Learn History Talks

Grades: See below   Hours: 1   Qty: Any
Learn about Rockford’s history through interactive lectures, presented by knowledgeable museum staff. These talks can incorporate some movement or hands-on examples of Rockford history if desired. Recommended grade levels are noted below.

1 **The History and Evolution of the Pledge of Allegiance** - Hear the true story of our unique pledge of allegiance that was first written as a kick off for the Chicago World’s Fair in 1892.  
   Suggested Grades: 1 - 12  
   NCSS: 2, 5

2 **The History of the Rockford Peaches** - Available as a talk or travel trunk, discover Rockford’s place in Baseball History. As men went off to war in the 1940s, many women stepped up to take their place.  
   Suggested Grades: 1 - 12  
   NCSS: 2, 5, 7, 9

3 **The Remarkable Bessica Medlar Raiche: First Woman Aviator of America** - Learn about the first woman in America to fly an aeroplane solo...the most famous person from Rockford that most people have never heard of.  
   Suggested Grades: 3 - 12  
   NCSS: 2, 5

4 **Sock Monkey History** - Explore why Rockford is the official “Home of the Sock Monkey” and how this popular folk art toy is linked to the Rockford Red Heel work sock.  
   Suggested Grades: 1 - 12  
   NCSS: 2, 5, 7

5 **Vintage Baseball** - Everyone has fun as they play baseball as it was first meant to be played in 1858. If you don’t have the energy to run, you can cheer us on with period slang. This program can be offered either outdoors on any flat field or indoors in a school gymnasium..  
   Suggested Grades: 1 - 12  
   NCSS: 2, 5, 7, 9

Traveling Trunks

Option 1:
Grades: See below   Hours: 1   Qty: Any
Rent some of the museum’s traveling trunks. You pick-up the materials, decide what you want to use and how, and then at the end of two weeks return the trunks to the museum. Mini-Trunks are $30 for 2 weeks; Traveling Trunks are $50 for 2 weeks. Please call for more information.

Option 2:
Traveling Trunks offer you the opportunity to bring hands-on artifacts right to your group. You will be visited by an interpreter in authentic period clothing who will make the presentation come alive with additional information and stories. Each trunk is geared towards specific grade levels, but can be adjusted to meet your needs. Prices at left, details below:

1 **Civil War: For Lincoln and Liberty** - Thrill to the stories of soldiers and civilians as you learn the causes and consequences of America’s Civil War. Check out the contents of our trunk...everything from uniforms to knapsacks, currency to hardtack.  
   Suggested Grades: 4 - 12  
   NCSS: 2, 5, 6, 7, 10

2 **Creating Community** - In this unit, students will learn the importance of a community working together. Lessons include historical maps, measuring tools, graphing activities, books, crafts and more.

3 **Etiquette and Parlor Games** - Compare and contrast the rules of deportment from 1900 to today’s etiquette and participate in parlor games as they were played during the Victorian Era.  
   Suggested Grade: 1 - 6  
   NCSS: 2, 4, 5

4 **Immigrants and Culture** - This unit focuses on early Illinois to present time comparing how the immigrant experience has changed and how it remains the same.

5 **Local Life** - This lesson includes primary source documents, photographs, artifacts and more that will teach students about how Northern Illinois was founded and by whom.

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6. Queen City of the Prairie - Step back and take a look at the early days of Rockford settlement. Who came and what did they find here?  Suggested Grades: 1 - 12  NCSS: 2, 3, 7
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7. The Rockford Connection: Archaeology, James Henry Breasted and the Tomb of King Tutankhamen - Hear the story of how one of Rockford’s own was at the opening of King Tut’s Tomb as you learn about the skills and tools necessary to unearth the history of ancient Egypt.

8. School Days - Revisit the days of the one-room schoolhouse. What was being in class like in 1900? What was fun? What was dreary?  Suggested Grades: 1 - 8  NCSS: 2, 4, 5
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9. Transportation and Work - Students learn about different forms of transportation and how it affected the way local people lived in the past.

10. World War II: Rockford’s Own Witnesses to War - Learn about World War II from the point of view of soldiers, sailors, airmen and people on the homefront from the Rockford area.
Suggested Grades: 6 - 12  NCSS: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10
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Mini-Trunks

Camp Grant During World War One - What roles did women play during WWI? What might a soldier carry on his back? These are just a few of the questions your students can investigate in our WWI mini-trunk. Our trunk is in a WWI Doughboy backpack, filled with books, DVD, primary sources, and artifacts for you to explore during the WWI Centennial.

Immigration to Rockford - This trunk focuses on several individuals who have moved to Rockford over the years. The trunk includes lesson plans, artifacts, primary source documents, games and more: www.midwayvillage.com
### Career Expo-1900 Edition

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Available Monday-Friday, September-November, Late March-June; C3 standards met upon request.

As your students get ready to enter the workforce or continue on to college to train for a future career, it is important to look back at the historical careers that paved the way for our modern jobs. Based on the Rockford High Schools’ academy program, students will be led through the history of the fields they may choose to work in by costumed historical interpreters in this day-long experience. In-depth discussion, primary source exploration and hands-on activities will challenge students to think about how the past of an industry impacts the future—their future.

### Health Sciences

Take a look back at the process of becoming a doctor in the late 19th century. Compare the role of a nurse then to a nurse now. Look at herbal and home remedies that were common at the turn-of-the-century. Students will get a chance to try their hand at making a remedy, and then learn how pharmacists made pills.

### Engineering, Manufacturing, Industrial Trades Technology:

Students will take a look back at some of the industries that started out as small operations with skilled workers and then became more industrial as innovation allowed. Students will get the chance to try their hand at designing an implement to be made by our resident blacksmith, try out an old fashioned plow, grind corn by hand, and get down and dirty in some farm chores and more.

### Hands-On History Days

* Standards addressed may vary slightly, depending on the sites you chose to visit. Visit the museum website to download a registration form for these History Day Programs at www.midwayvillage.com. Please contact our Educator at 815 397-9112 x106 with any questions. Check website for exact dates, usually first week of May, 9 am - 2 pm.

#### Civil War Days

**4 - 8 Grades**

This award-winning educational event is specially designed to meet the curriculum standards for students in grades fifth through eighth. More than 4,500 students participate annually in this program, but space is limited and advanced registration is required. NCSS: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10

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Midway Village Museum’s campus makes this an exceptional field trip destination with more than 25 historic buildings and from 40 to 50 different living history sites offered each day. Groups will visit the sites that they choose.

- Meet famous people - President & Mrs. Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, General U. S. Grant and many others
- Experience being a soldier, including marching and drilling
- Sing and dance to popular music of the times
- $7 per student, 1 comp/10 paid students

#### The Great War (World War I)

**First week of April**

**9:30 am - 2 pm • 3 - 12 GRADES**

This educational event takes place on the Friday before the Great War (World War I) event at Midway Village Museum. Students will walk near encampments, talk to the re-enactors about life as a soldier during The Great War and learn about the various military strategies.

- Try out a recruitment obstacle course
Human and Public Services:

Students here will look at the history of careers that led to the betterment of a community. Learn about the professionalization of education, fire, and police as they developed into careers. Try your hand at learning cursive, some of the past tools of the trade of the fire department and get a look at law and order in early Rockford.

Business, Modern World Languages, and Information Technology

Students will take a look at some of the businesses that were essential to life in a small town. They will learn about retail, hospitality and service, as well as homemaking in a turn-of-the-century world. Try your hand at proper etiquette, learn to sew a small sampler or knit, or take on some of the chores required in a home at that time.

Rockford Historical Images Are Now Online

Midway Village Museum has debuted an Online Collections section of its website! Go to http://www.midwayvillage.com/digital-collections.html to view hundreds of Rockford postcards, photographs and letters. Included are images of Camp Grant during WWI, downtown Rockford, and community activities. Also available are transcripts from interviews with immigrants to Rockford, and Civil War letters from local soldiers. More images of popular topics in Rockford’s history will be added to the site in the coming year.

Funded by the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board.

Third week of September
9:30 am – 2 pm • 3 – 12 Grades

This educational event takes place on the Friday before the popular WWII Days event at Midway Village.

Students will be able to take a self-guided tour of some of the highlights of the weekend as the re-enactors are setting up in the Village and the camps in the woods.

Students will be able to:
• Meet and talk with soldiers from the Allied and Axis sides of the war in their campsites
• Experience a battle reenactment
• Learn about homefront activities that aided the war
• Learn about the types of vehicles used during the war

Cost is $8 per student and $2 per adult chaperone. No additional cost for full day session.

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World War II

• Visit the working Print Shop and learn about propaganda
• Personal guided tour inside a reproduction warfare trench

As the re-enactors prepare for the weekend event, students will get an up close experience. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Cost is $8 per student and $2 per adult chaperone. No additional cost for full day session.

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Online Registration: www.midwayvillage.com/school-tours.html
I appreciate the hard work and the efficient coordination of the events that occur in the museum. The field trips have been worth the long drive we have made from Rockford to Batavia once or twice a year. I hope Midway Village Museum will continue to provide these enriching experiences for students as well as the general public. The museum is a wonderful example of interactive, experiential learning and hopefully, will continue to be enhanced for years to come.

—Barbara Iteen, Immanuel Lutheran School, Social Studies Teacher, Batavia, IL

To register for any of our programs, please use our online registration form at www.midwayvillage.com/school-tours.html

For curriculum questions contact our Educator at (815) 397-9112 ext. 106.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do teachers and bus drivers have to pay?
Teachers are included as 1 complimentary adult with each 10 students. Bus drivers are free.

When is the payment due?
Payment is due on the day of the activity.

What type of payment do you accept?
We accept cash, checks (made payable to Midway Village Museum) and Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards.

Where do we go when we arrive?
Check-in at the far end of the parking lot by The Old Dolls’ House Museum. Our Educator will greet you there.

What about lunches?
If you are planning on eating lunch on site bring a sack lunch and drink for all members of your group. Lunches can either be left on the bus or moved into one of our museum buildings after you arrive. Several picnic areas are available on site and indoor space will be arranged in case of bad weather.

Where do the buses park?
Buses should park in the main museum parking lot. Parking is free.