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Wolkensdoerfer Log House

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Educational Program Guide for 2012

All programs include COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION to the FHA Museum

FRANKENMUTH TIME TRAVELER

Frankenmuth Time Traveler 3 hours/\$5.00 offered April – November, March and December are also possible, depending on the condition of the grounds at the locations and the temperature. This program is available for all ages. Minimum group size is 10 people, and maximum group size is 75 people. Please note, due to the size of the authentic buildings, large groups may be divided into smaller units at each location. There is no running water at all 3 buildings. The log house has no electricity, and all 3 buildings do not have heat or air conditioning. Bathroom facilities are limited to portables.

Visitors begin with a tour of the authentically restored **Wolkensdoerfer Log House**. You will see the homestead buildings and grounds, discuss pioneer life in Frankenmuth, and participate in chores for which family members were responsible in the mid-1800's. Visitors next travel to the **Hart Road School**, a one-room schoolhouse, where they will learn to parse their sums, study a "new map" of Michigan, and write on slates. After school, visitors "walk home" across an iron bridge on their way to the **Eischer House**, where they will learn about life in Frankenmuth during World War II on the home front. How did the people "back home" help the war effort? How did they learn about the news on the front lines?

Home on the Farm Time Traveler. This program includes all of the activities listed in the Time Traveler Program plus a visit to **Grandpa Tiny's Farm**. At the farm, visitors will see the animals in the barn, the outside animals, learn about farming the "old fashioned" way, and take a **horse-drawn wagon ride** around the farm. There are plenty of things to see and do, as well as baby animals to touch. This program takes 4 hours and costs \$8.00 per person.

Log House Programs

These programs are offered at the Wolkensdoerfer Log House, an authentic Frankenmuth artifact, built in the 1850's, renovated in 1870, and moved to Cross Park (7760 S. Main) in 1984. Offered April – November, also available in March and December depending on temperature and ground conditions

Pioneer Living Program 3 hours/\$6.00 per person our original, very popular program
Minimum group size is 10, maximum is 60.

A costumed tour guide will relate the history of early Frankenmuth, the log house, and the Wolkensdoerfer family. Then visitors will enjoy their choice of four hands-on activities such as butter making, candle making, quill pen writing, clothes washing, tin punch, exploring handmade toys, and more. 30 minutes is allowed for lunch.

Log House Tour 1 hour/\$4.00 per person Minimum group size is 3; maximum is 25.

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Custom Program time and price varies

Let us design a program just for your group. Would your group like to meet at the log house for an activity of your own? Would you like to choose just 1 or 2 activities? If so, call and we can arrange something. The first hour will cost \$4.00 per person, our activities may be added on for \$0.50 a piece and additional time, with the exception of candle making. Candle making costs an additional \$1.00 per person with a minimum group of 10, or a minimum charge of \$10 for groups with less than 10 people.

Hart One-room Schoolhouse Programs

The Hart School is an authentic one-room schoolhouse, built in 1860 and actually used until 1920. It was moved to Frankenmuth by Tiny Zehnder and is located on the grounds of Grandpa Tiny's Farm. These programs are offered April – November

One-room Schoolhouse Experience 3 hours/\$5.00 per person Minimum group size is 10, 20 can be seated comfortably, and 30 can be squeezed in, if requested.

A costumed teacher will teach lessons in arithmetic, reading, spelling, grammar, civics and lead activities including exploration of the school room, writing on slates and with quill pens, discussion of student behaviors and discipline, and school yard games circa 1900. A sack lunch with beverage is recommended and will be eaten at "recess" time before games commence in the school yard.

One-room Schoolhouse Tour 1 hour/\$3.00 Minimum group size is 3; maximum is 30

A tour guide will invite visitors to come inside the Hart School and talk about the history of the school and tell a little bit about the Hart family. How did the teacher teach all the lessons to all the grades, how were the students disciplined? What were the job responsibilities of the teacher, who was allowed to teach, and what was the schoolhouse used for when school was not in session? Come on our tour and find out.

Custom Program time and price will vary

The Hart School can be used by groups as a unique meeting place.

Would your group like to explore the role of the schoolhouse in the early 1900's. We can provide the "community elder" who can briefly explain the history of the school. This can be followed by a civics exercise, reminiscent of the early 20th century, when small rural communities used their schoolhouse as a public meeting place too.

Would your group like to reenact a typical school Christmas or end of the year program? Come and use this truly unique building.

Eischer House Programs

The Eischer House is a genuine farm house from the Frankenmuth area, built in the late 1800's and moved to its current location on Grandpa Tiny's Farm by Tiny Zehnder. It can comfortably accommodate up to 30 visitors. These programs are offered from April – November.

At Home with the Eischers 2 hours/\$5.00 Minimum group size is 10.

Visitors are greeted by "Mr." or "Mrs. Eischer" and led on a tour of the family's home. Programming highlights history of the 1930's and 1940's, and the typical experiences of the Frankenmuth community during those tumultuous decades. Visitors will learn how the family's world grew larger with the introduction of a radio into the home. Print news also brought the outside world into the community. During the World War II era, one of the Eischer boys went off to Europe and the visitors will learn about his military career. Visitors will also help Mr. and Mrs. Eischer support the war effort on the home front at this small family farm. An age appropriate hands-on activity is included.

Eischer Home Tour 1 hour/\$3.00 per person Minimum group size is 3.

A tour guide will conduct a tour of the house and tell about the history of the house, including a little about the Eischer family.

FRANKENMUTH AND AMERICAN HISTORY

These programs can travel to your location within a 30 mile radius of Frankenmuth for an additional travel fee, equal to the current IRS mileage reimbursement. Some programs will require modifications.

Pioneer Kitchen 1 hour/\$3.00 per person Recommended for grades K-3

This hands-on program allows visitors to experience life in the late 1800's, compare it to today, and develop an appreciation for how times have changed regarding food preparations and diet. As students explore our treasure trove of antique kitchen utensils, they will churn butter, grind coffee beans, and scrub clothes on a washboard. Our teacher will lead a discussion about chores children did "back then" and chores children do today in a family. Everyone will enjoy a treat of freshly made butter upon completion of the program.

Pioneer Treasures 1 hour/\$3.00 per person

Explore treasures from our Frankenmuth Museum "family attic" and get an authentic look at Frankenmuth life in earlier times. As visitors go through an assortment of clothing, toys, beauty tools, household items, and more, our teacher will share the story of a family's emigration from Germany in the mid 1800's. Everything is available to be handled and there are even clothes to be tried on.

Sheep to Yarn 2 hours/\$4.00 per person includes a tour of the Frankenmuth Woolen Mill

Students will learn about spinning, weaving, needlework, and textiles from years ago. During the program, visitors will learn about raising sheep and harvesting wool. They will comb fresh shaved wool, use a drop spindle, and learn about the wool's journey from sheep to yarn. Visitors will do an age appropriate yarn craft.

Electrifying Frankenmuth 1 hour/\$3.00 per person

Electricity changed the lives of people dramatically, making chores easier (and sometimes safer) in the 1920's. What tools changed? How was a home electrified? Visitors will explore catalogs and magazines, as well as antique appliances as they discover how electricity has shaped life in our times. This program will also explore the nation's electricity consumption over the last 100 years, and we will wrap up with a look at some of the exciting technologies being developed today to continue to supply our ever-growing appetite for energy in our lives.

CELEBRATING OUR GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

Frankenmuth Historical Museum has, as one of its missions, the responsibility for preserving the cultural heritage that makes Frankenmuth the "Little Bavaria" of Michigan. The following programs explore the German immigrant experience and the preservation of the community's unique German-American culture for future generations.

Christmas Traditions 1½ hours/\$4.00 per person Minimum group size is 10. Offered November and December at the museum or, if requested, at the log house, weather permitting.

Based on a German Christmas, celebrated in 19th century Frankenmuth, this program highlights the joys of the season. A museum guide will share the history of different Christmas customs, such as Krist

Kindle, Pelzenickel, and Saint Nicholas, and tell how long the Christmas season was. Hands-on activities include making a “Weihnachts” candle, grating spices, decorating cookies, and making a special Christmas ornament or decoration.

Old World Spring and Easter Traditions 1½ hours/\$4.00 per person Minimum 10 people
Offered in late February, March, and April

This program combines Old World Easter traditions and history with hands-on projects. We will celebrate the season by coloring eggs using natural dyes such as onion skins, coffee, beets, etc. Visitors will learn about how the Pysanky eggs in the museum were created and how Easter was celebrated in Frankenmuth in the early 1900's. We will also discuss the Maypole and other spring activities.

Musical Traditions 1½ hours/\$4.00 per person Minimum 10 people Offered year round

The *waltz* dates from the 18th century; it was influenced by the *Lander*, a German folk dance. The *Schottische* is also a German folk dance. And then there is the *polka*: while Czech in origin, it is closely associated with Frankenmuth and its many festivals. Musical recordings by Marv Herzog, a world-renowned German polka band leader who lived in Frankenmuth, will set the mood in our Fischer Hall. We will also learn the history and lyrics of the *Schnitzelbank Song*. The music instructor will also have authentic dirndls and lederhosen, Bavarian heritage clothing, for visitors to see and perhaps try on.

Pied Piper of Hameln and the Glockenspiel 1½ hours/\$4.00 per person Minimum 10 people Offered year round

Visitors will learn about the Brothers' Grimm and the original version of the Pied Piper of Hameln. We will use the Fischer Hall stage to reenact the play for our own amusement. Visitors will also listen to a song or two on the fife, and may purchase fifes to play at the program and take home with them following the program. Was the story inspired by the Crusades or the Black Death? Is there any real evidence the event ever took place in medieval Germany? The Glockenspiel at Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn shows the fairy tale in its bell tower each day at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Schedule some time to go there and watch the display before or after your museum program.

Germany: its history and culture, a brief overview 2 hours/\$5.00 per person Minimum 10 people Offered year round

Conducted in the beautifully restored Fischer Hall, this collaboration between the Frankenmuth Historical Association and Michigan Humanities Council offers a brief overview of German history and culture through books, videos, music, artifacts, maps, and posters. Visitors also have the opportunity to learn a bit of German language and some of the local Bayerisch or Fraenkish dialect spoken by old timers in Frankenmuth today. A notebook is included for groups to keep upon completion of the program with more lesson plans to expand upon what is learned in the program.

German Culture Kits may be rented by German language teachers, world history teachers, or other interested groups for a fee of \$15.00 for one month plus shipping.

Frankenmuth Historical Museum Tours

Featuring a permanent exhibit highlighting the history of Frankenmuth from its founding in 1845 to its current status as one of Michigan's top tourist attractions, the museum offers hands-on activities for children and interesting insights for adults of all ages. One gallery is also used for temporary exhibits; call the museum to see what is currently on display.

Tours are included free of charge in all programs offered at the museum. These tours are self-guided and may be done before or after your scheduled program. Offered year round, call for museum hours.

Self-guided Tours \$2.00 per adult, \$1.00 per child, or a family pass may be purchased for \$5.00

Guided Tours 45 minutes to 1 hour/\$3.00 per adult, \$2.00 per student

These tours are offered in English. Bilingual (German and English) and German tours are available if requested in advance.

Scout Programs 2010-2011

Let the Frankenmuth Historical Association help you earn a Try It, badge or interest project. Most of the following are offered all year round, except when noted, and take place at the museum or the log house. We require a minimum of 10 participants. Please note that the Try It, badge or interest project patch must be purchased at your local scout center. Contact Regina Dunton at 989.652.9701 or by e-mail at fhaed@airadv.net. I can customize any program to meet your needs.

For those traveling a distance, check out these overnight lodgings:

Fischer Hall, 613 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

989-652-9701

Camp Kiwanis, 8655 Curtis Rd, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

989-652-2351

Scout Haus, Frankenmuth

989-652-3440

Brownies

Listening to the Past Try It (Museum/2hrs/\$4.00)

To start, the scouts will explore Frankenmuth's "community record" by touring the museum. Then they will "listen to the stories" from grandma's trunk to see what life was like at the turn of the century. There are clothes to try on, photographs to examine, and "games of yesteryear" to play. While in Frankenmuth, you may want to visit St. Lorenz and its cemetery for "know your town".

Around the World! (Museum/2hrs/\$4.00)

The scouts will have 2 hours of fun to learn about the world. They learn to count and speak a few words in 3 different languages. We talk about far away and close by countries, the equator and much more, they will play one or more games and make one craft. For the craft they have to bring cut outs from magazines or newspapers which show people from different countries. Each girl should bring at least 3-4 pictures.

Colors and Shapes (Museum/2hrs/\$5.00)

To start this Try It, we will speak about different shapes, primary and secondary colors and how shapes and colors can be used in crafts and paintings. We explore the museum to find out, which crafts were made in the mid 1850's. The scouts will make 2 crafts, which they will take home for mementos.

Numbers and Shapes (Museum/2hrs/\$5.00)

We will have fun with numbers and different shapes. We talk about time and money, different shapes in nature, past centuries etc. We explore the museum and make 2 crafts and learn to count from 1 to 10 in 3 different languages (German, Spanish and Russian).

Juniors

Yarn and Fabric Arts (Museum/2hrs/\$5.00)

During the scouts visit to the museum, they will learn to identify weaving, needlework, textiles in clothing and household articles of previous years. The scouts will learn about the history of different rugs and quilts. They will make their own penny rug piece, OR the girls will make 1 sample of a small filet crochet pattern (activities completed will be A 2; B 4: (learn about hook rugs, gather pictures and samples of quilt square of any type), C 1).

On My Way (Museum/2hrs/\$5.00)

The scouts start with creating 2 postcards that they would send a friend when they would travel to Germany. They "play" how it would be in Germany, when problems occur, how they have to travel from here to Germany, what they had to take with them, etc. At the end they will bake original German cookies. (Activities completed will be 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 7)

World Neighbors (Museum/2hrs/\$5.00)

We start with talking about tolerance, different races and religions and how the climate and the religion affect our daily life. We learn to say "hello", "good morning", "good evening", "thank you" and "you're welcome" in 3 different languages. They find out how their favorite holidays are celebrated in different countries, where their neighbors come from, about climates, history, customs and clothing. At the end we'll play a German game. (Activities completed will be 1; 2; 3; 5; 7; 8; 10))

Making Hobbies (Museum/2hrs/\$5.00)

This badge work will consist of gaining knowledge of making a hobby of scherenschnitte! The scouts will explore questions important to starting a hobby. They will learn about the history, will make 2 examples and find out about others who share this hobby. They also will explore the possibility of this hobby being a career. (Activities completed will be: 1; 2; 3; 4; 6)

Prints and Graphics (Museum/2hrs/\$5.00)

The scouts will learn that much more than a pencil and brush can make a wonderful picture. They will make their own stamps from potato, create a stencil and a card, and create a mat and a picture frame. (Activities completed will be: 2; 3; 4; 7; 9; 10)

Cadets and Seniors

Travel (*Museum/3hrs/\$6.00*)

The museum is the beginning of your travel imagination when we explore how the first settlers came to Frankenmuth. We sample 2 methods of travel, which are unfamiliar for the scouts (like ships for overseas and horse-drawn wagon for within the USA). We research transportation, tourist attraction, etc. from a foreign country. We organize the whole trip on paper and learn a few phrases in 3 different languages. (Activities completed will be: Skill Builders-1; 2; 3; 4; 5, Technology-1; 2; 4, Career Exploration-3; 5)

Museum Discovery Interest Project (*Museum/3hrs/\$6.00*)

The museum will begin the journey with a scavenger hunt. The scouts will learn about the museum's audiovisuals, music cassettes, security/theft and the preserving exhibits. A staff member will share information about careers and college requirements for those who are interested in museum work. There will be a brief talk about exhibits at Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center in Savannah, Georgia. Service project for the day will be helping make items for upcoming programs. At the end of their visit, they will enjoy a craft to take with them. (Activities completed will be: Skill Builders-1; 4, Technology-2; 3; 5, Service Project-3, and Career Exploration-1; 2)

Artistic Crafts (*Museum/3hrs/\$7.00*)

Since Frankenmuth Historical Association reflects the life of the early settlers from Frankenmuth, which were German, we are going to make a filet-crocheting piece that the scouts will take home. (Activities completed will be: Skill Builder-1; 4, Technology-1; 2, Service Project-1) Beginner knowledge of crocheting is VERY helpful.

Heritage Hunt (*Museum/3hrs/\$6.00*)

The log house will be the setting for the scouts to learn about family traditions, family trees, and comparison of appliances. There will be crafts to make that girls did in previous generations. A discussion during a tour of the log house and grounds will help the scouts learn what work was carried out, the safety factors and working conditions. Time will be spent on learning about the historical association services provided, jobs available, and education and training requirements. To finish this Interest Project the ladies will be asked to do volunteer services at the Log House site. (Activities completed will be: Skill Builder-1; 3; 5, Technology-1; 3, Service Project-3, Career Exploration-4)