Reserve a Tour, Kit, or Outreach Program

Contact Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan
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Scheduling
Oberlin Heritage Center staff are happy to tailor tour and program length and content to meet the needs of your students within reason.

Please plan on scheduling your tour or program at least three weeks in advance, to take place on a Tuesday through Saturday. For tour visits, we can accommodate up to 45 children at a time. For larger groups, we often partner with other area museums to rotate visits. Tours typically run 90 minutes. Outreach programs typically run 45-60 minutes and can accommodate up to 30 students at a time unless other arrangements are made.

Fees
Youth tours, history walks, and the Lessons in the Past program cost $3 per child. Chaperones are free.

History Kits can be rented for up to two weeks for $25 for the kit alone, or $50 for the kit plus an introductory program with a museum staff member. You may pick up and drop off the kit at the Oberlin Heritage Center during office hours or arrange with the museum to provide delivery and pick-up for an additional charge.

Outreach classroom programs are $50.

Additional fees will apply outside of Lorain County. Pre-payment or a deposit is required for all reservations.

Contact the Museum Education and Tour Coordinator for more information about fee waiver options that may be available for certain school districts.

About Us

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is dedicated to sharing nationally significant history with diverse audiences.

Our award-winning education programs are designed to teach accurate history, engage students through hands-on experiences and thought-provoking discussion, and help children better understand their lives today.

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Plan a Field Trip

Bring your class or group for a tour of our historic buildings. Investigate mysterious old objects and try lessons and games from the past at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Upstairs / Downstairs Tour:
Small Town. Big Stories.

This guided tour of two historic homes and the Little Red Schoolhouse is popular with all grades, and particularly 3rd and 4th grades. Learn about women and African Americans first going to school, abolition, historic healthy living, and scientific discovery. Kids love playing at the schoolhouse and experiencing what life was like.

Additional tour and program options:
Gr. K-5 I Spy Oberlin History Scavenger Hunt
Gr. 1-5 Lessons in the Past Program in the Little Red Schoolhouse
Gr. 3-12 Scholars and Settlers: Then & Now History Walk Around the Square
Gr. 4-12 Freedom’s Friends: Abolition History Walk
Gr. 4-12 One Step More: Oberlin Women’s History Walk
Gr. 4-12 Radicals and Reformers: Cemetery History Walk
Gr. 8-12 Soldiers and Civilians: Civil War History Walk

Visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call 440-774-1700 for details.

Rent a History Kit

These kits are designed in accordance with Ohio social studies and many common core standards. Teachers can rent a kit for two weeks and build on the learning experience by pairing it with a field trip or requesting a museum staff member to introduce the kit topic to your students with a story, discussion, and activity.

Every kit contains books, hands-on objects, primary and secondary source documents, a vocabulary list, and a teacher’s activity guide.

Grade Topic and Core Content
1 Pioneer Child in Ohio Pioneer life, school, chores, games
2 Jobs: Then and Now Kinds of jobs, tools of the trade, gender roles
3 Northern Ohio: Then and Now Maps, using natural resources to build and live in communities, early transportation
4 Northern Ohio & the Underground Railroad Slavery, abolition, the journey to freedom
4 Inventors and Historic Technology Electricity, lighting, aluminum, cameras, flight, recorded sound, creative challenge
5 We Were Here First: Generations of Settlers Geography, Native Americans, colonists, African Americans, immigrants
8 Perspectives: Abolition and the Civil War Primary sources, slavery, the growing nation, abolitionists, African colonization, Civil War

Book an Outreach Program

We would love to visit your classroom or group to lead your students through a discussion, object exploration, and activity. Programs can be tailored to different grades and interests.

Classroom Programs

History Mysteries Observation and inference activity for students using historic objects from the museum’s collection.
What Did Pioneers Eat? Discussion and game about pioneers growing, gathering, and raising food. Will you store enough for the winter?
What Did People Wear? Exploring images and examples of historic clothing through the ages, discussing changes in function and style.
Chore Time and Play Time Hands-on activities and discussion about pioneer children’s work and play time.
The Underground Railroad Fact and myth, stories and images, thought-provoking scenario questions, mini activity.
Slavery and the Abolition Movement Primary quotes and document analysis about this complex social and economic system, scenario questions, timeline.
Life During the Civil War Scenario discussion of different perspectives during the war, examples of new technology, period games, soldier life scenarios.