Fort Caspar Museum Site Tours

Learning Opportunities for Third and Fourth Grade Students

Fort Caspar Museum interprets the cultural history of Fort Caspar, the City of Casper and central Wyoming. Site Tours include two activities: a tour of the fort and grounds as well as the Gallery Exploration Activity. Tours of the fort and grounds focus on the Trail and Army eras and include a walking tour of the reconstructed fort buildings, Mormon Ferry, and Guinard Bridge. Students focus on looking and listening during this activity.

The Museum Gallery features exhibits on Pre-historic Peoples, Western Emigrant Trails, Frontier Army, 100 years of the City of Casper history, the Oil and Energy Industries, and Cattle and Sheep Ranching. Following an introduction to the activity and a review of "Museum Manners", grade-appropriate activity sheets guide the students through the exhibits. Students focus on reading and writing during this activity.

An "Educator's Guide" is available on our website or by email. It includes information about the Site Tours as well as Pre-Visit Activities and Post-Visit Activities. Site Tours meet the following standards:

- ♦ Wyoming Social Studies Standards 2, 3, 4 & 5
- ♦ Wyoming Language Arts Standards 1, 2, & 3
- ♦ NCSD Essential Curriculum - Social Studies
     3rd Grade, Unit #3 - Casper Economy
     3rd Grade, Unit #4 - Casper History
     4th Grade, Unit #4 - Trails & Emigrants
     4th Grade, Unit #6 - Indian Wars
- ♦ NCSD Essential Curriculum - Language Arts
     Unit #4 - Reading Informational Text
     Unit #4 - Speaking & Listening

Availability: guided tours mid-April through mid-October

Program Length: 1.5 - 2 hours
Fee for Guided Tour: $1.00 per student; teachers, chaperones & bus drivers are free; cash, check, credit card or LPOs accepted.
Fee for Self-Guided Tour: No charge for school groups that are self-guided.

Call our Curator of Education, at 307-235-8462 for more information and to make a reservation. Or check Fort Caspar Museum's website at www.fortcasparwyoming.com for additional School Program information and resources.