

Pipestone County Historical Society

Established 1880



Dear School Personnel,

It's the time of year when many of you are planning your spring field trips. The Pipestone County Museum is a great place to consider! We have multiple tour options available, as shown below, and can accommodate large or small groups. Schools can choose to reserve 1, 2 or even more of the options presented. We are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00-5:00 and will open earlier for school groups. Be sure to call early to book your date before our calendar fills!

Option 1: Guided Tour of the Museum: This tour includes 2 guided talks by trained staff on items in our exhibits as well as time for free exploration. Exhibits currently on display feature Native American Culture, Pioneer Settlement, Stone Quarrying, Fire Fighting, the Railroad, WWI, the Telephone, Music, Agriculture and displays of a Pioneer home. This tour lasts 1-hour or 1-hour 15 minutes if visiting our Gift Shop. *Cost: \$1/student.*



Option 2: Guided Tour of the Ferris Grand Block: This building was once an Opera House before becoming a Masonic Lodge in 1917. This guided tour will include a trip to the Lodge room with a Masonic Coding Activity and an opportunity for students to embrace their inner actor while in the space that was once backstage at the Opera House. This tour lasts 1-hour. *Cost: \$1/student.*

Option 3: Guided Tour of the District #3 Rural School located in Moore Park in Pipestone just blocks north of the Museum. This school was originally located 4 ½ miles west of Pipestone and served many rural school students during the 1880s until its closure. This tour will help students discover what school was like "back in the day." Because the space is limited, larger groups will be divided. Half will play old fashioned school yard games such as Red Rover while the other half is in the schoolhouse. At midpoint in the tour, the groups will switch. This tour lasts 1-hour. *Cost: \$1.00/student.*



Option 4: Guided walking tour of Historic Downtown Pipestone. Many buildings on Pipestone's Main Street are on the National Register of Historic Places. Participants of this tour will hear a guided talk about the rich history of these building including when they were erected, what their original use was and what businesses have been housed under their roof over the years. Unique architectural details will be pointed out. This tour lasts 1-hour. *Cost: \$1/student.*

Feel free to check us out at www.pipestonecountymuseum.com or call us at (507) 825-2563 with questions or to book your field trip. We look forward to seeing you!