



**Ukrainian Cultural  
Heritage Village**  
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української культури**

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## Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village School Programs Pre-Visit Information Booklet – Rizdvo/Christmas Program

Thank you for booking the Rizdvo-Ukrainian Pioneer Christmas program at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village! Included in this package is important pre-visit information, checklists, information for parents and field trip supervisors and other useful information to prepare you and your students for your visit.

### Introduction

All Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village School Programs are based on grade level skills, knowledge, and values prescribed by the Alberta Program of Studies. Our living history approach conveys historical information about the lives of early Ukrainian-Canadians in a vivid and experiential way. Interpreters use a combination of role-play, demonstration, and participatory activities focusing on cultural traditions and Ukrainian settler daily lifestyle to help students develop skills and gain information in a meaningful and an enjoyable way. To make the most of your visit, we ask that teachers spend some time reading through this information and preparing themselves, their students and their parent supervisors prior to the field trip.

### Advance In-Class Preparation

Before visiting the UCHV, teachers may prepare the students for program experiences by:

1. Reviewing proper museum conduct and behavior
  - a. Respect for places, objects, people
  - b. Looking and learning without touching
  - c. Importance of learning about the past; what is a museum; work of museums
2. Discuss the concept of culture and cultural traditions
  - a. What elements are part of culture?
  - b. Talk about the relevant cultural traditions of students (e.g. winter or Christmas holidays) to facilitate comparison/contrast with traditions learned on site
  - c. Respect and understanding of different cultural traditions and groups
3. Specific discussion of Ukrainian-Canadian Christmas traditions (if relevant)

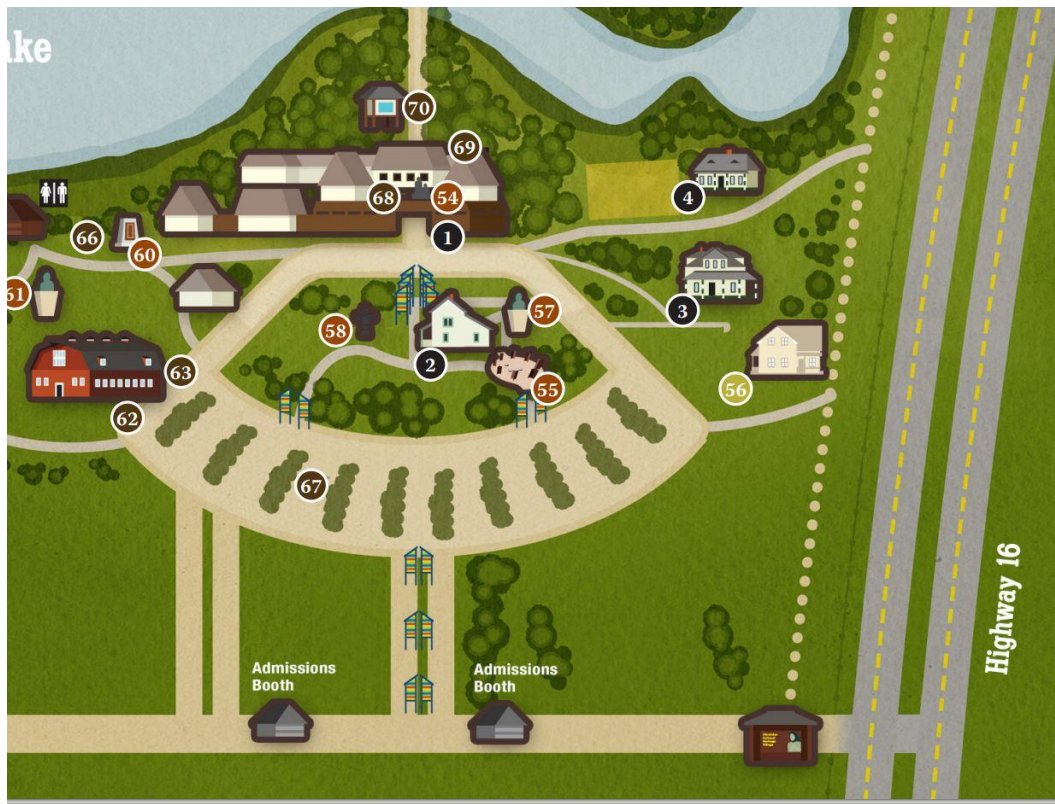
### Student Grouping

Classes should be divided into groups of approximately 18-20 children (similar grade level where applicable). This pre-grouping helps staff to adjust their language and information level to match the student's comprehension ability when dealing with multi-grade groups. If providing name tags, they should be worn on the students' indoor clothing rather than coats. Please confirm group numbers with Village staff. Grouping numbers may be subject to change on the morning of your visit and we ask for your patience and understanding if these last-minute adjustments are required.

### Arrival Procedures

**Your program begins at 10:00 am** unless specifically organized differently. Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start time to ensure time for payment, washroom breaks, and general organization to allow for a prompt start for the program. Late arrivals may mean adjustments to scheduling or omission of activities.

Upon arrival at the UCHV, please drive directly to the Visitor Centre (#1) and check in with staff where orientation and payment processing will take place. If your bus is remaining on site, they should park in the main parking lot (#67) after dropping students off in the loading zone.



## Student Health & Safety

Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village programs provide farmstead and living history experiences. During the school program, students might be in contact with allergens such as animals, straw/hay, feathers, and various food items. **Please review any allergies that students may have. If you have any specific concerns or questions about allergen exposure, please contact UCHV staff prior to your visit.**

UCHV staff take every precaution to ensure safety near animals such as horses and cows. Parents and teachers can help by taking a few minutes to remind their children about the need to be quiet near animals and not run towards them with the intent to pet them as farm animals may become frightened and may startle or flee.

## Dress Requirements

**Proper clothing is essential for safety and successful program delivery.** The UCHV is located in a rural setting, and weather conditions may differ greatly from conditions in the city of Edmonton.

All participants (students and adults) should wear:

- Warm weather-proof winter boots suitable for walking
- Warm weather-proof coats
- Lined mittens, scarves, toques/ winter hats
- Snow pants are strongly recommended

## Lunch

Your program includes a 30 minute lunch break. All participants must have a lunch, whether pre-ordered 5 business days prior to your visit from the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society or bagged lunches and beverages brought by the group. The lunch area has a water fountain, but no microwave. **Please do not bring student backpacks** as these are heavy, bulky and pose a risk to historic structures and artifacts. **Lunch bags should be packed in large boxes, plastic tubs or laundry baskets for ease of transport by UCHV staff on-site.**

## Payment

**Payment for all UCHV school programs is due upon arrival.** Payments can be made by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, debit, or cheque (payable to Government of Alberta). We are unable to invoice schools for programming or accept credit card numbers over the telephone. Program cost details can be found in your booking confirmation.

## Cancellation & Communication

In the event that you need to cancel or rebook your program, please provide as much advance notice as possible. In the event of inclement weather or poor driving conditions, we ask that schools phone or email on the morning of their visit to confirm their attendance or cancellation. To ensure your message is received promptly, please use the following contacts:

**Phone: 780-662-3640**

**E-mail: [uchvbookings@gov.ab.ca](mailto:uchvbookings@gov.ab.ca)**

## Museum Store

If you are interested in having your class visit the Museum Store, please contact Village staff prior to your visit to determine if the store will be open during your visit. The store does not regularly operate from September through April but may be pre-arranged with enough notice.

## Program Outcomes & Content Information

The school programs at the UCHV have the following general learner outcomes:

- Awareness of and respect for the beliefs and traditions of other groups and communities.
- Understanding of specific Ukrainian cultural and religious traditions related to the Christmas season.
- Appreciation for the stories and experiences of Ukrainian immigrants to east central Alberta.
- Appreciation for how events of the past relate to and connect families to the present.

This school program aims to teach students the meaning and significance of the Christmas season to early Ukrainian-Canadian settlers in east central Alberta. **As part of the program activities, religious themes and information will be presented to the students as they pertain to the Ukrainian Christmas traditions and activities students are learning about.** This program also includes an educational visit to one of our museum's consecrated churches. UCHV staff endeavor to create a learning atmosphere that is respectful and inclusive while educating students about these cultural beliefs and traditions. If you have any questions or concerns about the content and activities related to the Rizdvo-Christmas program, please feel free to contact us:

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## Historic Building Information

All of the buildings used for this school program are original historic buildings. All of the historic structures were moved from the railway towns and rural countryside of east central Alberta to represent the 1892-1930s era of Ukrainian-Canadian settlement history. In addition, the buildings are furnished with artifacts and furnishings from the time period the building represents.

**Due to the size and scale of our museum, it is not feasible to include all buildings in any one program.** Additionally, buildings may periodically be unavailable for visitation due to routine maintenance work on the building or furnishings. Environments within programs are selected according to:

- Desired program outcomes and curriculum connections,
- Nature of program selected,
- Access to the building during the time the program is requested.

### **Pre-visit Checklist for Teachers**

- Confirm your booking with UCHV staff as outlined in your booking confirmation. If your numbers change from what is listed in your booking confirmation, please inform us as soon as possible.
- Check weather and road conditions and confirm with UCHV staff that you will be attending your program if conditions are poor. You may wish to confirm with your bus company the day before your visit, as inclement weather may impact their ability to deliver you to our site.
- Make arrangements for payment (due upon arrival for your program).
- Ensure that every student has a bag lunch and a drink. (Unless pre-ordering lunches with the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society 5 business days prior to the visit, minimum 12 orders).
- Ensure that lunches are labeled and placed in a group box or bin.
- Ensure all students are dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Check for any allergies your students might have to straw, feathers, animals, food products, etc. Advise Village staff of any allergies or safety concerns.
- Provide name tags for students (to be placed on indoor clothes).
- Review proper museum conduct and behavior expectations with students as listed below (in classroom plus review on morning of visit).
- Distribute and review "Information for Supervisors" (morning of visit).
- Ensure that students are pre-grouped and assigned to a Supervisor.
- Upon arrival at the Village, please report to the Visitor Centre for payment and program introduction.
- Ensure students leave backpacks on the bus or in the classroom. Supervisors may carry their backpacks.

### **Student Behaviour Expectations**

- Stay in your assigned groups and with the group supervisor at all times.
- Do not use iPods or other music players during the program.
- Cell phones must be turned off and put away.
- Do not touch historic artifacts unless invited to do so by a site employee.
- Do not break trees, throw rocks or snowballs.
- Do not climb on trees, statues or monuments.
- Do not eat or drink outside of the lunch period.
- Ensure that you are polite and respectful of everyone you meet and all your classmates.



### Information for Supervisors

Thank you for accompanying the students on this exciting field trip! We appreciate you coming along to ensure that the students get the most out of their day. To ensure a flawless and educational day for everyone, please review the following information.

- Whenever possible, please silence your cell phones. Smoking is prohibited in the museum, except in the parking lot (#67 on site map).
- Ensure that all students in your group are on-task and behaving appropriately during the program (see behavior expectations below for review with your group).
- Assist all students with any activities they may be completing. Remember, some will be quick to ask for help and others may not!
- Keep your entire group together at all times. Do not allow students to run ahead of you and the rest of the group.
- Each activity station has a start and end time listed on the schedule. Please keep an eye on the time and give staff a heads up if the group only has 5-10 minutes left.
- Encourage student participation and assist the interpreters where necessary or requested. Staff may ask supervisors for assistance with various tasks to ensure smooth and efficient program delivery.
- After lunch, we ask that groups tidy up the lunch area and ensure that all garbage and recycling is in the appropriate bin. A wash cloth will be available in the lunch area if required.
- Please remember that this program is primarily aimed at the students. We encourage adult supervisors to ask questions and interact with our interpreters during the visit, however we ask that you do so after the student program and activities.

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- Gum, candy, snacks, and drinks are not allowed outside the lunch area.
- Do not touch historic artifacts unless invited to do so by a site employee.
- Do not break trees, throw rocks or snowballs.
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