



**Ukrainian Cultural
Heritage Village**
**Село спадщини
української культури**

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Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village School Programs Pre-Visit Information Booklet – Spring Programs

Thank you for booking a school 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. spring or Easter 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 cultural traditions or history (if relevant)
 - a. Ukrainian-Canadian immigration and settlement, homesteading experiences
 - b. Ukrainian-Canadian cultural beliefs and traditions, religion

Student Grouping

Classes should be divided into groups of approximately 15-20 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' outdoor clothing. 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.

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 outdoor setting, and weather conditions may differ greatly from conditions in the city of Edmonton.

All participants (students and adults) should wear:

- Good walking shoes. Your group will be spending 2-4 hours walking on gravel roads and paths.
- Sun protection and bug spray appropriate for conditions.
- Rubber boots and/or rain jacket in wet weather. Even if it is not raining on the day of your visit, our gravel roads may be muddy from previous days of rain.
- Hats are recommended.

Lunch

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 storage on-site.

If you are interested in pre-ordering lunch from on-site food services, please contact the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society.

Phone: 780-662-3640

Website: www.friendsukrainianvillage.com

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

Museum Store

The Museum Store is open during our spring season. You may wish to inform students and parents if you plan on visiting the store with your class. Please note that groups should allow adequate time for their visit to the store and that the busiest time is right before buses depart at 2pm. You may wish to plan for your students to visit earlier in the day.

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.
- 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.
- Knowledge of traditions and customs from the past that continue today.

Your program may also include 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 the religious and cultural beliefs and traditions of Ukrainian-Canadian pioneers. If you have any questions or concerns about the church visit or any other aspect of program content, 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. Each of the buildings at the UCHV can be presented in a number of ways and each structure bears a potential wealth of information. For this reason, it is not feasible to include all buildings in any one program. Additionally, buildings may periodically be unavailable for visitation due to periodic maintenance work. 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.

Please note that the UCHV has more than 30 historic structures and it may not be possible to see every building during your visit. A typical 1 hour and 45 minute tour will visit approximately 6 buildings.

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.
- Ensure that every student has a bag lunch and a drink.
- 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 outdoor 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 stop at the Admissions Booth for payment and then report to the Visitor Centre for 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 or throw rocks.
- 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 (#1 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.
- 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 where they ate and ensure that all garbage and recycling is in the appropriate bin.
- 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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