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## **Rizdvo – Ukrainian Pioneer Christmas**

(Grades 1 to 9)

**Students experience customs and traditions for the entire *Rizdvo* (Christmas) season as they are brought to life by costumed interpreters. In this full day of activities, groups will help with preparations for *Rizdvo*, learn how the holiday was celebrated, and experience traditions associated with the New Year and *Iordan*.**

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

### ***Program Activities***

This program patterns Ukrainian pioneer lifestyle as it occurred during the festive season in east central Alberta prior to 1930. The program activities will span the Ukrainian Christmas cycle from the lenten period (*pist*), to Christmas Eve (*Sviatyi Vechir*), to post-Christmas celebrations of New Year's Eve (*Malanka*) and Epiphany or the Feast of Jordan (*Iordan*). During the program students will be involved in home and meal preparation, indoor and outdoor chores, and in learning about special religious customs and traditions like carolling. Through hands-on activities and interactions with costumed interpreters, students will acquire significant information and images of a Ukrainian Pioneer Christmas in Alberta.

### ***Program Duration and Delivery***

*Rizdvo* begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs to 2:00 p.m. The program schedule includes a 30 minute lunch break for each group. Teachers will divide students into smaller groups for the program. Each group will have a different schedule to follow but will complete the same activities. Please see the Teachers' Information Booklet for more detailed information.