

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT THE FORT ST. JOHN NORTH PEACE MUSEUM Fall 2016 – Winter 2017



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BUILDING THE ALASKA HIGHWAY

From muskeg to mosquitoes, building the Alaska Highway was a challenge. 2017 marks the 75th anniversary of the construction of this man-made marvel of engineering.

This program is aimed at grade one*, focuses on this key event and development that changed the community of Fort St. John as well as the lives of local First Nations.

This presentation looks at the reasons behind building the highway, the process of construction from surveying to bridge building, the experiences of construction workers, the impact of the highway on Fort St. John and First Nations, and travel and tourism today.

Using historic photographs, archival footage, and interactive activities, this program allows students to understand the difficult work of building the highway and to realize how the highway changed the communities of northeastern British Columbia. At the end of the program, students will have the opportunity to make two Alaska Highway related crafts – bulldozers and mosquitoes.



Duration: 60-75 minutes

Cost: \$75 per class (max. 30 students) (adults are free of charge)

Every ten students must be accompanied by an adult. We recommended more accompanying adults for grade three and under. It is the responsibility of the teacher and accompanying adult volunteers to maintain discipline throughout the visit.

*This program can be adapted for older classes as well.

Please note: This program is also available to come to your classroom for an additional \$15 as long as your school is within a 15 minute drive of the museum. We do the driving and save you the hassle of arranging a bus to the museum.

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MINDING THE FORT: FORT ST. JOHN & THE FUR TRADE



Experience Fort St. John's rich fur trade history from 1794 to 1938 through the artefacts at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum!

Aimed at grade four*, this program examines the economic and technological exchanges between fur traders and Aboriginal people in the Peace Region.

Students will learn about the introduction of new materials and technologies to First Nations in this area. They will be able to see and pass around archaeological artefacts found at forts in this area.

They will understand the technologies used in bringing trade items from Europe to the Peace Region.

Students will learn about bartering through a fur trade exchange activity. They will also learn about the Made Beaver system of value.

Duration: 75 minutes

Cost: \$75 per class (max. 30 students) (adults are free of charge)

Every ten students must be accompanied by an adult. We recommended more accompanying adults for grade three and under. It is the responsibility of the teacher and accompanying adult volunteers to maintain discipline throughout the visit.

**This program has been adapted for middle school and high school history classes as well. It has also been done for a range of ages for home schools.*

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WILD ANIMALS OF THE NORTH PEACE

The biodiversity of the North Peace Region is extensive. Following the science curriculum for grades one, two and three, this program looks at local wildlife – their names, features, and behavioural adaptations. Students will spot the differences between parents and offspring. They'll discover the place these animals hold in local food chains and food webs. Students will learn about the seasonal rounds made by the Dane-Zaa (Beaver First Nations) while hunting and gathering across the Peace Region of Alberta and British Columbia.



Using photographs, taxidermy animals, stories, interactive activities, and crafts, this program introduces students to the amazing biodiversity of the North Peace. Students will sort and classify information by matching tracks to wildlife and identifying taxidermy animals in the museum. They'll make moose antlers, bear paws, and beaver finger puppets to take home with them.

PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016.

Duration: 75 minutes

Cost: \$75 per class (max. 30 students) (adults are free of charge)

Every ten students must be accompanied by an adult. We recommended more accompanying adults for grade three and under. It is the responsibility of the teacher and accompanying adult volunteers to maintain discipline throughout the visit.

Please note: This program is also available to come to your classroom for an additional \$15 as long as your school is within a 15 minute drive of the museum. We do the driving and save you the hassle of arranging a bus to the museum. Activities involving identifying taxidermy animals in the museum will not be part of the travelling version.

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GUIDED MUSEUM TOURS

The Fort St. John North Peace Museum provides guided tours for all age groups. These groups are led by staff and volunteers, who share the history of Fort St. John from the dinosaurs to today.

These tours can emphasize almost any topic your class is studying, such as community, the fur trade, transportation, natural resources, communication, etc. Let us know how we can shape your tour.

Duration: 30 minutes for kindergarten or 60 minutes for grades 1 - 12

Cost: \$2 per student (includes tax)

Every ten students must be accompanied by an adult (\$6) or senior (\$5). We recommended more accompanying adults/seniors for grade three and under. It is the responsibility of the teacher and accompanying adult/senior volunteers to maintain discipline throughout the visit.



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SCAVENGER HUNTS

We have four scavenger hunts to choose from. These hunts can be done instead of a guided tour (same cost as tour) or **in addition to a guided tour or educational program at no extra cost** (provided there are several adults accompanying the students).

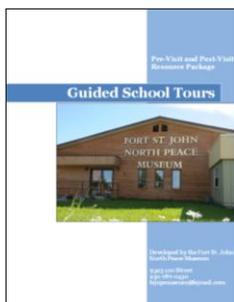
Museum Scavenger Hunts (available year-round)

These indoor scavenger hunts focus on historic locations and businesses around Fort St. John. The picture-based scavenger hunt looks at artefacts in five exhibits and is aimed at kindergarten through grade three. This hunt takes about 20 minutes to complete. The question-based scavenger hunt is aimed at middle school and high school students and takes about 30 to 45 minutes to complete.



Heritage Building Scavenger Hunts (only available May through September)

Please note: Our heritage building scavenger hunts are only available from mid-May through September as our historic buildings are closed when temperatures fall to 0°C overnight. These scavenger hunts take students around the museum's yard, looking at oil and gas equipment, a chapel, a police barracks and jail, a trapper's cabin, and a pioneer cabin. There is a question-based scavenger hunt for older children (grade four and up) and a picture-based scavenger hunt for younger children (kindergarten to grade three). These scavenger hunts take about 20 minutes to complete.



OPTIONAL PRE- & POST-VISIT ACTIVITIES

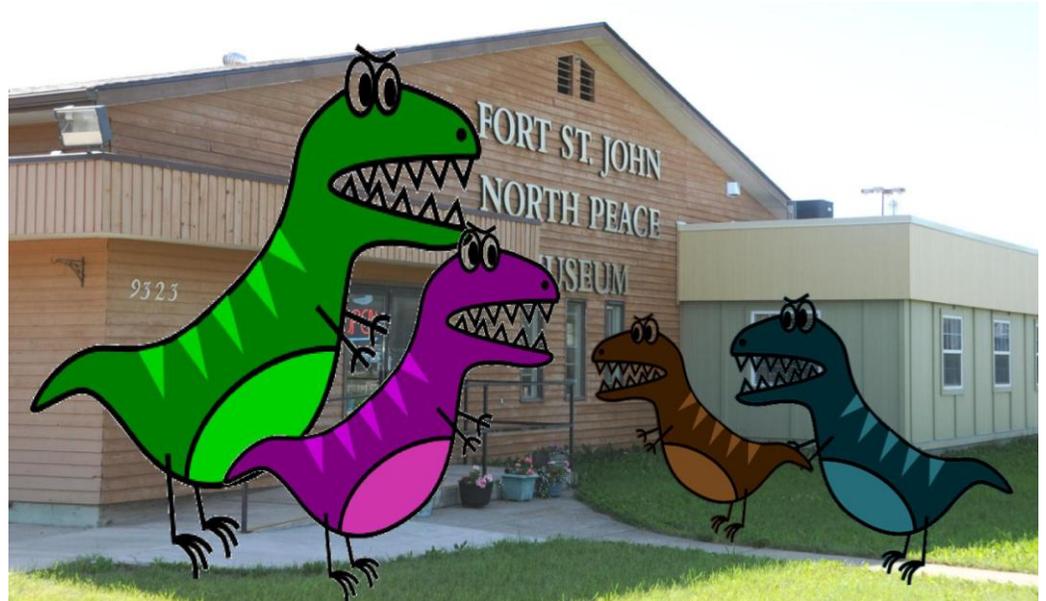
Get your free pre- and post-visit resource package for guided school tours at http://www.fsjmuseum.com/files/FSJ_Museum_Classroom_Resources.pdf

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A DATE WITH DINOSAURS

Dinosaurs have invaded the Fort St. John North Peace Museum! Come find out about the dinosaurs of the Peace Region from ankylosaurs to plesiosaurs through short video clips and stories. Discover what paleontologists can learn from dinosaur trackways. Compare your hand size to a dinosaur footprint. Create your own dinosaur crafts to take home. Learn how to make dinosaur shadow puppets.



This program is aimed at younger students – primarily kindergarten through grade four. It is easily adapted for pre-schoolers. It's also a fun program for summer camps, clubs, and other organizations. These groups must be accompanied by at least one adult for every five children so that kids can have plenty of help with crafts.

Duration: 60 minutes

Cost: \$75 per class (15 to a maximum of 30 students) or \$50 for groups under 15 students (adults are free of charge)

Every five students must be accompanied by an adult or senior. It is the responsibility of the teacher and accompanying adult/senior volunteers to maintain discipline throughout the visit.

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EXPLANATION OF FEES

We are pleased to offer a range of affordable programs at a lower cost than the regular \$4 for student admission. It is important to us that students come to know the history of where they live. At the same time, we need to charge program fees so that the North Peace Historical Society – an independent and non-profit society – can continue to operate the museum year-round and develop more quality programming.

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SHAPE YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

We are interested in responding to the interests and needs of our schools and community. We welcome the opportunity to discuss a tailor-made learning experience for your group whether you are looking for an opportunity to have your class do research or learn about other aspects of the history of the North Peace. We are willing to work with teachers to help develop programs that fit in with what they are teaching. We will develop more programs in the future as staff time and resources allow.

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