

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre

Education Programs



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TOWN OF
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

All programs are based on the Ontario curriculum and are suitable for Grades 1 – 3.
Please visit our website for a full listing of curriculum links by program option & grade level.

TO BOOK A PROGRAM:

Select 1 Themed Tour & 2 “Hands-On” options for a full-day program. \$10.00 per student.

Select 1 Themed Tour & 1 “Hands-On” option for a half-day program. \$6.50 per student.

Whitchurch-Stouffville schools receive 25% off programming rates.

THEMED TOUR OPTIONS:

EARLY SETTLER TOUR

Runs Autumn & Spring

Spend time exploring the growth and development of a family farm in the 1800s. Examine the differences in 19th century life by touring our Pioneer Log Cabin and Victorian Farmhouse.

WINTER TOUR

Runs January to March

Imagine life as it was in the 19th century in the cold winter months as you tour through our Pioneer Log Cabin and our Victorian Farmhouse. Discuss winter responsibilities, dangers, and social activities necessary to the Early Settlers and Victorians.

A NINETEETH CENTURY CHRISTMAS TOUR

Runs late November to mid-December

Enjoy the holiday cheer in our festively decorated Pioneer Log Cabin and Victorian Farmhouse while discussing the differing traditions of the Early Settlers and the Victorians.

SEASONAL HOLIDAY CRAFT

Get in the holiday spirit by discussing gift giving while creating up to two holiday crafts! *Offered in conjunction with A Nineteenth Century Christmas Tour.*

“HANDS-ON” OPTIONS:

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

Take your students back in time and explore our 19th century schoolhouse. Learn the routines of the 19th century classroom through our interactive program.

NEW OPTION

Or develop your own lesson plan and bring it to life in our living history schoolhouse. With this option a free 1 week rental of the ‘Early Schools’ Education-Kit will be available in preparation for your visit (subject to availability).

NEW OPTION

DISCOVER FIRST NATIONS

Runs all year

This program introduces students to life in a First Nations village, specifically the early 16th century Wendat village that was located in what is now Stouffville. Turtle craft component included.

VICTORIAN KITCHEN

Join us in preparing seasonal foods in our Victorian Farmhouse kitchen. At the end of your visit everyone will have the opportunity to taste-test the delicious foods that your students have prepared.

When booking please inform us of any food allergies.

Please add \$30.00 supply cost.

SPINNING AND WEAVING

Educate your students on the complicated process of pioneer clothing production. Learn to card wool, watch a spinning demonstration, and practice weaving on cardboard looms!

PAPER PLAY

Challenge your students’ artistic abilities by creating Victorian paper pastimes like paper piercing and scherenschnitte (German paper cutting).

VISTING YOUR CLASSROOM

Our programs have been designed to complement the curriculum and your course of study. In each 1.5 to 2 hour program, experienced Museum Educators are available to visit your classroom with touchable objects and hands-on activities.

SPINNING AND WEAVING

Students discover how early settlers met the basic need for clothing and make comparisons between the technologies of today and those of the past. Hands-on activities include carding wool & weaving. Suitable for Grades 1 – 6/ 1.5 hours.

Cost: \$5.00/ student (\$100.00 minimum) - plus mileage if outside Stouffville area.

19TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS

Students learn about early settler & Victorian Christmas traditions, including food preparation, decorations, social activities, development of commercialism, and gift giving. Heritage crafts included. Suitable for Grades 1 – 6/ 2 hours.

Cost: \$6.00 per student (\$120.00 minimum) - plus mileage if outside Stouffville area.

DISCOVER FIRST NATIONS

Students are introduced to life in a First Nations village, specifically the early 16th century Wendat village that was located in what is now Stouffville. Craft component included. Suitable for Grade 3 / 1.5 hours.

Cost: \$5.00 per student (\$100.00 minimum) - plus mileage if outside Stouffville area.

LIGHTING THROUGH THE AGES

Students trace the historical progression of different modes of lighting from the sun through to electricity. Heritage craft included. Suitable for Grades 1 – 6/ 1.5 hours.

Cost: \$5.00/ student (\$100.00 minimum) - plus mileage if outside Stouffville area.

WINTERS WONDERS & WORRIES

Students make comparisons between winter social activities, indoor & outdoor jobs, seasonal food availability, and potential hazards facing early Canadians and facing us today. Suitable for Grades 3 – 6/ 2 hours.

Cost: \$6.00 per student (\$120.00 minimum) - plus mileage if outside Stouffville area.



EDUCATION-KITS

Each kit has been designed to complement the Ontario curriculum – they allow you to work through the kit’s contents at your own pace, in your own classroom. Each unique kit contains hands-on objects, visuals, and historical reference materials.

\$20.00 per kit per week – maximum rental period of two consecutive weeks.

PLEASE NOTE: Teachers are responsible for the safety of the kit’s contents. A checklist is included in each kit. Teachers are responsible for picking up & returning the kits to the Museum between 4 – 5pm on Fridays.

SPINNING AND DYEING

Our Spinning and Dyeing kit is a “hands-on” kit that enables children from primary to senior grades to practice the skills of carding, spinning, and dyeing their own wool. Included in this kit are drop spindles, carders, a variety of wool samples, and a DVD entitled “Wooley’s Gift” which relates the lengthy process of making a dress from the wool of a pet sheep.

EARLY SCHOOLS

Recreate a 19th century classroom experience! This kit contains quill pens, a slate, several old schoolbooks and a variety of other objects pertaining to early schools and a DVD. An accompanying notebook contains reference information and suggestions for activities.

Of special interest to those schools in the municipality of Whitchurch-Stouffville is a binder containing pictures and information on the former rural schools of Whitchurch Township.

LIGHTING THROUGH THE AGES

This kit contains a selection of early lighting devices ranging from candles to lanterns and kerosene lamps. A notebook containing background information, slides and suggestions for follow-up activities is also included. By varying the presentation and activities, the kit could be used with any age group.

EARLY ARTISANS

Our Early Artisans kit provides an introduction to the numerous skilled trades of the early settlers. The kit includes pictures, activity sheets, a DVD and numerous three-dimensional articles either used or produced by artisans working in the late 1800s.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Follow the food preparations of the early settlers throughout the four seasons. Peel and core apples, churn butter, or try some old recipes. Includes the DVD “Jamie Really Likes to Eat”, several reference books, maple sugar molds, and tins along with flour and cereal sacks. An accompanying portfolio contains large mounted pictures for display.



ABOUT US

The 5 buildings on site include the Visitor/Community Centre, two 19th century schoolhouses, a log cabin, a barn, and a Victorian Farmhouse restored to the 1880's.

The adjacent Vandorf Park provides excellent picnic and playground facilities for classes spending the day at the Museum. Indoor eating facilities also available year-round.

Gift Shop: The Gift Shop is available during the lunch hour & at the end of your day (teacher's discretion).

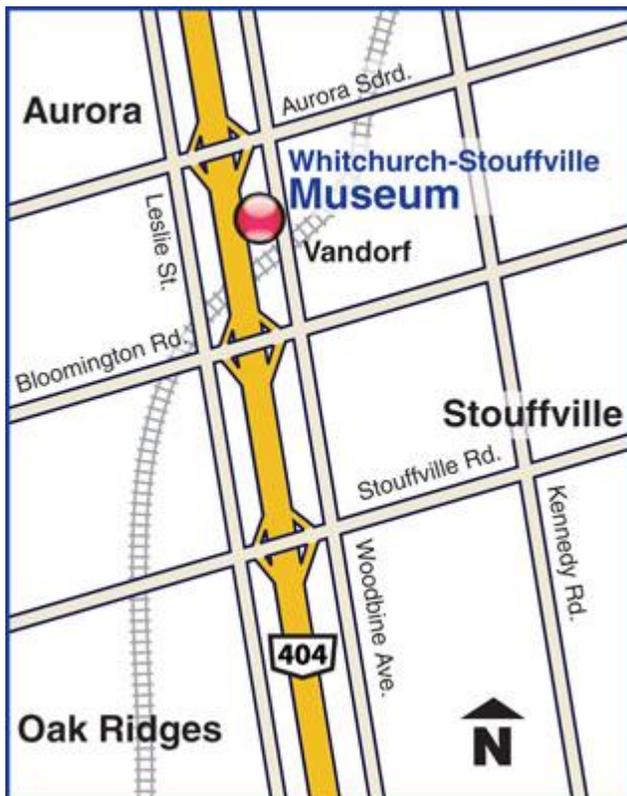


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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre is located just off Highway 404 at 14732 Woodbine Avenue in the hamlet of Vandorf.

For more information & to book a program please contact staff at 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

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