

To: Kindergarten Teachers

“A CHRISTMAS LONG AGO” 2011

A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
FOR KINDERGARTEN



1910 BOOMTOWN
WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM
2610 LORNE AVENUE SOUTH
SASKATOON, SK S7J 0S6



September 2011

Dear Kindergarten Teachers:

Christmas is a time when a person's thoughts turn to family gatherings, decorated trees, turkey dinners, brightly wrapped gifts and Christmas carols. So it was, long ago.

Children long ago, as today, grew more excited as Christmas grew near - wondering what the hung stocking would hold, what new toy may be under the tree, what shape the newly cut tree would take and what goodies the family would bake.

Through this teacher-led program we hope to provide an opportunity for children to learn some of the ways of the festive season during pioneer times.

Upon arrival the class will be directed to a designated area where they may leave their outerwear. They will be invited to sit on an old-fashioned rug to prepare for the program or they may visit the Museum. The program room is available for one hour sessions in the morning or afternoon.

The teacher will be provided with a written story line for the story session. The story, as it is told to the children, will be accompanied by a series of pictures, specific artifacts and replicas along with an explanation and directions. As well, students may place some old-fashioned decorations on a Christmas tree and/or look at some old-fashioned gifts.

For the Museum visit (1 hour) the class may choose from the three options below:

- Tour the Eaton's "Once Upon A Christmas" display.
- Tour Boomtown Street - certain store windows will display toys of long ago.
- Take special note of the homemade Christmas decorations adorning Boomtown Street.

If you wish to complement your visit with a treat from our Museum Store, the Store will package for you old-fashioned candy sticks (assorted flavours) at a cost of 26 cents. Arrangements for this treat can be made during your visit and paid to the Museum Store. (Just a reminder - no food is allowed inside Boomtown.)

Booking Information:

The Museum is inviting applications for our Kindergarten "A Christmas Long Ago" program from three school divisions: Saskatoon Public School Division, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and Prairie Spirit School Division.

The "A Christmas Long Ago" program will be available the following dates and times:

November **M T W Th F**
 1 2 3 4
 7 8 9
 14 15 16
 28 29 30

December **M T W Th F**
 1 2
 5 6 7 8 9
 12 13 14 15 16
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At 9:30* am *10:30 a.m. & 1:00 pm

Limited space is available.

Two classes will be booked for each morning session at 9:30 a.m. While one class visits the Museum, the other class will use the program room. At 10:30 a.m. the classes will switch places.

One class will be booked for the afternoon session and will have 1 3/4 hours to enjoy the story time and the Museum tour.

Please Note:

No pre-schoolers will be allowed to accompany classes into the program in the kindergarten room. Please share this with your chaperones. Thank you.

Program Cost:

The cost of the program is \$2.00/student. Chaperones must be provided at a ratio of 1 adult per 5 children. Chaperones are admitted to the Museum free of charge; additional adults beyond the required number are \$8.00 each.

To Register:

Please complete the application form and **fax or email** it to the Museum. **The form must be received on or before Friday, October 7, 2011.** Please do not forward payment with the application form.

Selection:

We will do our best to accommodate, according to available space. Preference will be based on the attendance of schools over the previous two years.

Confirmation:

If your class has been accepted for the "A Christmas Long Ago" program you will receive a letter of confirmation and further information by Thursday, October 20. The payment of \$2.00 per student is due upon arrival at the Museum.

If your class has **not** been selected, you will be notified and may arrange your own self-guided visit to the Museum. The cost is \$1.50 per student. To book, please call 931-1910.

"A CHRISTMAS LONG AGO" APPLICATION FORM
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and RETURN THIS FORM BY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011.



Name of School Division: _____

Name of School: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of all Kindergarten

Teacher(s): _____

EA (s): _____

Total Number of Kindergarten Student(s): _____

Can you all attend in a morning session? afternoon session? Please explain below:

**** PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY (e.g. PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS, STAFF MEETINGS, etc...) AND LIST BELOW ANY MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSION OF "A CHRISTMAS LONG AGO" THAT YOUR CLASS COULD NOT ATTEND.**

For those classes accepted to the Kindergarten "A Christmas Long Ago" Program ;
a Teacher In-Service will be held from 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 24, 2010** at
the Museum. Procedures for the program, preparation and follow-up activities will be discussed.

If accepted to the program; do you plan to attend the In-Service on:

Monday, October 24 YES _____ NO _____

Do you need a snack area? YES _____ NO _____

Please fax or email this application to:

Saskatoon WDM Education Department

"A Christmas Long Ago"

Fax: (306) 934-0525 Email: saskatoon.ed@wdm.ca



WELCOME! We are pleased you are planning a visit to Saskatoon's 1910 Boomtown, Western Development Museum. Some of our main features include:

- **Boomtown Street:** a re-creation of a typical early 1900's Saskatchewan main street
- **Winning the Prairie Gamble** Exhibit
- **Eaton's "Once Upon A Christmas"** Exhibit (open Nov. 1 – Dec. 31)
- **Farm Life in Miniature** Exhibit
- **Railway North - Prairie To Parkland** Model Engineer Exhibit
- **Saskatchewan Countryside in Autumn Mural** - by Ernest Lindner
- **The Transportation Gallery**

TO ENHANCE EVERYONE'S ENJOYMENT OF THE MUSEUM PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR GROUP:

- 1) TOUCH WITH YOUR EYES AND NOT YOUR FINGERS.** Fingerprints and pen marks pose a danger to all objects in the Museum. Please help us to protect these artifacts and keep them safe for public viewing.
- 2) WALK, DON'T RUN.** Running can harm you and other visitors. Take your time, there is a lot to see.
- 3) PLEASE TALK WITH ONE ANOTHER ABOUT WHAT YOU SEE.** Shouting is distracting for other visitors, but conversation about the exhibits encourages learning.
- 4) FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE MUSEUM OR PROGRAM ROOM.** Please remind parent chaperones that coffee, water bottles or other drinks are not allowed in the museum. Gum or candy are not allowed in the museum exhibit areas.
- 5) LATE ARRIVALS** may have guided tours or demonstrations cut short or even canceled. If you know your group will be late, please notify us at 931-1910 if possible.
- 6) MUSEUM RULES:** The Museum reserves the right to ask groups or individuals who do not comply with our regulations to leave the building.
- 7) REGARDING CHAPERONES:** at no charge for school or youth groups, we request there be, at minimum, the following ratios:
 - . For Preschools: One Chaperone for 3 - 4 children
 - . For Kindergarten and Grade 1: One Chaperone for 4 - 5 children
 - . For Grade 2 to 8: One Chaperone for 5 - 6 children
 - . For High School: One Chaperone for 7 - 8 studentsAdditional chaperones above given ratios pay discounted admission of \$8.00 each.
- 8) CHILDREN MUST BE WITH AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES:** PLEASE have children divided into appropriate groups with a chaperone in charge of each group.
- 9) THE MUSEUM STORE IS NOT A REGULAR PART OF A SCHOOL VISIT:** If students choose to shop designated chaperones must be present.
- 10) ADULT CHAPERONES ARE ASKED TO TURN OFF THEIR CELL PHONES.** Cell phones can be disruptive to programs and distract students and adults.

