



The Texas Civil War Museum is proud to offer a wide variety of programs that are designed to educate and entertain adults and children alike.

The Museum is a destination which tells the story of the Civil War soldier 1861-1865. It is an artifact driven museum with a broad range of collections from both the North and the South, the home front and the veterans. Victorian era women's and children's clothing continues to tell the story using fashion trends. This uniquely bridges the hardships of a wartime lifestyle to the abundant lifestyle of a reunited country at the end of the century. These programs and activities will allow adults and children alike an opportunity to research and interpret the story and its historical significance.

All of our programs are sure to make your museum experience more enjoyable. So check out our programs and create a unique museum visit that caters to you and your special interests!

One of the best reinforcements to classroom learning is seeing first hand the actual objects and struggles of the time period. Teachers are welcomed to visit the museum for free to plan a field trip. We will make every effort to meet with you to discuss your needs, but please call in advance in order to assure your visit will be a meaningful one. One of the most effective ways to actively involve your students in a visit to the Museum is to have a list of questions that they can answer as they view and listen to the exhibits. We highly recommend that you develop your own list of questions, based on your lesson plans for the Civil War. It would be best if the questions require the students to read captions, listen to video monitors/movie, and examine artifacts. In preparing your questions, you should always note where the answer can be found in the museum. Our staff is eager to help you through this process if needed. Listed below are suggested assignments.

OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- * Follow written and oral directions
- * Understand sequence of events
- * Describe people, locations, events and artifacts
- * Relate time and events
- * Synthesize information in written and oral forms
- * Make comparisons and contrasts
- * Interpret and analyze information
- * Explain issues and events
- * Justify reasoning
- * Read for information and comprehension
- * Demonstrate map skills
- * Research information

- * The student will demonstrate an understanding of civic values and the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.
- * The student will demonstrate an understanding of geographic influences on the historical development of the United States .
- * The student will demonstrate an understanding of historical concepts and information .
- * The student will demonstrate and understanding of sociological and cultural influences on the historical development of the United States.
- * The student will demonstrate the ability to interpret social studies data.
- * The student will demonstrate the ability to use critical-thinking skills to analyze social studies information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How early should I book my field trip?

The Texas Civil War Museum is a popular destination for school field trips. We are especially busy March through May. To arrange your visit please call (817)-246-2323.

Are there tours?

The museum has several components. There is a 30 minute movie called “Our Homes - Our Rights - Texas in the Civil War” shown continuously in the 75 seat theatre as well as four military galleries, a medical, home front, flag, veteran and Victorian dress gallery.

How long should we allow for a visit?

We estimate your self-guided visit to be about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. However, you are self paced and may take your time. Special programming may be set up in advanced for an additional fee which would add approximately 30 to 45 minutes to your visit. Allow for traffic delays, unloading/loading, restroom break and shopping in the gift shop where there are many themed items such as toys, books, art, decorative and unique items.

How many students/adults are required to visit the museum?

We require one adult for every 10 students. Large groups will be divided into sections and will rotate throughout the museum. Please allow sufficient time for this staggered entry into the Museum galleries. Chaperones are requested to keep their group together to avoid clumping in any one area.

How much is admission for my group?

Student admission on field trips of 20 or more is \$2.00 for elementary students (1st-6th) and \$4.00 for secondary (7th-12th). Teachers, chaperones and bus drivers are admitted free. Please have the correct count of your party when you arrive at the ticket counter. Checks are payable to the Texas Civil War Museum and must be received before or at the time of your visit unless special arrangements have been made in advance with the museum office.

What do we need to bring?

The museum will supply pencils, paper and clipboards. Teachers wishing to bring a prepared worksheet for their students are welcome to do so.

Is there a concession stand or eating area?

The museum facility does not have a lunch or picnic area. Weather permitting, there is a grassy area for student use, but there is no rainy day alternative site. There is ample, free parking on site. Grounds must be left clean of trash upon departure.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

- * Students are to follow their school policy at all times.
- * There is no loud talking, running, jumping, etc.
- * Stay with your group chaperone at all times.
- * Use clipboards for work sheets. Do not lean or write on the walls or exhibit cases.
- * No food, drink, candy or gum is allowed in the building.
- * The museum is under video surveillance and all areas are equipped with security alarms.