



Grade 7-12 Outreach and In House Programs

The museum has monthly theme programs that can be delivered in house or at your school. These themes cover a wide variety of topics such as Then & Now, Museum Oddities, We Remember, Keeping Warm in the North, Medical History and more. Programs will include a wide variety of artifacts along with gloves, and/or a Kahoot! Quiz/activity and discussion.

For fees and additional information on booking please see the Education Brochure or contact Marissa at education@thunderbaymuseum.com or 807-623-0801.

Keeping Warm in the North (Winter Clothing and Sport)

With the trials of winter such as shoveling, scraping, and trying to keep warm, comes many types of winter clothing, tools, and winter sports. In this program, students will have the opportunity to see and touch a variety of winter clothing and tools from years ago, discuss winter sports, and complete a winter survival worksheet.

Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning...that time of year where the house and yard get cleaned top to bottom. One may dread it, other may enjoy it – whatever your opinion is, cleaning products and technology have certainly come a long way. Students in this program will learn the daily stresses of those in the Victorian Era and how some of these stresses changed or lessened over time. Students will also play Kahoot!

Museum Oddities

The museum has more than 30 000 objects and 500 000 photographic images in our collection. With so many objects in our collection, it is inevitable that we would have collected at least a few items over the years that might seem a little peculiar. Some of these items are a little morbid, others are strange looking or are used for strange purposes, and other are everyday objects whose connection to Thunder Bay and history might not be so obvious at first glance.

Medical History NWO

Mugwort, Snake Oil, hearing aid glasses, a fleam and much more – ever wonder what medicine and medical equipment was like? In this program we'll take you back to the 1890s to 1960s to learn what it was like for doctors and patients and let me tell you, thank goodness medical practices have come a long way! Students will also play a Kahoot related game.

Guessing Game

Ever wonder what some of the artifacts we have in our collection are? Wonder no longer! In this program, students will be able to partake in a guessing game using artifacts from the past and the group with the most points wins a prize!

Then & Now

From telephones to music, cameras to stoves, items and technology have changed, some more drastically than others. In this program, we will be discussing artifacts that were used before the turn of the century and how they have changed since then. Some of the more modern items we have, have already changed form so drastically since the technology has changed that they were have already become what we consider "an artifact."

School Days

Welcome students, to back to school! In this program, students will learn what school and education was like decades ago. Why did some teachers cook bake potatoes in their classroom? What were some of rules teachers had to follow? Did children back then play the same games children do now? Find out when you come back to school! Students will also be able to view related museum artifacts and create a self-portrait.

Giving Thanks and Food Preservation

In this day and age, we may take for granted how food gets to our table. We can go to grocery stores and pick up food from out of session or food that may not grow in our own backyards. Not so long ago, preserving food from the harvest each fall was an essential job! In this program students will learn what it was like to harvest and preserve food, partake in a discussion, and play Kahoot!

We Remember: Split into two programs

Grade 7-8

In this program, students will gain a brief overview of Canada's contributions to the First and Second World Wars, discuss the importance of the act of remembrance and different ways Canadian's honour the service and sacrifices of our veterans, and learn about Thunder Bay's unique connection to the poppy. After the discussion, students will have an opportunity to examine artifacts from our military collection.

Grade 9-12

During this program, students will listen to an interview given by a veteran and former P.O.W from Port Arthur and evaluate oral histories as a source of information about the First and

Second World Wars. They will also have an opportunity to examine artifacts from our military collection.

Christmas Traditions and Gifts

Learn all about the history of some popular Christmas items, how they came to be, who invented them, and some toys that are no longer around. Students will be able to see related artifacts from our collection and make a Christmas card.