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GROUT
MUSEUM
DISTRICT

WATERLOO, IOWA

FIELD TRIP & TOUR OPTIONS AT THE GMD

SITES: BLUEDORN SCIENCE IMAGINARIUM | GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE
RENSSELAER RUSSELL HOUSE MUSEUM | SULLIVAN BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM

GENERAL TOUR OPTIONS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM: GUIDED OR SELF-GUIDED

Tour one or both levels of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. Choose between a guided tour with the museum staff or a self-guided tour. Tour includes information about servicemen and women and artifacts from Civil War to the present. Section-specific guided tours, such as "Civil War" or "World War 2" are also available upon request.

PIONEER HALL: GUIDED, ALL AGES

Join us for a trip through the prairie grass! Explore the lives and customs of the first pioneers to settle in the Cedar Valley. Learn about log cabins, blacksmithing, and shopping at a general store.

WONDERS OF THE SKY: GUIDED, AGES 4+

See the stars and planets like never before! Join us in the new Norris Corson Family Planetarium as we take you on a guided journey through the night sky. Then, sit back for a more scientific look at the planets, solar system, and even the galaxy itself!

IMMIGRATION: GUIDED, GRADES 2-5

Learn about the contributions of Immigrants throughout the history of the Cedar Valley, beginning in the 1910's and all the way to today. We will discuss why people move from one country to another, and what their lives are like when they arrive. We will also talk about industry, labor, and life for the working-class in the decades following the industrial revolution.

IMAGINARIUM: EXPLORE!: SELF GUIDED, K-6th GRADE

The Imaginarium is where science comes alive! Pull every lever, push every button, turn every wheel as you make your way through two levels of interactive learning. You can also add a Science Demonstration of your choosing for extra fun!

VICTORIAN LIFE: GUIDED, GRADES 3+, ASK ABOUT AVAILABILITY

See what life was like for the rich and poor in the Victorian Era, as we explore both floors of the Rensselaer Russell House Museum! From opulent entryways to quaint kitchens, the Russell House has so much to see. Learn about Victorian dinner customs, decorations, and why people made wreathes out of human hair. Maybe the Victorians weren't all that different from you or me...join us for this tour to learn more!

Ask us about current temporary exhibition tour options.

TIPS FOR TEACHERS

- Bus grants are available through Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area: <https://bit.ly/3FhCEzf>
- Work with GMD Education Staff to create a letter writing activity to be completed prior to your scheduled visit
- If funding is an issue, consider approaching military organizations or your parent/teacher organization for funding assistance

TOUR INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

WHAT DOES IT COST? CHILDREN (SCHOOL AGE K-12TH)

\$4.00 per child per program, 45 minute (SBIVM Upper & Lower Levels are 1 hour each level & RRHM is 1.5 hours)

Lunch Space Fees

- *11-30 students \$25
- *31-75 students \$50
- *76-100 students \$75
- *101-150 students \$100
- *151-175 students \$125

DAY AWAY

Buy 4 tours & get 25% off (\$12 per child)-4 for the price of 3!

- \$12 per child
- Excludes Docent Fee(s)
- Choose 4 different programs
- Includes a lunch break

TEACHER/CHAPERONE

- **One adult** is required for every **12 students** and will be admitted free
- All bus drivers will also receive free admission

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- Minimum group of 12 kids required
- Reservation must be made at least two weeks prior to tour
- Reservations are booked on a first-come, first-served basis

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Visit www.gmdistrict.org/fieldtrip to fill out Tour/Field Trip Reservation Form

Please have the following information ready:

- Museum programs to be reserved
- Date and time of arrival (have alternate dates)
- Name of school and teacher in charge
- Primary contact's e-mail address is required along with complete mailing address and telephone number of school
- Grade level and number of students, teachers and chaperones
- Special needs (disabilities, hearing/sight impaired)

PRIOR TO YOUR TRIP

- You will receive an estimate detailing costs, check in place, and bus directions
- Have one form of payment for the entire amount. We accept Cash, Check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, & American Express
- Make check payable to Grout Museum District
- Designate one chaperone for each group of 12 children. *Chaperone must always stay with those 12 children*
- Payment by PO is accepted, tours will be charged an additional 8% invoicing fee

UPON ARRIVAL

- One teacher must know the exact number of children and adults attending and have payment ready
- Programs begin promptly as scheduled, so please be on time
- Upon arrival museum staff will greet the group



TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US MONDAY- FRIDAY, 10AM-4PM AT
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