



To Grade One Teachers:

Toys of Yesteryear™

A Christmas Program
for
Grade One

November &
December 2011

September 2011

Dear Grade One Teachers,

Once again, the Saskatoon Western Development Museum is planning the Grade One **"Toys of Yesteryear"** program. We invite you to apply to attend the program.

"Toys of Yesteryear" is held in the school on Boomtown Street and is led by Museum staff. This tried and true program always captures the children's imaginations. The children will learn some of the ways of pioneer schools, sit in old-fashioned desks, participate in a dramatic recreation of a child's Christmas morning in 1910 and help with the unwrapping of presents (Museum artifacts). They will also have a chance to play with a variety of toys from yesteryear. These toys were often handmade and fashioned from available and simple materials.



Following the story session (50 minutes), the children, guided by the teacher and chaperones, may view the Eaton's "Once Upon a Christmas" display **and/or** tour the rest of the Museum making special note of Boomtown's window Christmas displays.

If you would like a treat for your class, the Museum Store offers old-fashioned candy sticks in assorted flavors at a cost of 26 cents each. You can arrange for these during your visit.

PROGRAM ADMISSION INFORMATION

The Museum is inviting applications for our Grade One **"Toys of Yesteryear"** program from the following school divisions: Saskatoon Public, Greater Saskatoon Catholic and Prairie Spirit.

"Toys of Yesteryear" program applications are accepted until **Friday, October 7, 2011**. The Museum will notify all successful classes before **Thursday, October 20, 2011**.

The **"Toys of Yesteryear"** program will be available on the following dates and times:

| November | | | | | December | | | | |
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| M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | | | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | 19 | | | | |

Program Times are: 9:30 am, 10: 35 am & 1:00 pm

The school in Boomtown can comfortably hold up to 32 students and 5 adults at one time. Groups larger than this may be booked for 2 consecutive programs in a morning or afternoon.

Please Note: No pre-schoolers will be allowed to accompany classes into the school house. Please share this with your chaperones. Thank you

Cost of Program:

Grade one children are **\$2.50** each. Chaperones must be provided at a ratio of 1 adult per 5 children. Chaperones are admitted to the Museum free of charge. Admission for additional adults (beyond the required number) is discouraged due to space restrictions, but if admitted must pay **\$8.00** each. Chaperones for special needs children are allowed at a 1/1 ratio.

Selection:

We will do our best to accommodate classes according to available space. We accommodate all groups first if they did not attend the previous year; then we accommodate all other applications. If you are not accepted it is because the times you noted for availability are too limited or your group was accepted last year.

To Register:

Please complete the attached application form and **fax** or **email** it to the Museum at (306) 934-0525 or saskatoon.ed@wdm.ca. The forms must be received by **Friday, October 7, 2011**.

Confirmation:

If your class has been accepted to the “**Toys of Yesteryear**” program, you will receive a letter of confirmation and further information by **Thursday, October 20, 2011**. The payment of **\$2.50 per student** is due upon arrival at the Museum. Payment must be made in a lump sum to the Museum School Teacher and a receipt will be issued. Greater Saskatoon Catholic schools are automatically invoiced; other schools who wish to be invoiced, please advise Museum staff.

If your class has **not** been selected, you will be notified and if you wish you may arranged your own **self-guided visit** to the Museum; call (306)931-1910 to book your visit. The cost is **\$1.50 per student** for self-guided visits. A Grade One “toy” scavenger hunt may be requested to accompany the self-guided visit.

Please note that **food/drink/candy/etc.** ARE NOT allowed in the exhibit area of the Museum

The Christmas Toy Scavenger Hunt:

Teachers coming for the Grade One Toys of Yesteryear program can download the **Christmas Toy Scavenger Hunt**, copy it and bring it to the Museum for your group. You will find the scavenger hunt at:
<http://wdm.ca/EdPrograms/saskatoon/grade1.htm#toys>.

Suggested Pre-Visit Activities:

Learn about **pioneer toys and children** by going to:

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/DE/saskatchewan100/docs/schools/oldendayschoolday.pdf>

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/DE/saskatchewan100/researchpapers/Gabrial%20Dumont%20-%20SICC%20Papers/FNLeisure.pdf>

If you have questions please email Melissa Allan at mallan@wdm.ca.





GRADE ONE "TOYS OF YESTERYEAR" 2011 APPLICATION FORM

Complete this form (print please) and return to the Museum by fax at (306) 934-0525 or email at saskatoon.ed@wdm.ca by Friday, October 7, 2011.

Name of School Division: _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name of Grade One Teacher(s): _____

Number of Grade One Students: _____

Would you like a copy of the Christmas Toy Scavenger Hunt? Yes _____ No _____

Please Note:

No Grade Twos will be accepted to the program. Every year we have more Grade Ones than we can place. Your Grade Two students may accompany your Grade One classes to the Museum but a separate activity (toy scavenger hunt) will be given to them and their chaperones.

If you are bringing Grade Two students with you - please indicate below how many are accompanying you. Their admission is \$1.50 per student and must be paid separately. Thank you.

Please Note: No pre-schoolers will be allowed to accompany classes into the school house for the program. Please share this with your chaperones. Thank you.

***PLEASE LIST BELOW THE DATES, MORNING/AFTERNOON OF "TOYS OF YESTERYEAR" THAT YOU CANNOT ATTEND. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY (ie. PD days, parent-teacher interviews, staff meetings, etc...).**

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Melissa Allan, Education Programming Assistant



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 town 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.