

Uxbridge Historical Centre

(Uxbridge-Scott Museum and Archives)



Heritage Programs for Schools

2011



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Curriculum Connections

Our programs relate to both the Ontario curriculum and to local history. They stimulate young minds and encourage scientific inquiry through hands-on learning and role playing.

Social Studies

- Describe the communities of early settlers in Upper Canada around 1800
- Identify factors that helped shape the development of early settlements
- Describe changes that have occurred in their communities since the time of the early settlers
- Use appropriate vocabulary to describe the life of early settlers
- Compare and contrast life in a pioneer settlement with that in their own community
- Identify people who work in the community and what they do
- Identify buildings in their communities and their uses

Science

- Investigate through experimentation, the characteristics of air and its uses (e.g. air makes certain activities possible; air keeps a kite flying)
- Identify the properties of air that make flight possible
- Describe the characteristics of a healthy environment, including clean air and water and nutritious food, and explain why it is important

Welcome to the Uxbridge Historical Centre

The Uxbridge Historical Centre is a cluster of 10 buildings in which the heritage of the Uxbridge area is collected and displayed. We have a one-room schoolhouse, two houses, a print shop, two former community halls, an implement shed, a carriage shed and a barn.

Our beautiful, spacious grounds are perfect for games and picnics, with a wonderful view of the town of Uxbridge and the Oak Ridges Moraine. We are located a few minutes west of downtown Uxbridge on Concession 6, just 300 metres north of Durham 8.

Safety

Parking is available off the main road, with a turnaround for buses. Accessibility is enhanced by wheelchair ramps to all buildings.

Programs

Except for "Kites", which would be of interest to classes up to grade 6, the programs are geared to grades 1 to 4. Programs can be adapted to suit the age level and/or the abilities of the children.

Children will have fun and bring a craft home with them after each program.

**Half Day programs are \$5 per student,
except for "Kites" which is \$8.**

**Full day programs are \$8 per student
May 24 to Oct. 7, 2011**

Suggestions for future programs are welcome.

Heritage Programs

1. Day at the Museum

For many years this has been an enjoyable grade 2 and 3 experience, often near the end of the school year.

During the morning the students are divided into three groups, led by three staff members, and rotated so everyone participates in each activity.

One group tours the Historical Centre grounds and buildings. Another attends a class in the schoolhouse travelling back to 1924, the year the school was opened. The third group makes a vintage craft or plays a pioneer game.

Usually this is followed by a picnic on the grounds and games led by classroom teachers during the afternoon. Staff can assist as required.

2. Heritage School

Teachers can book the schoolhouse and grounds to teach their own heritage curriculum. Learning about pioneer homes, schooling, farm equipment, tools and household items can be more interesting and easier for the teachers done right at the Historical Centre, using authentic artifacts. Staff is available to assist.

3. Life - Yesterday and Today

This program has students look at their daily lives – their community, home, school, food, entertainment, chores, travel and health. Then by visiting the buildings at the Historical Centre and seeing farm equipment, household items, tools, and other items from the past, they can begin to visualize what life was like in our community years ago. By discussing the differences between life yesterday and today, children will learn a lot about pioneer life.

Students will have the opportunity to play with pioneer toys and make a craft.

4. How a Town Got Started and Grew

Learn what Uxbridge Township looked like 200 years ago, how the area was settled, crops were grown, mills were built and how the town and hamlets grew.

Due to the long distances to other towns, settlers had to rely on people in their own community. As more and more people settled here, many things began to be manufactured locally including pianos, furniture and radios. Through visiting our buildings and seeing artifacts, children will learn about the type of work done by people in the community and how the town grew over the years.

Students will have the opportunity to play the role of different people in the community – farmer, carpenter, miller, innkeeper, carriage maker, doctor and teacher – and to demonstrate some of the many skills that were needed to develop a town.

5. Travel and Communication, including printing

Learn how pioneers travelled to settle here, through forests and rough trails, and the dangers involved in early travel. Students will learn how pioneers built “Corduoy roads” and bridges, and travelled to church, school, and other towns. They will also learn about the importance of the railway and the influence it had on the growth of Uxbridge.

Getting help was difficult when someone was very ill, or when there was a fire. Students will learn what people did to get help and how bells were used for communication.

Through visiting our well equipped print shop, students will learn about early newspapers and their importance.

6. Food, Health and Medicine

Learn about the food that pioneers ate and how it was prepared and preserved. Visit an early country kitchen and see the utensils and stove that was used. Pioneers did not have refrigerators or modern kitchens and washrooms. What problems did they face?

Students will visit the museum’s herb garden and learn how people used trees, roots and plants to cure minor illnesses. They will also learn about early doctors.

Each student will make and sample some butter.

7. It's Fun to Fly a Kite

Easily adapted to different grade levels and abilities, this is one of our most popular programs.

The Uxbridge Historical Centre grounds are perfect for kite flying. After discussing aerodynamics and examining kite function and design, each student will create and fly their own kite. All materials are included.

If you can't come to us, we will come to you. This is a great year end program that is fun for all ages.

Coming Soon

8. Small Town, Big Names

Many notable people have called Uxbridge home over the years. They include author Lucy Maud Montgomery, artist David Milne, politician Thomas Foster, businessman Joseph Gould, lawyer and soldier Lt. Col. Sam Sharpe, and cartoonist Duncan Macpherson. Musician Glenn Gould often came to Uxbridge to visit his grandparents and also played his first public solo here.

2011 celebrates the 100th anniversary of the arrival by train of Lucy Maud Montgomery to Uxbridge, and the 75th anniversary of the Thomas Foster Memorial.

Students will learn about these people and their influence at home and abroad. This is a great way to gain a sense of pride in some of our hometown heroes.



Our Mission

Our mission is to deliver quality educational programming that supports the Ontario curriculum and promotes knowledge of our heritage and an appreciation of the Uxbridge community.