TRAVELING TRUNKS PROGRAM

Fort Larned National Historic Site sponsors a Traveling Trunks Program conducted by Park Volunteer David Clapsaddle, Ph.D. The program has reached schools in five states and continues to perpetuate the legacy of the Santa Fe Trail by engaging students with trail adventures and fun.

Dr. Clapsaddle has created seven separate programs, each with a trunk of 19th century vintage accompanied by a story related to the artifacts contained in the trunk. Each story relates to the Santa Fe Trail. Dr. Clapsaddle's presentation includes a reading of the story, a display of the artifacts – many are passed around, and a question/answer period. The program is available at NO COST to elementary schools, public and private.

Program Length: 45 minutes

A summary of each trunk program with more information can be found on the Fort Larned NHS website:

www.nps.gov/FOLS

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FORT LARNED NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

EXPLORE, ENGAGE, ENJOY

PRE - Kindergarten

BUNKIE BISON

Bunkie Bison and young students find the Howitzer cannon at the flagpole.

Explore Fort Larned with Bunkie Bison!

Young students will discover a special place by engaging in activities using their senses. Bunkie comes along for the fun in the museum, barracks, and parade grounds. Games, music, and storytelling make this program a nice introduction to Fort Larned for our youngest visitors!

Themes: Special Places, Big & Small, Five Senses.

Program Length: 1 hour

Elementary Grades

FORT LARNED ADVENTURES

Become a Fort Larned soldier and journey back in time!

- Explore the fort's grounds and buildings.
- Try on a soldier's uniform,
- Work as a hospital attendant
- March in a military formation to the beat of a drum
- Engage in a 19th Century dance
- Play a 19th Century game

Enjoy hearing stories about life at Fort Larned. Find out about William Cody's visit and Chief Black Kettle's peaceful ways.

Program Length: 2 hours

These students are collecting wood for the fort's hospital.

The U.S. Army 10th Cavalry served at Fort Larned from April, 1867 to January of 1869. These African American Troops were known as the Buffalo Soldiers.

Other cultures involved in the Fort Larned community were the Plains Indian Tribes and the Mexican Traders - transporting their wares on the Santa Fe Trail.

BLEND, BICKER, AND BARGAIN

Older students are invited to examine and connect artifacts, replicas, drawings, and other evidences to each culture. Park rangers will facilitate a discussion about the converging cultures and contributions from each.

Topics include:

Racial Segregation at Fort Larned
Plains Indian Tribes, Treaties & Annuities
Mexican Traders on the Santa Fe Trail

Curriculum-based lesson plans, found on the fort's website, are suggested as a pre-site activity: www.nps.gov/FOLS

Program Length: 2 hours

Let us tailor programs to support your educational goals.

No cost! Call 620-285-6911

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