

2009-2010

School Year



ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM AT VAN HOOSEN FARM

Third Grade Program

Life in Young State

Through the lens of the “**State of Michigan**”, students will think like a historian and use primary and secondary sources to answer questions about the past. Using the context of life in the Stony Creek settlement, students will learn about causal relationships and be given information to enable them to construct historical narratives. Focusing on the Rochester area’s location within the state, students will learn about movement of goods, people, jobs and information in the past. They will apply their knowledge of how people adapt to, use and modify the environment.



Program

Farmhouse Tour: Using historic artifacts, architecture, photographs, and archives, the Museum staff paints a portrait of life in early Rochester. The tour will help students understand why pioneers settled in Rochester, how they interacted and changed the environment, and how they made their community safer. Students will be introduced to key individuals in the community’s history and compare life in an agricultural community to present-day life.



Dairy Barn Tour: Students will participate in an interactive timeline “scavenger hunt” that encompasses local life from 1817-1950s. During this activity, students will also be guided in the skills needed to view a museum exhibit while learning and having fun.

Information:

Cost: \$5 per student
Chaperones are free

Time: 1 1/2 hours

Availability:
Tuesdays-Fridays

Reservations:
Please call the Museum
at 248.656.4663

Content Expectations:

- Why and how people settled in Rochester.
- Physical characteristics of our region.
- How people have interacted with and changed the environment.
- How individuals impacted the development of Rochester.
- Identify questions historians ask
- Use a variety of resources to construct a historical narrative about daily life in the early settlements of Michigan
- Describe causal relationships between 3 events in Michigan’s past.

*Please leave time for the Gift Shop.
Goody Bags are also available.*