

Raupp Museum

Museum Exhibits

Main Exhibit

Experience the ways Buffalo Grove has changed as you walk through 150 years of history. Visitors can learn what grew in a Potawatomi garden, sit on the porch of an 1890s farmhouse, milk the museum's replica dairy cow, try a typewriter, and see a bicycle from 1958. Learn how Buffalo Grove got started, and also how it grew into the community it is today.

Crossroads Exhibit

Explore Buffalo Grove in the early 1900s! Visitors can listen to Morse code at the train station, see what's for sale at the general store, try the tools at the service station, and learn what it was like to grow flowers at the greenhouse.

Museum Programs

School's Out? The Museum is Open!

Keep on learning! When school is closed, visit the Raupp Museum instead. On the following Mondays, local schools will be closed, but the Raupp Museum will be open, with scavenger hunts and other challenges. Stop by and make us part of your day off.

Day	Museum Hours
February 19 - President's Day	11 am - 4:30 pm
March 5 - Pulaski Day	11 am - 4:30 pm

Spring Break Programs

Every day during spring break, the Raupp Museum will feature free walk-in programs from 1 - 3:30 pm. No need to register, just stop by to learn something new, try something fun, and get hands-on with history.

Day	Activity
March 26	Plant seeds for spring
March 27	Make a Kite
March 28	Make a pinwheel
March 29	Make felt flowers
March 30	Squawking chicken

Jr. First Lego League Celebration

Saturday, April 7 from 10 - 12 pm

Free Admission

Join us as we celebrate the history makers of tomorrow! This event showcases the work of local junior (ages 6 - 9) Lego teams, who have been working on projects for the past 3 months. Each team defines a problem, does research, and then creates a solution to the problem, using Lego robotics. At this event, they will be showing their work with displays, presentations and working robots. Last year, 17 teams from 3 different counties participated. Spectators are welcome. Please note: This is an event for Lego teams, which are already formed. The Raupp Museum does not have a Lego team for you to join. If you have any questions, you can contact the Raupp Museum at museum@bgparks.org.

Raupp Museum

901 Dunham Lane
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Raupp Museum Hours

Sunday 1 - 4 pm
Monday - Thursday 11 am - 4:30 pm
Closed Friday and Saturday

Please note: Museum educational programs can be scheduled during the museum's public hours, but they may also be scheduled at other times by contacting the Museum Coordinator at 847.850.2135.

New Adult Programs

The museum is proud to announce 4 new programs, which are available to be done offsite at your club luncheon, annual meeting, or monthly group. Speakers are available both days and nights. If you are interested, please email the museum staff at museum@bgparks.org.

Three Days With Colbee Benton

Explore Lake County through the eyes of Colbee Benton. This New Hampshire native visited Illinois as a tourist during 1833, and kept a journal of his adventures. Join Colbee as he meets Potawatomi in Half Day, gets stuck in Fox Lake, tries shooting a bow and arrow, and tastes acorn pancakes. The presentation will follow Colbee throughout his trip, including modern and historic images.

Alexander Robinson & Early Chicago

How did a prominent Native American Chief influence 19th-century Chicago's economy, politics and social structure? How can archaeology identify past vandalism and landscape changes within his cemetery? How are these 2 things related? Find out as we discuss Chief Alexander Robinson's impact on early Chicago, and the cultural and natural factors that all but eradicated his final resting place on his reserve near O'Hare Airport.

Cemeteries & Memory

How do we commemorate the dead? What were the customs of early Native Americans and settlers? How can archaeology reveal social identity from monuments and graves? Using local cemetery and gravestone examples, we will explore past attitudes toward memory, individual and group identity, changing landscapes and commemoration.

From Irons To iPhones

This fun presentation uses historic wedding announcements, vintage advertising and museum artifacts to look at the way wedding gifts have changed over the past 75 years, and how these differences also reflect variations in technology, society, and the role of women in the family.

Additional programs available include *Murder on the Meadow*, *Lake County Archaeology*, and *Ballots, Babes, and Beer*.

Museum Educational Programs

The Raupp Museum is proud to offer several exciting educational programs for school groups, home school associations, and community groups. Programs are available Monday through Friday during school hours, and meet the Common Core state standards. Please call Debbie Fandrei at 847.850.2135, or send an email to museum@bgparks.org to schedule a program.

Cows Are Cool

Grade: Preschool - 3

This fun program introduces children to the life of a dairy farmer in turn of the century Buffalo Grove. Participants get a hands-on experience by milking the museum's working replica dairy cow, churning butter and playing old-fashioned games.

Potawatomi Pathways

Grade: Preschool - 5

This program on Native American history allows students to touch reproduction Potawatomi artifacts, listen to a Native American folktale and play a hands-on game with animal footprints. Older students can try a different game that allows them to simulate a Native American trading post.

A Student's Life

Grade: 1 - 2

This presentation uses vintage images and historic objects from the museum's collection to show students what life was like 100 years ago. They explore one day in the life of a child - home, school, shopping, and even having fun!

Tiny Traders

Grade: 2

Students experience what life was like for farmers shopping in the 1880s. After milking the Museum's cow and gathering eggs, the children sell their milk for money at the creamery. Next, they use their money to go shopping in the Museum's General Store. This is the perfect program to teach younger students the difference between needs and wants, and the connection between work and money.

Buffalo Grove Then & Now

Grade: 1 - 5

This program showcases the changes that have occurred in Buffalo Grove during the past 100 years. First, students look at a series of artifacts that span a century to see how one object changes over time. Then, a slide show contrasts pictures of past Buffalo Grove buildings with the buildings that currently stand in those locations. Finally, an artifact guessing game encourages children to have fun with history.

Insects

Grade: 2 - 3

Students will learn about different insects that live in Buffalo Grove parks. They will then spend time in the park looking for insect habitats, collecting examples, and charting their finds.

Measurement

Grade: 2 - 3

When is an estimate good enough? How far is far? Students discover the importance of measurement, while using the Raupp Museum or Mike Ryko Community Park as a living lab for hands-on experiments. This program builds practice in measuring, recording and estimating into an overall story, which allows students to discover why these skills matter in their everyday life.

Packing For Pioneer Life

Grade: 3 - 4

The life of Buffalo Grove's earliest settlers is highlighted in this hands on program. Students start by brainstorming a pioneer's needs in settling Buffalo Grove. Next, the museum educator opens a pioneer trunk filled with reproduction artifacts and students discuss the uses of each item, and which pioneer need the item would fulfill. Finally, students use their new knowledge in a hands-on packing activity. Please note: This program can be modified for special needs students.

Adaptation

Grade: 3 - 4

How do animals and plants survive and thrive? They adapt. This program will teach students about the different ways that plants and animals adapt to their environments and to the changing seasons. Students will then explore the park to look for examples of adaptations and share their discoveries.

Chicago History

Grade: 3 - 5

Learn about the people and economy of early Chicago (1816 - 1836), including fur traders, trappers, businesses, and the Potawatomi. The museum educator will highlight the largely overlooked historical narrative of early Native American politicians and business owners in the new city, including Chief Alexander Robinson. Students will learn how the interactions of all these groups created the beginning of the city they know today.

Ecosystems

Grade: 3 - 5

When plants, animals, nature and humans interact, they form an ecosystem. Students will learn the elements of the Buffalo Creek ecosystem, and discover how different elements of the ecosystem affect each other. Next, they will go out into the park to test the different ways that humans have had an effect on the ecosystem.

What Makes A Good Exhibit?

Grade: 3 - 5

Tired of looking at rainbow font? This program introduces students to the design behind good exhibits and signs. Using hands-on examples, they will discover that the way information is arranged visually is key to helping the reader understand their message.

Archaeology

Grade: 4 - 8

This exciting program introduces students to the history, science and practice of archaeology! After viewing a presentation about archaeology principles and techniques, students put their knowledge to work by participating in a mock dig and analyzing the artifacts that they uncover.

WWII

Grade: 5 - 8

From aircraft carriers on Lake Michigan to food rationing at home, WWII had an effect on everyone. Students will learn what life was like locally during this time period, and the role kids played in the war effort.

The Civil War

Grade: 5 - 8

Students will learn the stories of local residents affected by the Civil War, and explore how the national issues involved in this conflict affected people on a local level.