

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.

Three Days With Colbee Benton

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Everybody's Got A Gift

December 1 - 29

Join us for this annual celebration of local art and artists. The adult art students of the Buffalo Grove Park District will be exhibiting their paintings at the Raupp Museum. Brighten your December as you discover the hidden talents of your friends and neighbors, and get inspired to unleash your own creativity.

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901 Dunham Lane
Phone: 847.850.2135

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.



The Hyman and Miriam Reiner Gallery

The Hyman and Miriam Reiner Gallery is located at the Buffalo Grove Fitness Center. In support of the Park District's commitment to cultural arts, Commissioner Reiner's family has made a significant financial contribution in honor of their parents, Hyman and Miriam. Their contribution will be used to maintain the art gallery. The public is welcome to view the gallery during the Fitness Center's operating hours. Various pieces of artwork are for sale.

Featured Artists

November/December Sureyya Celep - Ebru Art
January/February Stevenson High School - Annual Art Purchase

Museum Programs

Winter Break Programs

Every afternoon during winter break, the Raupp Museum will be open with special walk-in activities from 1 - 3:30 pm. Admission is free; so, stop by to learn something new, try something fun, and get hands-on with history. **Please note:** Children must be accompanied by an adult care giver.

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
December 26	Pinecone Birdfeeder	January 2	Beaded Snowflake
December 27	Hot Chocolate Mix	January 3	Many Bean Soup Mix
December 28	Ice Skate Bookmark	January 4	Mitten Bookmark
December 29	Shrinky Dink Zipper Pull	January 5	Paper Plate Snow Globe

What Do I Do With A History Major?/How Do I Get A Museum Job?

Thursday, January 4

3:30 - 5 pm

Are you or your child considering majoring in history? Teaching isn't the only career choice. Visit the museum for this presentation and behind-the-scenes tour to learn about the different museum jobs available to history majors, art majors, and anyone who's ever thought working in a museum might be fun. This program is free, but seating is limited; so, please email museum@bgparks.org to reserve your space.

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.

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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.

NEW

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.

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.

NEW

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.

