

School Trunk Program

We are developing a series of in-class programs that we can bring to your classroom! While we currently only have a few options, we are always working to develop more and welcome suggestions for new trunks!

Our trunks are topical, but come with different curriculum based on the grade level of the class and their social studies standards. RCHS volunteers and/or staff will bring everything we need and will lead the class in the program.

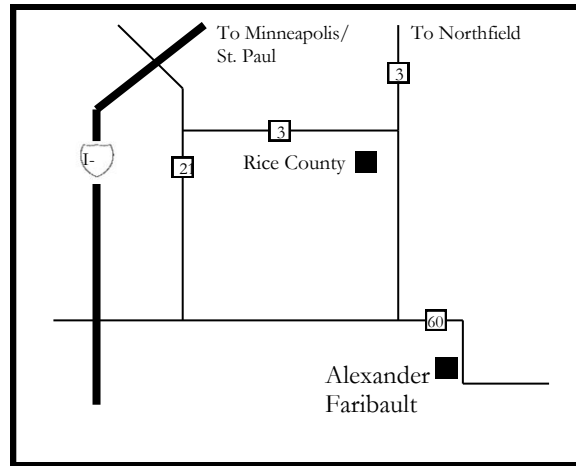
These trunk programs are planned to be about an hour but can be scaled up and down as the teacher needs. We also encourage similar grades in a school to consider having us come to each of your classes on a single day (i.e. all of the 2nd Grade Classes, all of the 3rd Grade Classes, etc.)

Our current program options are below:

♦ The Wahpekute

♦ The Fur Trade

We are happy to work with teachers to develop new programs!



School Bus Scholarships

RCHS makes funds available every year to cover the cost of busing for schools to come visit the Museum and Alexander Faribault House.

These scholarships are on a first come first served basis. To apply, visit our website, or call Dave Nichols, Executive Director at 507-332-2121. We try to provide funding for as many schools as possible.

Tour Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Admission

Museum & Village Tours: \$1 per Student

Faribault House Tours: \$1 per Students

Experience Programs: \$3 per Student

Trunk Programs: \$1 per Student



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School Tours Available

September –October

Mid-April through June

Museum & Village Tours

Museum of History Tour

A basic tour of the museum includes displays on fur-trading; Native Americans from the Palio (10,000 BCE) to the Historic periods; Bishop Whipple; the U.S. Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, and Vietnam Wars; local industries including the Fleckenstein Family and the Tilt-A-Whirl; and a Main Street diorama. In this space we can discuss a range of topics to better help students learn about lifeways of the past and how they connect to the modern day. We also include scavengers hunts, in addition to more traditional guided tours.



Time Commitment: About 20-40 minutes.

Ideal Grade Level: All

Capacity: The museum can hold about 30 students at a time.

Historic Village Tour

Students will get to tour all of our historic buildings and learn about how the lives of Rice County citizens have changed and advanced through the ages. We encourage teachers to break up their classes into groups of about 20. We will then rotate them through the different buildings with volunteer and staff presenters.

- ♦ Log Cabin — What would it have been like living in a cabin like this one?
- ♦ Pleasant Valley School — Built in 1858, student will learn about who attended one-room schools and what would it have been like to have been a student there?
- ♦ Holy Innocents Church — Built in 1871, students will discuss and learn about why there were so many churches in the county, what did they look like inside, and their importance to the residents of Rice County?
- ♦ Harvest and Heritage Halls — Discover how the machines and technology we use today advanced through time in Heritage Hall. In our Harvest Hall, students learn about early Rice County farming.

Time Commitment: Tours of the Historic Village (including the Museum) usually take about 2 hours.

Ideal Grade Level: All

Capacity: About 100 students total across all buildings.

Experience Programs

One Room School House Experience

In this program, students will experience what it was like to be a student in a one-room schoolhouse. Activities may include:

- ♦ School lessons as they were taught at the time
- ♦ Class Chores
- ♦ Music Class
- ♦ Gym Class/Outdoor games

Time Commitment: About 1-1/2 Hours

Ideal Grade Level: 2 - 3

Capacity: Up to 27 students at a time.

Log Cabin Experience

Students will step back in time to imagine what life must have been like living in a cabin such as this. By asking questions such as; where would they sleep? What would they eat? What would they wear? Students will come to a broader understanding of what life was like in Early Rice County.

Activities will include:

- ♦ Grinding & Shelling Corn
- ♦ Washing clothes by hand
- ♦ Playing old-time games

Possible additional activities include:

- ♦ Corncob Doll Making
- ♦ Wool Carding
- ♦ Finger Spinning
- ♦ Butter Making
- ♦ Candle Making

Time Commitment: About 1-1/2 Hours

Ideal Grade Level: K - 2

Capacity: About 20-25 Students at a time.

Agriculture Experience

Students will try their hand at farming with traditional tools and methods. We set up a mock farm field and the students are instructed on how to do some of the following:

- ♦ Plow up the field
- ♦ Sow the seeds
- ♦ Tend the plants

Note: This program is more seasonally dependent than others and is only available in May.

Time Commitment: About 1-1/2 Hours

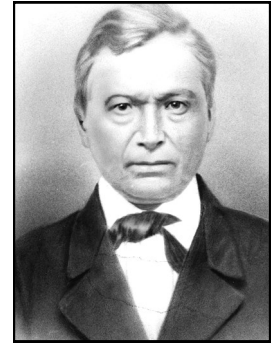
Ideal Grade Level: 4-5

Capacity: About 20-25 students at a time.

Alexander Faribault House

Alexander Faribault House Tour

The Alexander Faribault House was built in 1853 by Alexander Faribault. The house would come to serve many roles in the early Faribault Community, including as City Hall, a Civic Hall, Post Office, Polling Place, and even Church.



Alexander Faribault, 1850

By 1856, the Faribault family had moved to a new residence in town, but still kept ownership of the house. The Mdewakanton Dakota who came to Faribault in 1863, lived and were supported at and around the property of the Faribault House.

Students who visit the house are treated to a step back in time as the house is kept up in the 1850s style and construction of the time. Our tours can talk about many topics, including the Fur Trade, Early Settlement, Early Faribault, the Wahpekute Dakota, and more.



Time Commitment: About 1 Hour

Ideal Grade Level: 1-12

Capacity: 20-40 Students at any one time.