

School Field Trip Funding Opportunity for Peoria Riverfront Museum

To help schools fund learning opportunities outside the classroom, Target launched their Field Trip Grants in 2007. As part of the program, Target stores award Field Trip Grants to K-12 schools nationwide. Each grant is valued at up to \$700. The deadline for grant applications is September 30 of each year.

To apply, teachers can go to the following URL:

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>

Please visit our website for a full list of educational planetarium shows, giant screen theater films, and workshops:

<http://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/educators/field-trips>

School Group Field Trip FAQ

Scheduling a Field Trip

What is the school group rate? The first option is \$5.50 per student; each additional option is \$3.00 per student. Any combination of the 4 available options is acceptable.

How do I book my group reservation? Call the Group Tours and Reservations Coordinator at 309.863.3013 or fax the reservation sheet to 309.863.3054.

How many tickets do I need to purchase to get the school group discount? You must have a *minimum of 15 students* to get the school group rate.

Can I get a group discount if I walk-in with a school group? No, if you want the school group discount you must make an advance reservation with the Group Tours and Reservations Coordinator. Walk-ins will be charged, the general admission rate: \$11.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children. These rates do not include the Giant Screen Theater.

What is included with the guided experience? A guided tour includes a 50 – 60 minute tour led by a trained docent or museum staff member in *one* gallery of your choice. This option is an additional \$3.00 per student.

What is your chaperone policy? The museum suggests one chaperone for every five students. One chaperone receives free admission for every five students; any additional chaperones pay the same admission rate as the students.

Are pre-visit materials provided?

Yes, you can download the educator guides located in the Educator Guide section of our website.

<http://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/educators/educator-resources/exhibit-teacher-guides>

Can I preview the exhibits prior to my field trip?

Yes, there will be a preview pass available that you can download from our website. When you arrive for your preview, you will need to show your school identification at the front desk.

<http://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/educators/field-trips>

What if the weather is bad?

If your school is closed due to weather, any advance payments will either be refunded or credited toward a rescheduled visit. A cancellation fee will not be imposed if a visit is cancelled on account of weather.

What if my school group is running late?

Please call Peoria Riverfront Museum immediately at (309) 686-7000. Programs cannot be guaranteed if you arrive after your scheduled start. However, we will make every effort to accommodate the group and restructure your visit.

Can we get a refund if not all students come? Educators *must* confirm the final number of students and chaperones 5 days prior to the reservation date. **No refunds** will be issued past the final confirmation date.

Parking and Check-in

Where can the bus park? Free parking for buses is available under the Bob Michel Bridge. They enter the parking area just past the Hooters restaurant parking lot on the left side of Water Street; drivers will be provided a map.

What if we are not traveling by bus? Free parking is available in the museum parking garage off Water Street, bring your ticket to the front desk for validation. Metered parking is also available along Water Street.

How does our school group check in? If arriving by bus, please pull up to the Washington Street Main Entrance and send in one teacher for check-in at the ticket desk. Your payment will be processed at this time, and a staff member will welcome your group.

About Peoria Riverfront Museum**When is the museum open?**September – May

Sunday 12pm – 5pm; Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday – Thursday: 10am – 5pm; Friday: 10am – 5pm; Saturday: 10am – 7pm

June – August

Sunday: 12pm – 5pm; Monday – Thursday: 10am – 5pm; Friday: 10am-5pm; Saturday: 10am – 7pm

Is the museum handicap accessible? Yes, the museum is handicap assessable. We have an elevator and wheelchairs. Please make a note when making your reservation if you have any special needs.

How long should I plan for my visit? We recommend planning for a 2 ½ to 3 hour visit; you may want to allot more time if you are viewing a Giant Screen Theater show or having lunch.

Can I take pictures? Photography (no flash) is allowed in the *Illinois River Encounter*, *IHSA/Peak Performance*, and *The Street* galleries and in the lobby and public areas. Please do not take pictures in our *International Feature* or *Fine Art/Permanent Collection* gallery.

Exhibitions

Permanent Exhibitions

The Street

The Street takes us through the timeline of Peoria County's history and explores four themes of innovation and entrepreneurship: the brewing and distilling industries, transportation, manufacturing and research and development. Photographs, music, artifacts and personalities bring history to life here within an architectural setting. This gallery showcases more than 300 years of Peoria's rich history.

The Illinois River Encounter

Explore the history of the Illinois River as a living organism and a working highway. The story of the living river starts with the formation of the river valley by the cataclysmic Kankakee Torrent, explores the ecosystems that support life along the river's byways, then examines the rich traditions of fishing and hunting along the river and ends with efforts to restore and preserve the River as a vital natural resource and recreational venue.

IHSA Peak Performance Center

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) regulates competition among more than 780 high schools in Illinois. It is one of 52 such associations in the United States, and the second oldest, having been founded back in the 1900. Its highest profile function is coordinating annual state tournaments to determine a state champion in each activity. Among the 40 activities it regulates, 14 are boys sports, 15 are girls sports, 8 are co-educational non-athletic activities and 3 are special co-educational activities (spirit, three-point showdown, and wheelchair basketball).

Permanent Collection/ Fine & Folk Art Gallery

This gallery contains works of art works by nationally and internationally known artists. The museum's collections consist of more than 17,000 works of art, specimens and artifacts. In the Folk Art Gallery, enjoy a wide sampling of the decoys, coverlets, quilts, paintings and other examples of creativity.

Current Special Exhibition **some special exhibitions have an upcharge to visit

Dinosaurs in Motion

July 11-October 4, 2015

Upcoming Special Exhibitions **some special exhibitions will have an upcharge to visit

American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition

February 19-May 30, 2016

The Dome Planetarium

You'll experience vivid sights and bright lights that seemingly go into infinity, thanks to our state-of-the-art digital Zeiss Powerdome Planetarium system that was secured with NASA funding. We offer a large selection of shows for school groups.

Our Giant Screen Theater

At five stories high and seven stories wide, the Giant Screen Theater at Peoria Riverfront Museum extends beyond the field of vision, so viewers literally experience the big picture! The Giant Screen Theater offers ultra-sharp, ultra-detailed images, a state-of-the-art audio system generating up to 14,000 watts of power for surround sound you can feel, seats in stadium configuration so every seat is the best seat in the house, and 3-D capabilities that make you think you can reach out and touch objects on the screen. The giant screen is one of the first to use a digital format, rather than film, for the most vivid experience imaginable. We offer several options for educational films, all of which can be found on our website.

Workshops

Workshops are generally 45 minutes in length, and are led by a knowledgeable staff member from the Programs Department. Workshops and presentations are highly interactive and give the students opportunities to test, explore and investigate concepts, rather than simply listen to a lecture. We offer 10 workshops for grades 3 and older.

Lunch Options

Where can our school group eat lunch? If notified when making the reservation, the Group Tours and Reservations Coordinator can reserve a room for your school group to eat lunch. These locations are only available for up to 30 minutes for lunch.

What if we want to eat at the concessions stand?

The concession stand is open during museum operating hours and food can be purchased at any time. For larger groups, it is recommended that you let the Group Tours and Reservations Coordinator know ahead of time if your group will be purchasing from the concessions stand so that it can be staffed accordingly. After purchasing from the concession stand at your designated meal time, a museum staff member will lead you to the space indicated on your confirmation sheet. The space, if reserved prior, is available for 30 minutes for lunch.

What if we bring our own sack lunches?

If sack lunches need to stay cold please bring a cooler. The museum will not provide a cold location for the lunches. At your designated meal time proceed to the space indicated on your confirmation. The bins will be delivered to the indicated space. The space, if reserved prior, is available for 30 minute for meals.

Driving Directions

Where are you located?

We are located in downtown Peoria, 222 SW Washington St.

How do we get to Peoria Riverfront Museum?

From the West

Approach the museum on Interstate 74 going east.

Exit Washington Street.

Enter the right hand lane, and turn right on Washington.

Go one block, turn left on Main, right on Water, right on Liberty, and then right on Washington.

Pull into the bus drop-off lane on Washington in front of the museum.

From the North

Go south on University or Knoxville.

Get on I-74 East (towards Bloomington-Normal).

Exit onto Washington Street from the West (as above).

From the East on I-74

1) To cross the Illinois River on the Bob Michel Bridge:

Exit I-74 at Exit 94: "Downtown via Bob Michel Bridge."

Follow 40 N to "Downtown Peoria" across bridge.

Turn right on Adams, and go one block, then right on Harrison, and go one block, then left on Washington.

Pull into the bus drop-off lane on Washington in front of the museum.

2) To cross the Illinois River on the I-74 Murray Baker Bridge:

Stay on I-74 across the river and take the first exit – Exit 93 to "Downtown."

Go straight through the first light to Jefferson.

Turn left on Jefferson and proceed through the downtown to Harrison.

Turn left on Harrison, go 2 blocks, and then turn left on Washington.

Pull into the bus drop-off lane on Washington in front of the museum.

From the South on Illinois 29 (from Pekin and Creve Coeur)

Cross the Illinois River on the Cedar Street Bridge, and follow Rt 8 West (follow the airport sign).

Turn right on Washington immediately after crossing the bridge.

Go 1 mile north and pull into the bus drop-off lane on Washington in front of the museum.

From the South on Washington St.

Pull into the bus drop-off lane on Washington in front of the museum.

From the East on Illinois Route 116 (Cat Trail)

Get on I-74 west and follow the directions for "From the East on I-74," above.

