

THE FAQs

Q: Is the Courthouse Square ADA accessible?

A: As a historic site there will be parts of our property that will not be fully accessible to all visitors. We encourage teachers to reach out to us to see how we can make history fun for all students.

Q: Are there places to eat lunch?

A: Yes! You can "picnic" on the grounds, on the Jail Plaza, and inside the courtroom. We just ask that students throw away all their trash to reduce the attraction of bugs. Outdoor locations are weather dependent.

Q: Do you have a gift shop?

A: Yes, and it will be open to your students. We carry a wide variety of items so that every child has a chance to shop. Shoppers are charged sales tax and should budget accordingly.

Q: Do you still host Pioneer Day?

A: We no longer host Pioneer Day and instead have made available a host of activities you can add to your tour or in-class experience!



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STUDENT GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

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ALL-AGES FUN!

The History Center at Courthouse Square is the premiere location for life-long learners, no matter the age! Our age-appropriate group tours & tour/activity options let you enjoy an hour or a whole afternoon at the museum!



New in 2023 The BCHA has gone digital and you can now register your groups online! See our website under Tours and Talks to access this form.

DYK? Schools can use our grounds for third-party events for free. Contact us to learn more!

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE!

Option A: Tour Only

- Grades: K-12
- Schedule Time: 1.5 - 2 hours
- Location: On-site
- Cost: \$5.00 per person

The tour of the grounds will last approximately 30 - 40 minutes with remaining time open for free exploration by students.

Option B: Tour & Activity

- Grades: K-12
- Schedule Time: 2 - 2.5 hours
- Location: On-site
- Cost: \$8.00 per person

The tour of the grounds will last approximately 30 - 40 minutes with a small break afterwards. The activity portion will last about 45 minutes.

Option C: Rent-a-Historian

- Grades: K-12
- Schedule Time: 45 minutes+
- Location: At School/ Off-site
- Cost: \$25.00 - \$150.00

Bring the BCHA to your classroom or chosen site with this 30 minute option. For an additional \$3.00 per student, you can include one of the side quests to complete your visit!

CHOOSE YOUR SIDE QUEST!

Sweet or Salty: Pioneer History

- While learning about pioneer living, students will have a chance to make whipped cream or salt the old fashioned way!

Send a Tweet: Natural History

- This game of memory helps students understand how the natural world of Berrien County shaped our history!

Reaping Rewards: Agricultural History

- This Family Feud-style activity lets students learn more about the county's biggest industry and how Berrien County impacts the rest of the state and country!

Two-Stepping: Music History

- Through song and dance, students learn how our society has changed and grown over the years.

Activities are designed for a single classroom. For larger groups or multiple classrooms, please contact us ahead of time to see if accommodations are available.