JR. HOMESTEAD DAYS
2023 TEACHER PLANNING PACKET

About Jr. Homestead Days
Jr. Homestead Days is a self-guided experience. **It is not a guided tour.** There will be activity stations spread throughout the entire site. Activities are facilitated by museum staff, community volunteers, and community partners from local cultural institutions. You will decide how your small group explores activities. Your school will only have a **two-hour window** to explore all the activities, either from **9:30 am-11:30 am or 11:45 am-1:45 pm.** Please be aware of the time so that your students can see as much as possible during their visit. View [this timelapse](#) of a past event for an idea of what to expect. **Exit:** We will ask groups to exit via the west end of the History Park, which is next to bus parking and the walking paths to lunch locations. Please make sure your chaperones know where they are meeting at the end of the visit.

Communication Schedule
- Please contact us to pay your deposit so that we can get you officially booked on our calendar.
- March: We will send out a check in email to remind you about our cancellation policy and share any updates.
- Early May: You will receive a final email reminder about the final balance due for your field trip as well as logistical information (Teacher Packet, Chaperone Packet, Activity Guide, etc).

Chaperones
We require that you bring **one chaperone for every five students.** This allows students to spread throughout the park and to accommodate some of our smaller historic spaces.

Arrival, Check In & Bus Information
*It is very important that you do not use the museum address as it will drop you off on the wrong side of the creek.*

**Bus Drop Off:** Check-in is at the intersection of **11th St. & Arapahoe St., Golden CO 80401. Use this address when completing any bus information.** This will place you at our ticket booth on the east side of the park. Buses must stop here for us to complete check-in. **Please keep students on the bus until you are greeted by a museum staff member.** We will board your bus and give you any final instructions. Then you will be able to disembark the bus with your students and the bus driver can proceed to our bus parking area once the bus is empty of students.

**Bus Parking**
Once students have disembarked, buses will then park at the corner of **11th & Illinois St** in our snow lot and along the street. We will have volunteers on-site to help direct drivers. Please let us know in advance or have your bus driver let volunteers know if your bus will be arriving early or staying late to accommodate lunch or other activities in Golden.

Activities
Students will explore our three-acre park in small groups with their chaperones. You will only have **two hours** to explore the site. Please make sure that you arrive on time. Students can choose where they will spend their time and will have a map to see all their options. Think of it like the zoo, but with varied activities instead of animals to visit. Activities will close on a rolling basis between 11:15-12:00 so that presenters can take a break and grab lunch.

**Lunch**
We recommend that you have lunch either before or after your scheduled field trip time so that you can spend your full two-hour reservation exploring the park. Please keep this in mind when scheduling buses. There is no lunch space available inside the park. Locations to have lunch include Lions Park and Parfet Park. There are also limited spots for groups to have lunch along Clear Creek. We will provide you with a large trash bag upon check-in. Please do not leave uncollected trash in city parks – you may leave your filled trash bag(s) next to a park trash can (city staff will collect large bags from each site). If groups decide to leave the Golden History Park to eat lunch during their two-hour block, they will not be allowed to return to the Golden History Park.

**Bathrooms**
We will have porta potties on-site for field trip participants. They will be labeled on your map. There are also bathrooms available on the way to Lions Park in the baseball field and in Parfet Park.

**Drinking Water**
We do not have access to a water fountain in the History Park. We recommend that your students bring a full water bottle on their field trip.

**Inclement Weather**
This is a rain-or-shine event and we do not give refunds for weather. This event runs primarily outdoors. Students and adults should dress appropriately. May weather is notoriously unpredictable, so please prepare students as best you can with layers, water, sunscreen and/or winter coats if needed.

**Additional Parking**
There is limited additional parking for adults driving separately. We recommend that individuals driving separately park in the community lot to the west of the Golden Library at 1019 10th St, Golden, CO 80401. We cannot guarantee chaperone parking along 11th Street. Please pay attention to parking signs in case you are in a pay to park lot.
Payment:
- An invoice was emailed at the time of your booking with payment information.
- A 50% deposit was required to reserve your date and time. Deposit was due within seven business days of receiving your invoice.
- **Final balance is due by Wednesday, May 10, 2023.** Please update us with any changes to your attendance so that we can adjust your total due as needed.

Cancellations:
- Cancellations must be received by **Friday, April 7, 2023 by 4:30pm**, in order to receive a full refund of your deposit.
- No-shows the day of the program will lose their deposit.
Jr. Homestead Days
Thursday, May 11 & Friday, May 12, 2023

Check-in: Golden History Park
11th St. & Arapahoe St

Bus Parking
11th & Illinois St

Lunch Locations
Lions Park and Parfet Park

Bus Drop Off
Along 11th Street

Additional Parking
https://www.cityofgolden.net/live/parking/