

Jr. Homestead Days 2024

Teacher Planning Packet

About Jr. Homestead Days

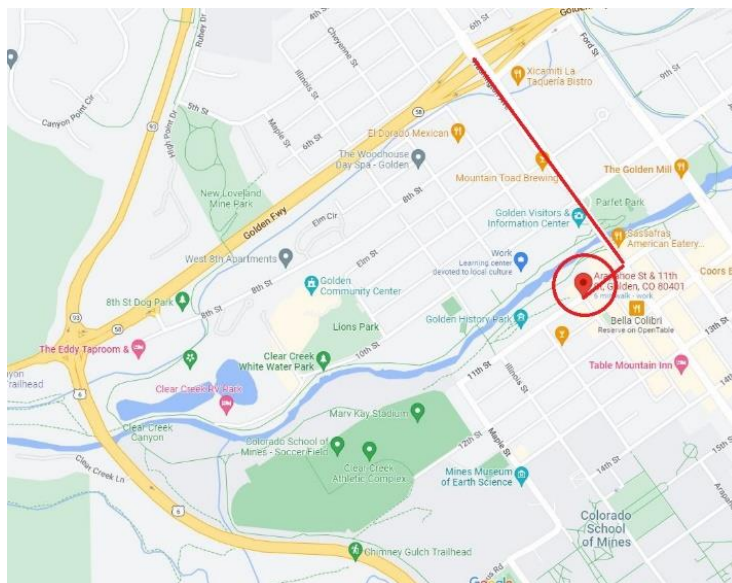
Jr. Homestead Days is a self-guided experience. **It is not a guided tour.** Activity stations are spread throughout the site. Activities are facilitated by museum staff, community volunteers, and community partners from local cultural institutions. You will decide how your small group explores activities. 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](#) to know what to expect. Groups will enter the event on the east side of the Golden History Park and will exit via the west side, 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

- Registration for Jr. Homestead Days opens annually in January.
- Admin staff will work with you to confirm your date and reservation time. You will receive confirmation paperwork including an invoice. Your date is not reserved until you have paid your 50% deposit.
- March: Teachers will receive a check in email with reminders regarding the cancellation policy any event updates.
- Early May: Teachers will receive a final reminder regarding final balance deadlines for the field trip and additional logistical information such as an updated teacher packet and activity information.

Chaperones

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



Arrival and Check-in

Bus Drop Off

Check-in is at the [intersection of 11th St. & Arapahoe St., Golden, CO 80401](#). **It is very important that you use this address. The museum is on the wrong side of the creek from this event.** Buses must stop at the east end of the History Park to complete check-in. Please keep students on the bus until you are greeted by a museum staff member. Staff will board your bus and give you any final instructions. After students

disembark the bus, the bus driver can proceed to the bus parking area.

Bus Parking

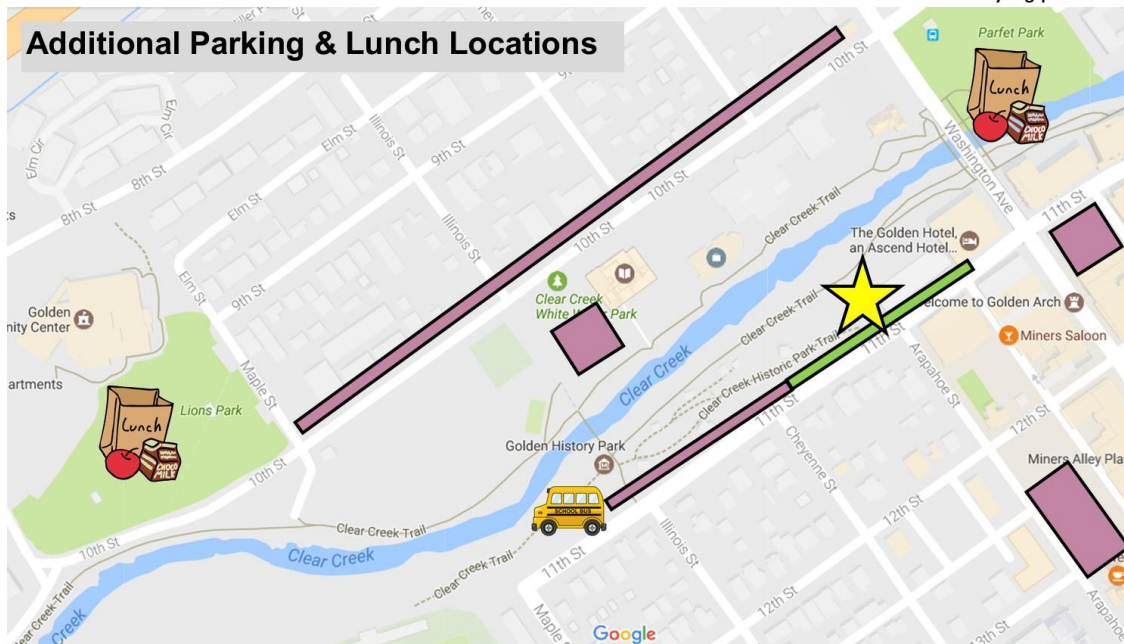
Bus parking is at [the corner of 11th & Illinois St](#) in Golden. This includes a large dirt parking lot and street parking. Volunteers will help direct drivers. Please let us know in advance if your bus will be arriving early or staying late to accommodate lunch or other activities in Golden.

Additional Parking

There is limited additional parking for adults driving separately. **Please pay attention to parking signs.** Many public parking lots require vehicle registration and a fee. Visit the [City of Golden's parking page](#) for additional information.

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

🟡 Parent/ Chaperone Parking—Paid Lots
<https://www.cityofgolden.net/live/parking/visitor-parking/>

You **MUST** register your vehicle at kiosk or mobile app to use paid parking.

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.

All activities are provided by Golden History Museum & Park and additional community partners.

Past community partners:

- Mines Museum of Earth Science
- Tesoro Cultural Center
- Metcalf Archaeology
- Jefferson County Open Space
- Colorado Mountain Club
- Black American West Museum & Heritage Center
- Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave
- Rocky Mountain Lace Guild
- Jeffco 4-H
- JCPL Golden
- Rocky Mountain Weavers Guild
- Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
- Mizel Museum
- Boulder Apple Tree Project

Digital Resource

Teachers will receive a digital resource guide with information and activities from our community partners. It will be emailed out in early May with your final reminder email.

Lunch

We recommend that you have lunch either before or after reservation 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. 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 portable toilets 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](#).

Accessibility

Accessible parking is available at the east entrance of the Golden History Park. This parking lot can accommodate a small bus or van but not a full-size school bus. An accessible portable toilet will be available at the event. The Golden History Park consists of gravel paths throughout. Most activities throughout the park are accessible. The historic buildings have varying levels of accessibility. We are happy to assist and advise regarding any accessibility questions; please reach out to staff in advance of registering.

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.

Billing Information

Cost

- \$8 per student
- 1 free adult chaperone is required for every 5 students.
- \$8 per additional adult

Payment

- All teachers receive an invoice when booking with payment information.
- A 50% deposit is required to reserve your date and time. The deposit is due within seven business days of receiving your invoice.
- The final balance is due by Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Please update us with any changes in your attendance numbers so that we can adjust your total due as needed.

Cancellations

- Cancellations must be received by 4:30pm on Friday, April 5, 2024, in order to receive a full refund of your deposit.
- Deposits are non-refundable after April 5, 2024.
- No-shows the day of the program will lose their deposit.