

BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD MUSEUM

THE HOME FOR NORTHERN KENTUCKY'S HERITAGE

Welcome to the Behringer-Crawford Museum! Since 1950, we have been collecting the material that defines our Northern Kentucky's Heritage. Through our newly expanded exhibit space we are now "Rivers, Roads, Rails and Runways" Northern Kentucky's history through the lens of transportation. Yet we haven't lost our charm or our famous exhibits.

The museum is located in Devou Park in Covington, Kentucky. Easily accessible from I-71/75. Parking is free in the museum's lot. Buses and handicap individual can disembark in front of the museum's entrance and then park in the museum's lot. The Behringer-Crawford Museum is handicap accessible to all four floors by elevator.

We encourage educators to take advantage of the programs we offer. All programs are aligned with Kentucky Core Content. School field trips with interactive components are available daily for groups of ten or more. During field trips, students will have the opportunity to explore the museum and/or engage in one or more programs.

Our many outreach programs offer off-site presentations where a museum presenter will bring artifacts and replica pieces to the classroom, library, or meeting room and will display and interpret the materials.

Suitcase Exhibits provide a number of portable exhibits for classroom teachers to use in their own interactive presentations. A teacher's manual, provided with each suitcase, offers many activities, suggestions and visual aids, along with the fascinating artifacts, specimens, or replica pieces contained in each suitcase.

The Behringer-Crawford Museum provides a unique opportunity for children of all ages. We hope you will visit soon!

Reservations

Since Behringer-Crawford Museum offers personal attention to each group, all group visits should be pre-scheduled. Guided tours cannot be offered easily to walk-in groups. Make reservation at least two to three weeks in advance of your desired date(s). They may be made by contacting Regina Siegrist, Education Director at (859) 491-4003.

Please have the following information available:

Your name

School name, telephone number

First and second choice of dates

Grade level and anticipated number of students

Tours and programs are available for students of all ages, pre-school through 12. Special exhibits like the Holiday Toy Train display are especially suited for the pre-school age. One adult for every four preschool students and one for eight students must accompany each group to gain admission to the museum. Group leaders are responsible for student behavior and must remain with their students at all times.

Pricing

On-Site Programs and Tours

Student rate: \$4.00

Extended programs (Fossil Hunt, Ect. \$6.00)

Teachers and aides are FREE

Chaperone rate: \$4.00

Tour Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Special arrangements can be made to open the museum earlier in the day or on Monday.)

Museum Store

Tours may include a stop in the museum store, which has a variety of items in all price ranges.

Food Policy

Your group may bring sack lunches to eat at a designated location in the museum or on the museum grounds. Arrangements must be made at the time of reservation. Visitors may not take food or drink into the museum. We do not have vending machines.

Photography

Teachers and students are welcome to take photographs in most exhibit areas of the museum if flash is not used. When making a group reservation, you are giving the Behringer-Crawford Museum permission to use the group's or individual's likeness for publication and marketing unless specifically stated it can not be used.

PROGRAMS

On site programs at Behringer-Crawford Museum can be designed for groups of all sizes. Museum staff will engage your group in a program lasting between 45 and 60 minutes. For the same great price your group can tour the museum. A “Museum Explorer Hunt” is also available (upon request)where your group answers questions about the museum to earn a certificate.

THE WILD LIFE

Who’s Who? (Preschool-Elementary)

Have you ever tried to find your supper in the dark? Discover how these wide-eyed and deep-eared night birds do it. Examine the clues as you learn about different species of owls and their habitats. Learn some owl calls and make friends in the night.

Birds of a Feather (Elementary to Junior High)

Take an up close look at these fascinating feathered animals who rule the skies yet share our backyards. Learn about local aviary species from the tiniest hummingbird to the Great Horned Owl as you handle their “skins.” Nearly three-dozen specimens are available for study. Observation and follow-up activity sheets provided

How Do They Do That? (Primary to Upper Elementary)

Have you ever wondered how or why living things look or act the way they do? Explore the different ways that animals and plants adapt to their habitat in order to survive. Experience for yourself how an animal camouflages itself, what a bug sees or how a bird’s beak determines what it eats. Hands on and lots of interactive fun.

PALEONTOLOGY

Kentucky on Ice (Primary to Upper Elementary)

Trek through Kentucky during the last glacial period and learn about Ice Age geology and the great beasts of the Ice Age. Experience the thrill of holding a Woolly Mammoth tooth, just as the first paleontologist who discovered it did. Discuss the different theories of why these larger than life mammals died out. Many excavated specimens from Big Bone Lick are on display for you to handle and investigate.

Who Wants to be a Paleontologist? (Primary to Upper Elementary)

Voyage into the ancient Ordovician Sea, which covered Kentucky and the Ohio Valley long, long ago, find out what strange creatures lived here 450 million years ago. People from all over the world come to this area to dig for what you may have in your own yard. Examine our extensive fossil collection, and then become a backyard paleontologist. Our identification sheets will get you started.

Fossil Hunting Expanded Activity (Primary to Upper Elementary)

After an introduction to fossils and how to search for them at the museum, travel to a local site to dig up fossils for your own collection. You provide transportation to the site. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes and bring a zip lock storage bag for your finds. Allow at least 2 hours for your museum program and expanded activity.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Dig Up The Past (Upper Elementary to Jr. High)

Unearth clues from the past during this introduction to the science and art of Archaeology. This program includes instruction on and experience with archaeological methods and record keeping. Activities related to archaeology, a simulated excavation of a staged dig and lab analysis rounds out the experience. Class size is limited. This is an all day in-house program. This program can be staged at your site, fee will be negotiated.

CULTURAL HISTORY

Here Before Boone (Primary to Jr. High)

Explore ancient American Indian cultures from the Ice Age to Early European contact. Handle authentic artifacts from these ancient and mysterious civilizations, who knew a very different way of life in this Ohio River Valley.

The Siege that Never Occurred (Upper Elementary to Jr. High)

The year is 1862. The setting is the Northern Kentucky hilltops. Follow the exploits of Union generals, Confederate scouts, "Squirrel Hunters," African-American laborers, and regular townspeople as they prepare for a confrontation in defense of Cincinnati. Discuss the reasons for defending Cincinnati versus Northern Kentucky as well as individual reasons for aiding in the war effort. Handle period artillery and camp artifacts as this riveting story comes to life.

Freedom Stations (Upper Elementary to Jr. High)

Meet daring "conductors" such as Sojourner Truth, John Parker, Harriet Tubman, Peg-leg Joe, John and Jean Rankin, and many others who risked their lives to insure freedom for all people.

At Home, at School, at Play--Over 100 Years Ago (Primary - Upper Elementary)

No homework? No time out? No braces? No kidding! Well, maybe. Find out just what you would be doing if you were a boy or a girl during the late 1800s. Try your hand at a few chores, learn an old-fashioned lesson or two, and play some old style games, too.

ARTISTIC HERITAGE

The Beauty of Folk Art (Primary to Jr. High)

Often referred to as the “art of the common folk” Folk Art is also uncommonly wonderful. Reflect on the art work of Kentucky’s own Mary Bruce Sharon an “Americana” artist, who art reflects exquisite sense of color and a flair for design. Enjoy the ingenuity and whimsy of many homespun art forms in the Behringer-Crawford Museum’s Folk Art collection and gather ideas for your handiwork.

Harlan Hubbard: Art of Life, Life of Art (Upper Elementary to High School)

Harlan Hubbard was a type of a concertmaster. His life was a concert of nature, work and art. With his favorite accompanist, his wife Anna, Harlan worked out a life “On the Fringe of Society” in which art, music, and literature were as crucial to his day as was tending his garden or chopping wood. Follow Harlan and Anna Hubbard’s adventures on their shanty boat and in their primitive river cabin through paintings, woodcuts, journals, boat models. The Behringer-Crawford Museum is the largest public holder of the works of Northern Kentucky native Harlan Hubbard.

American Indian Design (Primary to Jr. High)

Examine primitive ceremonial and decorative art pieces of prehistoric American Indians made from rocks, animal remains and clay, as well as finely wrought moccasins, weaving, and intricate bead work of the Plains Indians from Behringer’s early collection. Trace common design patterns found in American Indian art forms over thousands of years.

TRANSPORTATION

History in Motion (Primary to Upper Elementary)

Through a guided expedition of the museum’s exhibits experience how rivers, roads, rails and runways and other forms of transportation transformed our area. Follow the intriguing advances in transportation and how these advances shaped the landscape of Northern Kentucky and the lives of its residents.

Rollin on the River (Primary to Upper Elementary)

Learn about the different forms of transportation that have been used on the Ohio River from the Indians to modern day. Find out why the Ohio River played an important role in the development of this area.

Behringer-Crawford Museum Program Guidelines

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General Information:

Minimum size for group rates is 12 students

Ratio of students per teacher; Preschool 4-1

Primary Grade 6-1

Upper Primary and Junior High 8-1

Pricing:

On-Site Programs:

Standard Program \$4.00 per students, \$4.00 per chaperone, teachers free

Expanded Activity \$6.00 per student, \$4.00 per chaperone, teachers free

Archaeology

In- House Program \$8.00 per student,

Program at your site \$10.00 per student for a one day program plus mileage

(If pre-dig program is presented before day of dig there will be an additional charge for mileage.)

Outreach Programs:

The Behringer-Crawford Museum will come to you. A knowledgeable staff member will present an educational program of your choosing at your site. The staff member will bring artifacts and other programming material depending on the program selected. The programs will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

Pricing:

1 class (20-24 students)

\$60.00 + mileage

2 classes (20-24 students each)

\$90.00 + mileage

Each additional student per session is \$3.00

To schedule your program please contact:

Regina Siegrist

Education Director

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SUITCASES AVAILABLE

Kentucky's Prehistoric Cultures -- Artifacts of prehistoric American Indian groups of the central Ohio Valley region.

Plains Indians – Artifacts and decorative clothing of historic American Indians of the Plains, labels, and information sheets.

Fossils from Prehistoric Kentucky--Fossils from the Ordovician Sea Era.

Kentucky on Ice Excavated specimens from Big Bone for display purposes.

From Big Bone Lick to the Pacific Ocean: The Lewis and Clark Connection—This suitcase connects Big Bone Lick to the Lewis and Clark Expedition and is a science based curriculum. Developed by the Friends of Big Bone, this suitcase can be checked out through the Behringer-Crawford Museum.

Civil War -- Training artillery, camp items, maps and visual boards focusing on the 1862 defense of Cincinnati from the Kentucky hilltops.

Freedom Station A power point presentation that talks about the people who were involved in the underground railroad.

At Home, At School, At Play-Over 100 Years Ago Contains information on how children spent their time in the late 1800's. Contains games of that era.

Pricing:

A fee of **\$25.00** is charged for each suitcase.

Security deposit of \$75.00 is required. The security deposit should be written on a separate check and will be returned if the suitcase is returned with two weeks, presuming it is complete and no damage has occurred.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

For more information about BCM and its services, please visit www.bcmuseum.org or contact us at (859) 491-4003. The BCM Education Department offers a variety of community outreach services. Some of our most popular services include:

Holiday Toy Train Display Additional hands-on fun for all ages. The display is an annual tradition which is on display through out the holiday season.

Seasonal/Rotating Exhibits Behringer-Crawford Museum hosts four different and unique exhibits throughout the year in our rotating gallery space. These exhibits highlight the richness of our region, state, or country. The exhibits offer the museum visitors perspective on history, art, music, or a variety of different venues.

Summer Camps

Grand Discovery Camp, where grandparent or older adult with a child/children come and spend quality time singing songs, playing games and making crafts.

Archaeology Camps, chance to unearth and discover history. The camps for the older campers are held at a real archaeological site. The younger campers are introduced to the science of archaeology and a staged dig is held on the museum grounds.

Camp Showboat Want to be a STAR? The follies bring the showboating tradition of melodrama and audience participation to life. Come be a part of performing a play like those performed on the showboat that plied the Ohio River.

Birthday Parties Experience the fun of a special time at the museum where you can explore and have your cake too!

Overnight Programs Spend the night, explore the museum, and have a program of your choice. Great way for school groups to enhance your classroom learning. Scouts groups work on a variety of badges.

Luncheon and Guided Tours arrangements can be made for a guided tour of ten or more. We also have a room where we can also arrange for a luncheon.

Special Events:

Community Days at the Museum

Community Fossil Hunt

Guest Speakers and Presentations

Music Concerts

MUSEUM ETIQUETTE

To ensure a pleasant experience for you class, please go over the following with your students and chaperons prior to you visit:

No food or drink! No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the exhibits. Sack lunches can be eaten in designated areas.

Touch with your Eyes only! Do not touch artifacts that are on display. These include the elk, bear and owls. There are play tables for your enjoyment, but please be careful with the items and keep them in the area.

Manners, manners, manners! Please have good manners, just as you would in the classroom. Do not talk when a staff member is speaking. Follow directions given by BCM staff.

Use museum voices! Come enjoy your self. Be excited about learning new things, but please remember that you are not the only ones in the museum. Please keep your voices down.

Walk.Walk,Walk! Please remember that there are valuable artifacts in the museum and they do not like to be shaken. For your safety and those of our artifacts please do not run in the museum. When going up and down the stairs please keep to the right and step on each step!

Keep it clean! Some activities in the museum, such as sack lunches and art activities produce waste. Children and teachers are responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

Teachers and chaperones rule! BCM staff cannot take the place of teachers and chaperones. Supervising adults must be present and assisting at all times during the trip.