In-Person Programs

**HISTORY MYSTERY** 1 hour Grades 1 and 2
Uncover one of Sacramento’s greatest mysteries! Students decode the past using clues from a trunk hidden for 100 years.

**OLD SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOUR** 1 hour Grades 3 and above
Witness Sacramento’s astonishing effort to save the city from devastating floods in the 1850s and 1860s! Students uncover evidence of the city’s successful attempts to raise its streets and historic buildings, which created underground spaces and sidewalks.

**OLD CITY CEMETERY TOUR** 1 hour Grades 3 and above
Visit the Old City Cemetery with us! Students learn the cemetery’s history, the meaning of Victorian symbols on gravestones, and some of the famous figures buried here.
*The Tour meets at the Cemetery on Broadway at Riverside in Sacramento. Check for available dates.*

**GOLD RUSH** 1.5 hours Grades 4 and above
“Gold! Gold! Gold from the American River!” Those words launched the largest human migration in modern history. Students learn how prospectors sought their fortunes during the California Gold Rush, including gold-mining methods. *This includes the Gold Panning program.*

**HEADING WEST** 1.5 hours Grades 4 through 6
Why did thousands of people risk their lives on land and sea to reach the Far West? Students learn the how and why of 1800s travel — then embark on their own journey. Can they make it to California?

**MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT** 1 hour All Grade Levels
The Museum is full of artifacts about Sacramento’s history. Students discover them with their own Scavenger Hunt, revealing important people and events that shaped this Gold Rush city. The Scavenger Hunt booklet becomes a memento of their visit.

**OLD SACRAMENTO SCAVENGER HUNT** 1 hour All Grade Levels
Follow the clues to discover the Old Sacramento Historic District! On this scavenger hunt, students work in teams with class chaperones to find the important landmarks that reveal the city’s world-changing story. This program can accommodate up to 50 people.

**GOLD PANNING** Half-hour All Grade Levels
Enjoy 30 minutes of pure gold! Students pan for precious metals, minerals, and real gold on our Museum’s front porch. They receive plastic vials to collect their hard-won treasure.

**HISTORIC PRINT SHOP** Half-hour All Grade Levels
Long before computers and smart phones, the power of the printing press informed the world. Join our world-famous printer for a demonstration of press more than a century old.
History in your Classroom

OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

We bring our educational programs to you! Each presentation is 1 hour long and adapted for classroom formats. Outreach programs bring history to life at the convenience of your schedule.

HISTORY MYSTERY  Grades 1 and 2
(See the In-Person Programs for a description.)

NISENAN: CALIFORNIA INDIANS OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY  Grades 3 and above
Who were the first people of the Sacramento region? Students explore the culture and society of the Nisenan, their long history and life today.

TIME-TRAVELER’S TRUNK

Rent the Gold Rush in a steamer trunk! Our Time-Traveler’s Trunk comes complete with easily adaptable lesson plans, as well as primary sources, historic artifacts, costumes, and hands-on activities that will bring history to life in your classroom. You may rent the Time-Traveler’s Trunk in two-week increments, allowing you the flexibility to enhance your curriculum at your own pace.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

The Sacramento History Museum provides live online versions of our in-person programs. Virtual Programs happen on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but email us if you need a different day. All programs are 1-hour long, delivered on Zoom (or your school’s preferred platform) and meet California Curriculum Standards.

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Pricing

1.5-HOUR PROGRAMS

Heading West and Gold Rush*
- For 10-19 students, 1 teacher and 2 chaperones: $110
- For 20-30 students, 1 teacher and 4 chaperones: $180
- Additional students, $6 each, additional chaperones $5 each

*Group size cannot exceed 35 people per program

1-HOUR PROGRAMS

History Mystery,* Old Sacramento Underground Tour,† Old City Cemetery Tour,* Museum Scavenger Hunt* and Old Sac Scavenger Hunt°
- For 10-19 students, 1 teacher and 2 chaperones: $95
- For 20-30 students, 1 teacher and 4 chaperones: $150 dollars:
- Additional students $5 each, additional chaperones $5 each, ($10 for the Underground Tour)

*Cannot exceed 35 people per program
°Old Sac Scavenger Hunt can have up to 50 students per program
†Underground Tour cannot exceed 25 people per program

30-MINUTE PROGRAMS

Gold Panning, Print Shop*
- For 10-19 students, 1 teacher and 2 chaperones: $75
- For 20-30 Students, 1 teacher and 4 chaperones: $120:
- Additional students $4 each, additional chaperones $5 each (No charge for Gold Panning)

*Cannot exceed 35 people per program

OUTREACH PROGRAMS*

- First presentation (up to 35 students): $200 plus mileage.
- Additional presentations per class: $50

*Available within a 25-mile radius of the Museum

TIME-TRAVELER’S TRUNK

Two-week rental — $100

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

$50 per class, up to 35 students