



Museum Education

Free
Programs & Services
for NWT Schools
2023/2024

School Programs

Programs can be adapted to accommodate different grade levels.

Early years

Northern Animals

Science and Natural History

An introduction to a host of Arctic and Subarctic animals, intended for JK to Grade 1 audiences. Meet a full-size, inflatable, bowhead whale!

Winter Travel

Social Studies and Northern History

Re-enact a real-life story by Alfred Masazumi of survival in the snow and learn about traditional and modern modes of winter travel, including snowshoes, dog teams, snowmobiles and airplanes.

Early & Elementary

Muskrats and People

Social Studies and Northern History

A Dene legend/puppet show and gallery tour tell the story of how muskrats survive winter and how important they are to the people of the NWT.

Animal Adaptations

Science and Natural history

Students will learn how animals living in the NWT adapt to their environment in this interactive program.



Animal Detective

Science and Natural history

What does fox scat look like? Who left those tracks in the snow? Student detectives will find answers to these and other winter-time mysteries. Winter attire required.

Elementary & Secondary

Ice Age in the NWT

Science and Natural History

Students will learn about Beringia and Ice Age mammals of the North, including a 13 000 year old Steppe Bison currently on display at the museum. Also includes an all-ages Ice Age hunting activity!

Who are the Yellowknives Dene?

Social Studies and Northern History

Have a Yellowknives Dene educator guide you on a tour of a museum exhibit that tells all about Yellowknife's original residents. Includes an interactive auditorium program.

Inuvialuit or Dene Lifeways

Social Studies and Northern History

Take a closer look at the traditional lives of the Inuvialuit or Dene through artifacts, gallery tour and activities.



Archaeology - We dig it!

Natural History

Learn about real NWT archaeology and get your hands dirty in a simulated excavation!



Birds and Bugs

Science and Natural History

Use binoculars or magnifying glasses to identify northern birds and bugs in the ponds around the museum.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum

Natural History, Northern History and Social Studies

The PWNHC collects photographs, records, objects, works of art and natural specimens that represent all cultures and regions of the Northwest Territories. Tours of the Heritage Centre Collection Storeroom and/or NWT Archives can be arranged for groups of a limited number.



Paddle with the Voyageurs

Social Studies and Northern History

Learn about the life of voyageurs during the fur trade in the NWT and experience paddling a voyageur canoe! Bookings accepted starting in May 2023.

Secondary



Tundra Science and Culture Camp

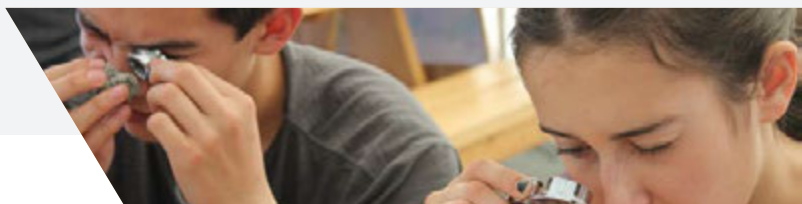
Social Studies and Northern History

Grade 9-12 students from the NWT can register to attend a 10-day summer camp on the barrenlands. Contact pwnhc_education@gov.nt.ca for more information.

Northern Studies

Social Studies and Northern History

A themed tour of the museum will introduce students to the land and cultures of the NWT and encourage critical thinking about our collective history.



Edukits: Lessons in a Box

Loans up to two weeks, two kits per loan. Free shipping outside of Yellowknife, within the NWT.



Early years

Being Birds

This costume edukit allows students to slip into the skin of a raven, eagle, ptarmigan, loon or snowy owl. Includes age-appropriate stories and legends.

Threads of Our Lands

In this kit, you'll find child-sized clothing to match outfits worn by dolls representing the various cultures of the NWT. Also includes archival photos and children's books.

Early & Elementary

Traditional Winter Travel

Put a traditional harness and a modern one on a life-size dog and learn why winter travelling was so important for the people of the North. Includes teacher and student guides, photos, books, and CDs.

Northern Puppet Show

Animal and human puppets, traditional stories and legends: everything you need to put on your own classroom show!

A Package of Pelts

Match furs to photos and learn about a variety of Northern animals.

Let's Go Camping

Get out on the land without leaving your classroom! Includes everything you'd find at a bush camp: 4' x 5' canvas tent, fish, fire, cooking pots and bushes thick with juicy, local berries.

Elementary & Secondary

Trapping is ...

This edukit looks at different aspects of trapping as well as the biology and conservation of fur bearing animals. Includes furs, secured traps, and resource materials.

Inuvialuit or Dene Lifeways

Take a closer look at the traditional lives of the Inuvialuit or Dene through artifacts and activities.

Fur Trade - Changing Times in the NWT

Through videos, trade items, archival photos and a teacher guide, students will learn about the fur trade from the 1700s to today.

Yamoria

Known by other names in different Dene languages, this legendary hero travelled throughout Denendeh. Learn about his travels and teachings using maps, story CDs, replicas, books, student journals, centre activities and more.

Be a History Detective!

Explore archives and research techniques through props. Learn about primary and secondary sources of information and how to analyze them. A great preparatory lesson for Heritage Fairs!

Secondary

Blanket Exercise Simulation*

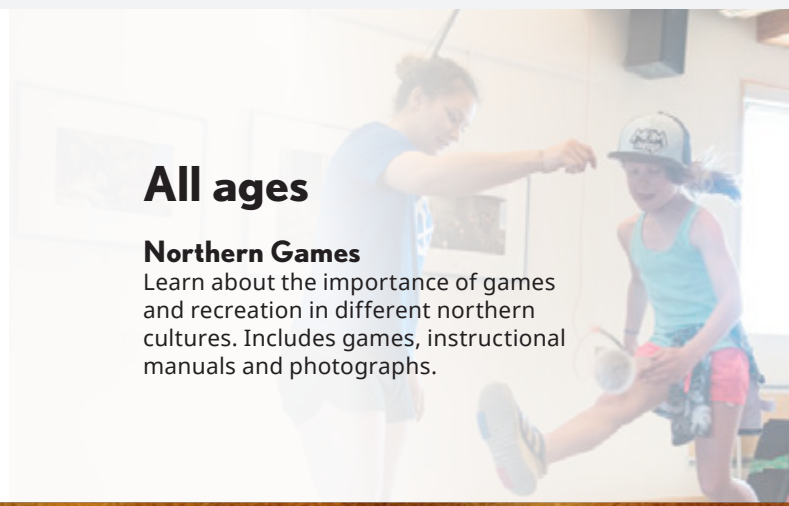
In this role-playing edukit, a narrated script guides students through over 500 years of colonial history from the perspective of the Indigenous peoples of Canada. Includes all materials, introductory slideshow and teacher guide.

* The Blanket Exercise can trigger powerful emotional responses for many participants. It is essential, when hosting or facilitating a Blanket Exercise, to involve an experienced facilitator, elder and counsellor. Please call the Curator of Education for suggestions of whom to contact in your community.

All ages

Northern Games

Learn about the importance of games and recreation in different northern cultures. Includes games, instructional manuals and photographs.





Archival materials

www.nwtarchives.ca

Find images, sound and document files and download historic images from the Photo Gallery. Materials are free for students and teachers and great for school-based projects like heritage fairs.

The Museum Online

Can't make it to the museum? Visit us virtually to discovery the cultures and history of the Northwest Territories.

NWT Historical Timeline

Teacher guide included

www.nwttimeline.ca

PWNHC Virtual Gallery

www.nwtexhibits.ca/navigator

Big River Journey

www.nwtexhibits.ca/bigriver

Collections Objects Showcase

www.pwnhc.ca/collections/objects-showcase

Virtual Exhibits

www.pwnhc.ca/virtual-exhibits

More Resources

www.pwnhc.ca

