

Outreach Programs

The Mower County Historical Society is always looking for new ways to make history available to local schools. With our outreach program, we can do exactly that! A member of the MCHS staff can come right to your classroom to talk with students about relevant county history topics. This is a great way to have a special lesson for students without the worry of organizing field trips, fees, and permission slips.



MCHS offers many options for the outreach program such as: power point presentations on various historical topics or a custom lesson suited to a teacher's unit or lesson plan. The possibilities are endless! Have an idea and want to see if we can make it available? Call our office and discuss the idea with staff members! We will do our best to make your idea a reality. For any custom lessons, please contact the historical society at least 2-3 weeks in advance, to allow our staff to properly develop the lesson.

Map to the Mower County Fairgrounds



Mower County Historical Society Education Programs



Hours & Days:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday
(Nights & Weekends by Appointment)

Museum Tours:

All education tours are FREE! Free will donations are accepted for tours and outreach programs. Tours are offered from mid-April to MEA Week (weather permitting). Outreach programs are year round.

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ALL ABOARD! Climb into our 1004 steam locomotive!



The Rahilly Building is home to a vast array of horse drawn vehicles.



Check out the building where George Hormel started his company!

Museum Tours

Museum tours are the most popular option for seeing what the Mower County Historical Society has to offer! Tours can be custom designed or can follow the format developed by staff. With 16 buildings and many more exhibits to view, students and teachers will be able to see a vast array of artifacts ranging from Native American to buggies to a 1004 steam locomotive. Every tour will be led by an experienced tour guide. For larger groups, we ask that teachers break the classes into smaller groups to enhance the learning experience for all students. Please allow 2 1/2 to 3 hours for tours.

Another popular option is for students to spend one full day of class in our one room schoolhouse! Teachers develop their own lessons and activities



for the day, but our staff has also arranged for an abbreviated tour structure so that students may see all that our site has to offer. Other tour options may become available in the future and MCHS will do its best to offer these programs to local schools.



View Native American artifacts in the Herald J. Williams Indian Building.



The Pioneer Building is the original museum for the historical society.



Ever go to country school? Bring the kids to our one room school.