







Kitimat Museum & Archives

293 City Centre Kitimat, BC V8C 1T6



How to book:

Programme fee: \$50.00

This program will be available from September to June.
Please call the Museum to arrange a time.

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Boys and Girls of the Kitimat Valley



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Pioneer Teaching Program

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What was it like living and going to school in the Kitimat Valley over 100 years ago? This program will look at aspects of a child's work and play 'a century ago'.

Household/farming/pioneer activities and their associated objects and outcomes will be explored as students learn what chores they would have been expected to do – including how these jobs differ from, or are similar to modern day life. Hands-on activities will demonstrate mending socks and knot tying.

Using material from the Kitimat Museum teaching collection and a PowerPoint presentation using images from our archival collection, the students will experience everyday pioneer life from a child's perspective.

Several early settler family experiences will be explored, to relate to the children the information that the Kitimat Valley had a variety of settlers. The lives of the Braun family and the Anderson family will be most closely examined.

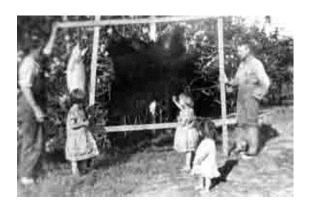


If you decide to have this program in your classroom, an instructor and assistants will arrive at your classroom 15 to 20 minutes before the program is scheduled to begin. This Museum group will set up the technical equipment and organize the artifacts, then introductions will be made and the program will begin.

Objectives:

At the end of this program, the participants should:

- Say why they have enjoyed the museum's visit to their classroom
- Know what chores were performed by children at the turn of the century and how they are different from chores of today.
- Be able to name and identify some
 of the tools and utensils the
 pioneers used to maintain a house
 and farm, as well as recognize how
 these tools are the same or different
 from those tools and utensils used
 today.
- Know the variety of tasks carried out by pioneers.
- Know about the pioneers that settled in our valley and the reasons they came here.



Timing:

Introduction: 5 minutes

PowerPoint 15 minutes

This presentation is primarily photographs taken from the museum collection showing individuals that lived in the Kitimat Valley over 100 years ago, explaining why they chose to live here and what life was like for the children and their families.

Hands on Activities 45 minutes

- Darning socks—a lost art in our disposable society
- Make a Whirly-gig—a simple toy made with string and a button
- Artifact Exploration
 – objects that would have been used in Pioneer days
- Water carrying—we simulate the chore of carrying water
- Yarn dolls—make a doll with left-over yarn.

The ability to deliver all hands on activities is dependent on volunteers.

Q&A/Cleanup 5 i

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