



Engaging Educational Experiences

Victorian Lifestyles (1 – 1 ½ hours) – Prekindergarten to Grade 3

Introduce the differences between the Victorian home and today's modern home and draw comparisons to the lifestyle of Victorian children and children today. Students are invited to explore the pleasures and pastimes of Victorian children as they tour the museum and visit the Once Upon a Time Room.

At Home with the Forgets (1 hour) – Grades 3 - 6

This program introduces the role of the Lieutenant Governor at the turn of the 20th century and provides insight into life in Saskatchewan as it entered into Confederation and became a province. Students tour the museum and discuss the lifestyles of wealthy Victorians, comparing them to lifestyles of today.

It's Democracy (1 1/2 hours) – Grades 5 - 12

Introduce students to Saskatchewan's history, the role of the Crown in Saskatchewan, and the role of the Lieutenant Governor. Following a visit to the Amédée Forget Museum and the J.E.N. Wiebe Interpretive Centre, students will play *Its Democracy* on a giant game board. Teachers will be provided a copy of the game questions and answers prior to visiting Government House to assist with classroom preparation prior to playing the game.



Other All-Ages Activities

J.E.N. Wiebe Interpretive Centre (15 minutes)

Share the excitement of Saskatchewan's proud history and heritage. Explore the interactive multi-media presentations and murals.

Amédée Forget Museum (30 minutes)

Take a trip back in time and discover the treasures of Government House. Restored to the period of Lieutenant Governor Amédée Forget (1898-1910), the museum gives you a glimpse of life at Government House at the turn of the 20th century.

Once Upon a Time Room (1 hour)

Students have the opportunity to experience "hands on" play and discovery based on themes that change throughout the year.

Educational Room

This multipurpose room is accessible for programming, crafts and presentations. Come see the murals; one designed and developed by high school art students from Campbell Collegiate, the other designed and developed by high school art students from Luther College.

Seasonal Programming

October only

Whodunnit! (1 hour) – Prekindergarten to Grade 5

Strange things are happening at Government House. Misplaced items and disturbances in the vice-regal home are reported by visitors and staff. Throughout the house, find clues left behind by one of the ghosts of Government House. Which of the ghosts is leaving you clues and what is he looking for? This program is based on the book “Ghosts of Government House” by Judith Silverthorne.

Mid November and December only

‘Twas the Night Before Christmas (Time dependent on group size) – Pre-K to Grade 2

This program introduces the role of the Lieutenant Governor and a look at Canadian Christmas traditions at the turn of the 20th century. Students visit the Amédée Forget Museum and discuss the lifestyles of wealthy Victorians, comparing them to lifestyles of today. Then they spend time in the Once Upon a Time Room before decorating their own gingerbread cookies to take back to school.

A Gift of Christmas Past (Time dependent on group size) – Grades 3 - 6

This program introduces Victorian Christmas traditions as students tour parts of the museum to view seasonal decorations. Insight is offered into Lieutenant Governor and Madame Forget’s charitable activities, which are compared to the role of the present day Lieutenant Governor. To emphasize the continuing need to assist those less fortunate, each student is encouraged to bring one nonperishable food item, which will be donated to a local charity. Gingerbread cookies will be given to the teacher to distribute back at school.

Active Learning Programs



Geocaching in the Garden (1 hour) – Grades 5 - 12

Following an introduction to GPS (Global Positioning System) receivers and geocaching, teams will explore 8.5 acres of the Edwardian Gardens. Clues and map in hand, teams will navigate around the property solving puzzles and learning about the significance of the historical landmarks and features in the gardens.



Discovery Backpacks (1 hour)

Discovery Backpacks include a variety of activities and learning tools to engage children in the history and role of Government House. Discovery Backpacks must be pre-booked and are based on availability.

- Explore the Crown Discovery Backpack (Amédée Forget Museum)
– Prekindergarten to Grade 2
- Celebrate Canada Discovery Backpack (Edwardian Gardens)
– Grades 2 to 5

Amédée Forget Museum Scavenger Hunts (30 minutes)

Scavenger hunts can be done in as part of Discovery Backpacks or on their own for Grades 3 to 12. The Seek and Find Picture Book is available for Prekindergarten to Grade 2.



Where’s Jocko?

Every month Jocko will hide in a new location in the Amédée Forget Museum. During your visit look for the missing Jocko, then go to our website to enter the monthly draw for a “Where’s Jocko?” prize!

For more information visit: www.governmenthousesk.ca or call (306) 787-5773