



School Group Programs

The nonprofit Harbor Springs Area Historical Society is pleased to offer a variety of educational and engaging experiences for students of all ages:

Guided Tours at the Harbor Springs History Museum

- Approximately 45 minutes long – Includes a comprehensive overview of local history with emphasis on the period from Odawa settlement at Little Traverse in 1829 through the emergence of the winter resort industry in the 1960s. Questions encouraged!
- Tours can be tailored to grade level and/or a specific theme or topic; e.g., Primary and Secondary Sources, Lighthouses, etc.
- Cost: \$100 per visit; includes up to four classes or groups per visit. One teacher and one paraprofessional or classroom assistant free with each group or class. One chaperon per 10 children is also free. Additional adults are welcome at regular admission prices.

Tours of Other Historic Properties/Locations

- The historical society offers guided tours for school groups to other important local historic properties and sites, including: the Andrew J. Blackbird Museum, the Ephraim Shay Works Museum (*scheduled to open Summer 2025*) and the *Aha* boat installation in Shay Park, as well as walking tours of downtown buildings and local cemeteries.
- Durations vary per selected site(s). Content presentation geared toward age level.
- Fees quoted upon request (a ballpark example would be \$150 per one-and-a-half-hour tour per grade or group).

Visits by Staff to Area Schools

- A museum staff member will visit the school at a cost of \$125 per visit, with a maximum of three hours per session. Time exceeding three hours will be billed at \$50 per hour.
- The content for each visit can be tailored to the classroom or grade level and created in collaboration with teachers to dovetail with educational standards.

Booking Process

- To discuss options or to book a tour, contact the Historical Society at 231-526-9771 or email Program Coordinator Beth Wemigwase at beth@harborspringshistory.org.
- Invoices will be emailed directly after your visit/tour. Checks should be made payable to “HSAHS” and mailed to PO Box 812, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.