



Tips for Connecting with Local Educators

Planning a School Program?

- Have clear goals in mind. What do you want students to learn from a visit? How can a relationship with your local education community benefit both you and the community? What value-added experience are you offering?
- Establish connections between your collections and what students are responsible for learning. Find links to the academic standards and essential questions at the Department of Public Instruction's website <https://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.
- Highlight 'famous' Wisconsinites! Has the Wisconsin Historical Society Press published any books featuring people from the area? For example, *Ole Evinrude and His Outboard Motor* from the Badger Biographies series is available for purchase at the Cambridge Historic School. <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress/series-young.asp>
- Be different! Avoid lectures and PowerPoint presentations. Help students discover personal connections to the past through exploration of objects in your collections.
- Observe organizations known for creating engaging educational experiences. Visit Old World Wisconsin, Sheboygan County Historical Society, the Wisconsin Historical Museum, Cambridge Historic School, and other sites to gather ideas you can use.
- Your collections can be used to help teachers connect their students with new ideas in math, science, reading, and more! STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is a popular approach to integrating core subjects with real-world examples.

Marketing your School Program?

- Consider calling or emailing school leaders. Principals, social studies teachers, and curriculum directors are most likely to respond. Find ways to contact local educators through district or school websites. Homeschool organizations like the Wisconsin Parents Association can help connect your organization with homeschool parents. <https://homeschooling-wpa.org/>
- Offer special "Educator Only" events before, during, or after hours; even weekends. Show educators how your resources and collections can be used as tools in the classroom.
- Remember that every student that visits your site is an ambassador to their family and friends. Consider offering passes for free admission so they can visit again with a parent, guardian, or friend.
- Get the word out with a flyer to the local library and school librarians. Library Media Specialists will get your information to teachers who are looking to explore history in a hands-on manner.
- Contact your local UW-Extension office for ideas on how to expand your outreach programming.

No matter what?

- Have fun! You'll engage more students and establish deeper, more meaningful connections by presenting an enjoyable activity they can't get anywhere else. Contact us for help! Kurt Griesemer, Coordinator of Primary Education at kurt.griesemer@wisconsinhistory.org or education@wisconsinhistory.org

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Badger Biographies by City, CESA, and County

Subject (Badger Bios+)	Location	CESAs	County
Belle and Bob La Follette	Madison	State	Dane
Blue Jenkins	Racine	1	Racine
Caroline Quarlls	Milwaukee	1	Milwaukee
Casper Jaggi	New Glarus	2, 3	Green
Cindy Bentley	Milwaukee	1	Milwaukee
Cordelia Harvey	Madison/Waterloo	2	Dane
Cris Plata	Columbus	State	Columbia
Curly Lambeau	Green Bay	7	Brown
Dr. Kate Pelham Newcomb	Minocqua	9	Oneida/Vilas
Electa Quinney	Stockbridge-Munsee	State	Menomonie/Shawno
Father Groppi	Milwaukee	1	Milwaukee
Fran and Frederick Hammerstom	Hancock, Plainfield	5	Waushara
<i>Freedom Train North</i>	<i>Racine, Milwaukee</i>	<i>2, State</i>	<i>Milwaukee/Racine</i>
Gaylord Nelson	Clear Lake	State	Polk
<i>Great Peshtigo Fire</i>	<i>Peshtigo</i>	<i>7, 8</i>	<i>Marinette</i>
<i>Great Ships on the Great Lakes</i>	<i>Great Lakes</i>	<i>1,7,8,9,12</i>	<i>Many</i>
Harley and the Davidsons	Milwaukee	1	Milwaukee
John Nelligan	Oconto	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Oconto
Joyce Westerman	Kenosha/Racine	1	Racine
Juliette Kinzie	Portage	5	Columbia
Les Paul	Waukesha	1	Waukesha
Lizzie Kander	Milwaukee	1	Milwaukee
Lucius Fairchild	Madison	State	Dane
Mai Ya	Hmong Madison	2	Dane
Mary Nohl	Fox Point (Milwaukee)	1	Milwaukee
Mountain Wolf Woman	Ho-Chunk	State	Dane, etc.
<i>Native People of Wisconsin</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Many</i>
Ole Evinrude	Cambridge	2	Dane
<i>One Room Schools</i>	<i>Wild Rose</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Waushara</i>
Richard Bong	Poplar	12	Douglas
Sterling North	Edgerton	2	Rock
Tents, Tigers, and the Ringling Brothers	Baraboo	2	Sauk