

Jumping Off to Oregon

A guided tour for fourth grade
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site • Fairway

Shawnee Indian Mission in Fairway is providing an opportunity for you to combine Kansas standards with a unique educational experience!

This two-hour tour will take place at Shawnee Indian Mission. The tour enables students to use primary source documents to become familiar with the Oregon-California Trail. In addition to learning about the Trails, students will participate in loading and pulling their “wagon” with supplies, playing a pioneer game, and autographing Independence Rock. Student will read diary entries from emigrants, which will give them an understanding of the hardships and benefits of the move west.

This tour addresses grade specific standards and provides pre- and post-visit material to help teachers meet those standards.

Note: Schedule tours at least two weeks in advance. This tour cannot be conducted in inclement weather. Two-hour interactive experience

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Kansas Standards

History

- Benchmark 1: The student understands the significance of important individuals and major developments in history.
 - Indicator 4: describes how communication and transportation systems connect Kansas to other regions, past and present (e.g., trails, Pony Express, telegraph, steamboats, railroad lines, highway systems, air transportation, Internet).
 - Indicator 5: (A) compares and contrasts the purposes of the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails (e.g., commercial vs. migration).
 - Indicator 6: (K) describes life on the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails (e.g., interactions between different cultural groups, hardships such as lack of water, mountains and rivers to cross, weather, need for medical care, size of wagon).

Economics Benchmark 1

- Indicator 1: The student knows that every spending and saving decision has an opportunity cost.

Economics Benchmark 5

- Indicator 2: The student analyzes the costs and benefits of making a choice.

Common Core Reading

- RI 4.3: The student will explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

Common Core Writing

- W 4.3: The student will write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

This tour is designed to complement the Read Kansas! lessons I-6 and I-7 – Santa Fe and Oregon Trails.

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