

# Oregon or Bust!

A standards-based field trip for fourth grade  
Kansas Museum of History • Topeka

The Kansas Museum of History in Topeka is providing an opportunity for you to combine Kansas standards with a unique educational experience!

This tour gives your students a chance to find out first hand what it might have been like to be a pioneer on the Oregon-California Trail. Students are assigned to families who traveled the trail. Through the use of actual diary and journal entries students learn of the problems these families encountered. Students also calculate what to pack for their journey and then load their wagons with supplies. Red wagons with canvas tops and model-size boxes and bags add to the interactive experience.

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

## Information:

Schedule tours at least two weeks in advance.

Two-hour interactive experience

\$5 per student

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## Fourth Grade Kansas Standards

### History

- Benchmark 1, Indicator 4: The student describes how communication and transportation systems connect Kansas to other regions, past and present.
- Benchmark 1, Indicator 5: The student compares and contrasts the purposes of the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails.
- Benchmark 1, Indicator 6: The student describes life on the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails.

### Literature

- Benchmark 2, Indicator 3: The student makes connections between specific aspects of literature from a variety of cultures and personal experiences.

### Writing

- Benchmark 1, Indicator 1: The students chooses and writes about a narrowed and focused idea and occasionally writes about a given prompt.

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



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