NO WAY!
THAT’S FROM MUSKEGON?
AWESOME!

Explore Muskegon’s Unique History!

The Muskegon Heritage Museum was created to preserve and share the rich history of Muskegon’s businesses, industries and products through exhibits and educational programs. Exhibits include photos, written histories and artifacts, many of which are demonstrated by museum docents. The MHM is a “soft touch” museum.

Muskegon’s business and industrial history is both unique and extraordinary. In less than 100 years, the area developed from a cluster of Native American settlements to an important Great Lakes Lumbering Center generating substantial wealth to support education and cultural pursuits and further economic development. Early in the 20th Century, Muskegon became a major manufacturing center, a remarkable achievement for a city of its size. By World War II, Muskegon led the country in gray-iron foundry production and was a leader in a number of other industry sectors. Like many industrial cities, by the end of the century, manufacturing production changed concurrent with new education and economic initiatives. However that legacy remains!

The Muskegon Heritage Museum is a fascinating place to visit. Schedule a time for your class soon. We are excited to share the wonderful stories about Muskegon with the students of the area.

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Programs & Tours For All!

- STEM RELATED ACTIVITIES
  - Simple machines
  - Unique Inventions
  - Technology of the past relating to today
- LUMBERING
- PRINTING
- PAPERMAKING
- WHAT IS THAT?
  - Muskegon Made Products
- WORKING VINTAGE MACHINERY
  - Brunswick Bowling Alley
  - Making Springs
  - Using Lifts and Hoists
  - 1900’s Working Machine Shop
  - Chase Hackley Player Piano

Additional, curriculum based activities can be custom designed.

Planning Your Visit!

Your time at the museum begins with the class divided into three smaller groups. Each group is led by a knowledgeable guide who answers questions and keeps students engaged. Stops at different exhibits allow students to take part in hands-on activities. At the end of the small group experience, the entire class gathers to learn about and be wowed by the vintage, working machinery.

Custom designed activity plans can be developed to meet curriculum objectives and grade level outcomes using museum artifacts and exhibits.

To ensure students get the most out of their visit, we schedule one class at a time (up to 30 students) and plan for no more than two classes per day.

To plan and schedule a class visit contact info@muskegonheritage.org

MUSKEGON COUNTY SCHOOLS
TOUR THE MUSEUM FOR FREE!

Discover and Explore Muskegon History at the MUSKEGON HERITAGE MUSEUM!

Fun Programs & Educational Opportunities For Students!
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The Heritage Museum has over 100 exhibits on 3 floors filling more than 12,000 square feet of space. Students, elementary to college age from schools throughout the region, come to the museum to learn how industry shaped Muskegon’s history. They may also experience STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) themed programs by seeing machinery in operation and learning about the invention of unique products made in Muskegon. Volunteer docents lead students in both small and large groups with hands-on activities featuring the museum’s favorite exhibits.

“Now when I go snowboarding I can tell my friends about the snurfer that was invented in Muskegon!”
Caleb, 11 Years Old

“My Grandpa worked at Lift-Tech, one of the businesses we learned about.”
Mallory, 9 Years Old

“When my students saw the vintage Brunswick bowling alley running one said: This is the best day of my life!”
Mona Shores 2nd Grade Teacher

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