

Spring Break Programs and Mobile Museum Preview

This [spring break](#), drop in to the museum daily March 11-18 to discover Iowa history with fun and educational activities for children and adults. From the Ice Age to the Civil War to baseball and an old-time radio show, there's something for everyone.

Also, be the first to get a look at the new "[Iowa History 101](#)" [mobile museum](#) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 11 and March 13-18 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. The museum on wheels will hit the road to travel the state later this spring.



World War I Centennial Field Trip

April 6 marks the centennial of America's involvement in the World War I. Make plans to register your students for this spring's "History Alive!" program to explore Iowa's role in battle and on the home front through dynamic activities and workshops, including a session about [one Iowan who helped save 10 million lives](#). "History Alive!" connects to the Iowa Core in many subject areas, notably Social Studies and Literacy.

- April 6 - [3rd-5th Grade Program](#)
- April 7 - [6th-12th Grade Program](#)



"Boys in the Bunkhouse" with Author Dan Barry

After decades of abuse at a turkey-processing plant in Atalissa, a few dozen men with intellectual disabilities found justice after a social worker discovered their plight. Learn more about [their remarkable story](#) at a lecture at 6:30 p.m. March 30 by New York Times reporter Dan Barry, presented by the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Iowa History Center.



Grant Applications Due April 28

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is now accepting applications for numerous history-related grants programs. Grants are available for preservation, conservation, interpretation and public education regarding historical resources. Find a [list of grants](#), read the guidelines and apply online by April 28.



National History Day Volunteers

We are looking for [volunteer judges](#) to help evaluate student projects during the National History Day State Contest on May 8 in Des Moines. No prior experience is necessary, and online training will be provided.

If judging's not for you, consider volunteering your time as a [volunteer usher](#) during the state contest. You'll greet participants and serve as polite but firm "bouncers" during performances and presentations.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Deadlines

April 10-24 – [Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program Registration Period](#)

Grant Opportunities

- April 15 – [Research Grant for Authors](#)
- April 28 – [Historical Resource Development Program](#)
- April 28 – [Country School Grant Program](#)
- May 1 – [Capacity Building Grant](#)
- May 1 – [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)
- May 1 – [Cultural Trust Stability Grant](#)
- May 1 – [Iowa Great Places](#)
- May 1 – [National Fund for Sacred Places](#)

Special Programs

- March 11 – [Family Film Day: "The Secret Life of Pets"](#)
- March 11 – ["Iowa History 101" Mobile Museum Preview](#)
- March 13-18 – ["Iowa History 101" Mobile Museum Preview](#)
- March 13 – [Ice Age in Iowa](#)

March 14 – [Iowa and the Civil War](#)
March 15 – [Iowa's Natural History](#)
March 15 – [Hatching History with Goldie](#)
March 16 – [Old Time Radio Show](#)
March 17 – [Baseball: America's Pastime](#)
March 18 – [The Kansas City Monarchs in Our Home Town](#)
March 19 – [Classics at Montauk](#)
March 30 – Dan Barry: "[Boys in the Bunkhouse](#)"
April 6 – "Iowa and the Great" War Exhibit Opening
April 6-May 1 – "German Iowa and the Global Midwest" (University of Iowa traveling exhibit)
April 8 – German Iowa and the Global Midwest During World War I

Educational/Training Programs

March 17 – [National History Day in Iowa: Grant Wood District Contest](#)
March 18 – [National History Day in Iowa: Western Trails District Contest](#)
April 6 – [History Alive! World War I](#) (3rd-5th Grades)
April 7 – [History Alive! World War I](#) (6th-12th Grades)
June 12-16 – [Young Writers Workshop](#)

Conferences

May 7-10 – [American Alliance of Museums](#)
June 8-10 – [Preserve Iowa Summit](#)
July 12-15 – [Iowa Museum Association and Association of Midwest Museums](#)
September 6-9 – [American Association of State and Local History](#)

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