

Homestead 101

Campers will spend the week experiencing what life was like in Minnesota in the late 1880s. Through stories, active play and field trips to local historic landmarks, children will learn local and state history while having fun in the process. There will be chores to do: laundry, gardening and cooking, all done the old-fashioned way. Campers will have hands-on experience with skills they would have used as a child on a Minnesota homestead. This camp is recommended for rising 1st Graders through 5th Grade. Junior Homesteaders (camp assistants) age requirements: rising 6th Grade through 8th Grade.

Monday "The Homestead"

- Gathering, Introductions, Rules
- Songs & Mystery Item
- Large Group Games
- Historical Dance Lesson
- Lunch
- Story
- Native American Gardening Methods
- Chores, Reflection

Tuesday "Chores and Chickens"

- Gather and Review
- Songs and Mystery Item
- Tool of the Day
- Field Trip to Local Landmark
- Picnic Lunch
- Lesson and Journal Work
- Chores, Reflection

Wednesday "Hardships of Homesteading"

- Gather and Review
- Songs and Mystery Item
- Field Trip to Local Landmark
- Lunch
- Art Project
- Journal Work
- Chores, Reflection

Thursday "Barn Dance"

- Gather and Review
- Songs and Mystery Item
- Large Group Game
- Lunch
- Barn Dance with Refreshments
- Chores, Reflection

Teatime Camp

A fine tea requires preparation. Boys and girls will spend the week preparing for a lovely gathering at the end of the week. There will be laundry to do, napkins to sew and butter to churn. Campers will accomplish all the chores the old-fashioned way while learning local history in the process. We will make time for a couple of field trips to local historic landmarks as well as play historic games and sing some old-fashioned songs. Of course, the children will learn manners and social graces that will be put into practice. All these accomplishments will be celebrated together on the last day of camp when the campers will enjoy a tea together. This camp is recommended for rising 1st Graders through 5th Grade. Junior teatime guides (camp assistants) age requirements: rising 6th Grade through 8th Grade.

Monday "Your Home"

- Gathering and Introductions
- Songs and Mystery Items
- Old-fashioned chore: Laundry
- Lunch
- Introduction to Needlework (stitches)
- Large Group Game
- Chores, Reflection

Tuesday "Manners Matter"

- Gather and Review
- Journal work and Mystery Item
- Role Playing: Polite Conversation
- Field Trip to Historic Landmark
- Picnic Lunch
- Needlework and Stories
- Chores, Reflection

Wednesday "Preparations"

- Gather and Review
- Journal work and Mystery Item
- Old Fashioned Chore: Butter Churning
- Lunch
- Field Trip to Historic Landmark
- Needlework and Stories
- Chores, Reflection

Thursday "Teatime"

- Gather and Review
- Journal work and Mystery Item
- Old Fashioned Chore: Ironing
- Set up for Tea
- Final Tea (lunchtime)
- Tea Clean Up
- Large Group Game
- Chores and Reflection