

The North Berrien Historical Museum offers year-round learning opportunities and educational resources that illuminate local history and heritage. The 4 acre museum campus features a modern log cabin gallery, the Nichols/Beverly Agricultural Building, the Print Shop, and the Carter Centennial Farm House. Our programs are conducted by experienced educators at the museum, where students can enjoy authentic artifacts, engaging exhibits, and creative activities. We are happy to adjust programs to fit any age group or specific topics upon request. Contact the Director of Education any time to learn more about our collections and exhibits or to discuss how we can facilitate an exciting and memorable learning experience for your class or community group. 🌱



The North Berrien Historical Museum collects, preserves, and displays the history of Hagar, Coloma, Watervliet, and Bainbridge Townships as well as the cities of Coloma and Watervliet. From the shores of Lake Michigan and Paw Paw Lake to the rolling hills of the fruit belt, discover the heritage of North Berrien County.

Free Admission

Public Hours

SUMMER

(May through September)

Wednesday through Saturday, 10am - 4pm

WINTER

Wednesday through Friday, 10am - 4pm



Educational Programs

2009-2010 School Tours

Traveling Trunks

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School Tours

All school programs are crafted to meet Michigan's Social Studies Grade Level Content Expectations for History.

K - Second Grades

Quilts: History and Art

Using our collection of beautiful locally-made quilts, discover the stories of family and friendship told through this folk art.



Third Grade

The Indians and Pioneers in your Backyard

Get to know the American Indians and early European explorers and settlers who shaped our area leading up to Michigan's statehood in 1837.

Fourth Grade

Shingles, Peaches and Paper: North Berrien's place on the Michigan Frontier

See the local artifacts and images that connect to state and national history from 1837-1937.



Traveling Trunks

Make history hands-on and relatable for groups of any age with the artifacts, pictures, and lesson plans in our traveling trunks. Programs can be conducted by NBHS Museum Educator upon request. One week rentals can be arranged by calling the museum at (269) 468-3330 or e-mailing nbhs2@sbcglobal.net.

Potawatomi Past & Present

(All Ages)

Cover the historic and contemporary culture of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



North Berrien Frontier Days

(All Ages)

Illustrate the early exploration and settlement of North Berrien County



Lincoln's Legacy

(Grades 5-8)

Bring to life the stories of slaves, Civil War soldiers, and Mary and Abraham Lincoln

North Berrien Pastimes: Fun & Games

(All Ages)

Teach historic games, 19th century toys, and music from the Paw Paw Lake Resort Era



New Exhibit

The Life Atomic: Growing Up in the Shadow of the A-Bomb

This traveling exhibit focuses on the impact of the atomic bomb on American popular culture in the 1950s and 60s. Panels with images and text, hands-on activities, and a model family fallout shelter will teach students about the development of the bomb and life at the height of the Cold War. *The Life Atomic* is intended as a vehicle for discussion about the threats faced by Americans in the early atomic age and the threats that face our nation today.

The Life Atomic Tour Programs
(available after April 1, 2010)
All Ages

- Cold War Pop Culture
- Surviving an A-Bomb Attack



Duck and Cover Drill

Boys Building a Shelter

