

The Hastings Museum provides an educational environment that encourages hands on learning and active participation. We have programs that are preschool friendly, all the way up to a fifth grade level.

Plus, all of our programs meet Nebraska Standards in Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. Including standards that are hard to meet in a typical classroom setting!

We even address Hastings Public Schools Curriculum Essentials in our programs! Please visit our website to see what standards are met in each program.

Offering so many wonderful programs can make it hard to determine which ones best fit the needs of your class. Here are just some concepts covered in each program.

Edwin Perkins: The Inventor (Grades K-1)

- Inventions with Kool-Aid
- Wants verses Needs
- Scientific Investigations

Plains Indian Culture (Grades 1-3)

- Tribes Covered: Dakota, Cheyenne, Arapahoe
- United States and Native American Relations Then and Now
- Reservations Then and Now

Sea Monsters of Nebraska (Grades 1-2)

- Scientific Reasoning
- How Fossils are Made
- Dinosaurs verses Reptiles

North American Mammals (Grades 1-2)

- Characteristics of a Mammal
- Adaptations
- Herbivore, Omnivore, Carnivore teeth

Kool-Aid: The Success Story (Grades 2-3)

- Why Products Survive Over Time
- Advertisement
- Scientific Reasoning and Testing

Exploring Rocks and Minerals (Grades 3-5)

- Scientific Reasoning
- What Minerals Are
- Differences in 3 Types of Rocks

The Pawnee (Grades 4-5)

- United States and Native American Relations
- Earth Lodge verses a Tipi
- Modern Pawnee ties to Nebraska

Kool-Aid Chemistry (Grades 4-5)

- Ph Value Testing
- Scientific Reasoning
- How Kool-Aid Works

Corps of Discovery (Grades 4-5)

- Descriptive Writing and Drawings
- Louisiana Purchase
- United States and Native American Relations

We also offer numerous educational films for an additional price. Please visit our website to see what films are being offered.



Yearly Programs:

Native American Festival: This is an outstanding festival that allows students the incredible opportunity to gain insight into the culture and life of Native Americans. We have Native American speakers, dancers, and hands on activities for a day of educational fun. Hundreds of students journey to the Hastings Museum each year to take part; come join us!

2015 Native American Festival is November 5th and spots are filling fast, so sign up today!

Full Program Descriptions

Edwin Perkins: The Inventor

Grades K-1

Explore the exhibit, *Kool-Aid: Discover the Dream*, to learn what life was like for Edwin Perkins, inventor of Kool-Aid. See homes, stores, and the items that inspired Edwin to make this famous soft drink. Students will test their senses as they try to guess the original Kool-Aid flavors and identify the mystery Kool-Aid mix!

North American Mammals

Grades 1-2

Join us for some furry fun on a tour of our *Wildlife Diorama Hall*. Students will use their observational skills as we investigate physical adaptation, predator/prey relationships, characteristics of living things, and habitat. We will play a predator/prey game, view animals in their natural habitats, and work with animal pelts, scat, skulls, and footprints.

Sea Monsters of Nebraska

Grades 1-2

Did you know Nebraska was covered with an inland sea when dinosaurs walked the land? As we tour our **Fossils** exhibit, we'll explore the Cretaceous creatures that swam in our seas, including the life-sized Tylosaurus! We will end the class by digging up clues to Nebraska's prehistoric environment.

Plains Indian Culture

Grades 1-3

Students travel back to the 19th century as they discover what historic life was like for the Dakota, Arapahoe, and Cheyenne tribes. We will explore clothing, food, shelter, and traditions with a guided tour of the *People on the Plains* exhibit. Investigate how these tribes have modernized while holding onto their traditions. Students will also learn Native American dancing and make a winter count slap bracelet to take home.

Kool-Aid: The Success Story

Grades 2-3

Nebraska's famous product, Kool-Aid, comes alive in the exhibit, *Kool-Aid: Discover the Dream*. We will explore inventor Edwin Perkins' life, including the many products created before and after Kool-Aid. Follow

Kool-Aid's success from its beginning to the present. Students will even create their own Kool-Aid packets to take home!

Exploring Rocks and Minerals

Grades 3-5

The Earth is full of mysteries waiting to be uncovered. Students will learn about some of the fascinating fields that study our complex planet. They will search for minerals in everyday objects, classify rocks, break open a geode, and participate in other hands-on activities throughout our large Rocks and Minerals exhibit.

Corps of Discovery

Grades 4-5

Take part in the Lewis and Clark expedition! Adventurers will collect unusual artifacts, learn about animals never before seen, and make friends with local Native American tribes- just like Lewis and Clark did over 200 years ago!

Kool-Aid Chemistry

Grades 4-5

Enter the world of Edwin Perkins in the exhibit, *Kool-Aid: Discover the Dream*. Explore what inspired Edwin to create Kool-Aid and how it has changed with the times. Students will test their own experiments with acids and bases to learn how this famous soft drink works.

The Pawnee

Grades 4-5

This program brings the historic Pawnee to life through a hands on guided tour of **People on the Plains**. Students will discover the effects emigrating groups had on these early Plains people and learn Plains Indian sign language. We will also grind corn, play a Pawnee hunting skill game, and create a talking feather to take home.