Guided Tours
Museum Tours
Enjoy a guided tour of the DuPage County Historical Museum and discover the story, people, and events that have shaped your community. Learn about the architecture of the building and the significant role it has played throughout history. $2/Person

Architecture Walking Tour
Join us on a stroll through historic Downtown Wheaton. Discover the stories behind the railroad, the County Courthouse, and more. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Approximately 1.5 miles are covered during the tour. $6/Person

All About Architecture (For Kids!)
Buildings are works of art in which we live, work, and learn. Enjoy a special architecture tour created especially for kids. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Approximately 1.5 miles are covered during the tour. $4/Child

Let the Museum Visit You
Can’t come to the Museum? Let us come to you! These dynamic, one-of-a-kind programs are done right in your classroom or multi-purpose room. Both classroom and assembly style programs are offered to suit your needs. Programs are 45 minutes in length and include artifacts for children to experience as part of the presentation. Fees vary based on group size and program location.

The Museum also offers presentations to organizations.

Other Details
- Programs and tours offered Tuesday through Saturday.
- All programs are 1 hour unless otherwise noted.
- Contact Michelle Podkowa, Museum Manager and Educator, by email mpodkowa@wheatonparks.org or at 630.510.4956.
School Programs
Great Depression
Learn about how the Great Depression affected DuPage County. Did FDR’s New Deal help change residents’ lives and the county’s landscape? $4/Student

Civil War
What do photographs tell students about the Civil War? Students learn how to analyze images and read letters from soldiers and their loved ones. $4/Student

Living History
Teachers can choose from a variety of activities and crafts for their students. Options include tin punching, quill pen, make a slate, sewing, and seed planting. Students also complete a scavenger hunt through the museum and learn about the exhibits on display. $5/Student

Timeless Toys
Discover what toys children played with more than 100 years ago. Try out the toys and learn about the history surrounding them. $4/Student

Museum Detectives
Tour the Museum and learn about other local landmarks. View photographs and maps to see how your town has changed over the years. $4/Student

Girl Scout Programs
All Ages
Girl Scout Badges Through the Years
See what badges girls earned in 1912, 1920s, 1950s, and 1970s. Complete activities and crafts for each of the different eras and see how Girl Scouting has changed over the years. $5/Student

Daisy Programs
Daisy and the Girl Scouts
Learn about Juliette “Daisy” Low and the history of the Girl Scouts. Enjoy games and songs that the first Girl Scouts played. Create a special art project celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. (Vi, Violet Petal) $4/Scout

Daisy Tea Party
Learn about hostess etiquette. Discover how to create a thank you card for someone important in your life. Enjoy a tea party while learning proper manners. Become “responsible for what you say and do” (Mari, Marigold Petal) $5/Scout

Brownie Programs
Be a History Detective
Tour the Museum and learn about other local landmarks. View photographs and maps to see how your town has changed over the years. $4/Scout

Girl Scout Celebration

Making Friends
Explore friendships of the past and present. Learn how to be a good friend to all and celebrate each other’s differences. (Making Friends Journey Badge) $4/Scout

Making Games
Come help us create new and exciting ways to have fun. Together we will invent new games and change the rules for old games. (Making Games Journey Badge) $4/Scout

Junior Programs
Girl Scout Traditions
Celebrate the legacy of the Girl Scouts. Learn about the founder of the Girls Scouts, Juliette “Daisy” Low, and what inspired her to create this organization. View uniforms from our collection and create a time capsule for your troop. $4/Scout

Social Butterfly Tea Party
Enjoy a tea party while learning how to be a great hostess and a gracious guest. Write a thank you note, hold a polite conversation, and practice the etiquette from the early 1900’s. (Social Butterfly Journey Badge) $5/Scout

Exploring Life in Early DuPage County
Become a character from the late 1800s. Join us while we explore different chores, games, and hobbies of the first settlers of DuPage County. (Playing the Past Journey Badge) $4/Scout

All programs can be customized for your group. School programs can be converted to scout programs and vice versa. Museum staff is experienced in working with a wide variety of ages and groups with special needs. We look forward to being a part of a memorable learning experience for your students.