



## Hočokata Ți

### FIELD TRIP GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth learners are some of our favorite visitors to Hočokata Ți! In our exhibit, *Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake*, students can sit within a traditional Dakota tipi, touch the hides of animals traditionally hunted by the Dakota people, hear the words of the Dakota language, and more. Interpreter-led tours offer guided highlights of Mdewakanton Dakota history that activates critical thinking, encourages dialogue, and aligns with Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards.

#### About Field Trips

- Reservations must be made at least four weeks in advance.
- All groups must agree to follow the Field Trip Visit Guidelines.
- Student pricing starts at \$5 per person.
- Free admission for school/program staff, bus drivers, and up to two chaperones per 15 students. Additional adults are \$8.
- Guided tours and educational activities are available for an additional cost.
- Lunch options available—please inquire at the time of booking.

#### Summer, Day Care, and Home School Groups

- Exhibit content is appropriate for students in third grade and up. Students entering second grade and below are not recommended.
- Hočokata Ți may provide exhibit activities upon request, but interpreter-led tours are not available for these groups.
- One adult chaperone for every four youth in the gift shop, please.
- On-site space for lunch is not guaranteed.
- Please limit your visit to one hour.

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### AVAILABLE EXPERIENCES

#### Self-Guided Exhibit Tour

Explore the exhibit at your own pace. Reservations are required.

**Cost: \$5 per student**

**Group Size: Up to 60 students**

**Duration: Approximately one hour**

#### Guided Exhibit Tour

Experience a highlights tour featuring audio and visual interactive elements that share the history of the Mdewakanton Dakota—from pre-contact lifeways to treaty-making and the tribe's path to self-sufficiency. While the guided portion does not cover the entire exhibit, groups are welcome to continue exploring after the tour. Guided tours are ideal for educators seeking to meet social studies or history content standards.

**Cost: \$7 per student**

**Group Size: 10-60 students**

**Duration: One hour**

#### Educational Programming

Enhance your visit with an interactive educational activity designed to further the understanding of Dakota people and lifeways. Choose from art projects, Dakota language classes, tours of the SMSC Collections, presentations, and more (subject to staff availability and seasonal appropriateness). Refer to the Field Trip and Group Programming guide for details.

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**Duration: One hour**