



Pioneer Living Camp Itinerary

Monday–Friday, June 15-19, 9a.m.-1p.m. each day

Camp Instructors:

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Monday: First people in Wisconsin: a look at Native Americans in Wisconsin

- Introduction to cultures: Ho-chunk, Chippewa, Fox, Sauk, Potawatomie, Ojibwa
- Field trip to Wisconsin Historical Museum
- Housing, foodways, land use, social structure, “kid culture”
- Planting activity
- Cooking activity
- Craft activity: weaving, corn husk dolls
- Story time

Tuesday: Contact: exploring the history of the fur trade

- Explorers that came to Wisconsin and what they saw
- Native American reactions to explorers and vice versa
- How they communicated
- What they traded
- Guests: Vik and Bonnie (tanning hides)
- Craft activity: “swaps” for trading, bandolier bags
- Story time

Wednesday: Home life as a pioneer kid

- Walking field trip to the Farmers’ Market
- Caring for chickens & collecting eggs
- Planting and weeding
- Laundry chores, making soap, mending
- Butter churning
- Knitting/embroidery
- Story time

Thursday: School on the frontier

- School subjects of the 1800s
- Teaching materials available for use
- Craft activity: chalk making, ink making
- Story time
- Schoolyard games

Friday: Games and recreation

- Pioneer games
- Walking field trip to James Madison Park
- Craft activities: making marbles, making yarn dolls, flower crowns
- Story time
- Making ice cream