**Educational Programs Offered at**

**The Historic Ranche at Fish Creek Provincial Park**

**Goal of Educational programming-** To offer a truly unique entertaining educational experience for grades 4, 5 and 7 students at the historic Ranche at Fish Creek Provincial Park, established in 1873.

**Venue-** Outside in the beautiful Artisan Gardens, weather permitting OR inside in The Past is A Blast Pavilion

\*\*Programs offered “rain, snow or shine”\*\*

**Months of the year school programs will be offered**

**5 months**: September, October, April, May and June starting in September 2015

**Number of students permitted-** One or two classrooms- Up to +/- 65 students. Also, grades 4 and grade 5 students can be combined if need be.

**Schedule for Educational Programming**

Morning programs- 9:30-11:30

Afternoon Programs- 12:30-2:30 or 1:00-3:00

**Bus parking-** West parking lot

**Washrooms-** Found in the Visitor’s Building- Students shall be escorted by volunteers to the washroom and back.

**Student area :** During the visit to the Historic Ranche, students shall be restricted to the 2.5 acre Artisan Garden area, including Annie’s, except for visits to the washroom, which will be escorted.

**Educational Visit to The Historic Ranche at Fish Creek**

**Opening segment-30 minutes**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4.3.3, 4 S 2

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5.2.6, 5 S 2

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* Students are welcomed to the historic Ranche by The History Wrangler.
* Students learn all about the famous ranchers, ( “The Distinguished 3”), who once called the Historic Ranche home including; John Glenn, William Roper Hull and Senator Patrick Burns, voted “Alberta’s Greatest Citizen” in 2008.
* Information about the three ranchers will include but not limited to;

**John Glenn**- The story of how John Glenn arrived in New York City from Ireland when he was a 16 year old boy is shared and how he was conscripted into the Confederate Army to fight in America’s Civil War. John didn’t believe in their cause and he ended up switching sides in the war to fight with the Union army.

After the Civil War ended in 1865, John became a gold prospector and he eventually ended up east of the Canadian Rockies where he met and fell in love with a Metis woman named Adelaide Belcourt. The couple got married at the Mission in St. Albert a short time later and then they traveled south to their new home where the Fish Creek River meets the Bow River.

**William Roper Hull-** The story of the 11 week journey William and his brother took from England to their uncle’s Ranch is shared, including their trek across Panama before the Panama Canal was completed. Additionally, the story is shared on how William Roper earned $50,000 by leading 1200 horses through the rugged Rocky Mountains on a 2 month journey, including a section of the trail that was less than 2 metres wide!

His remarkable business career is also presented including how he built Calgary’s first “sky scraper”, the beautiful Hull Opera House that held 1,000 people and how he donated almost all of his money to worthwhile charities when he died, including the Hull Home for Children which still thrives today.

**Senator Patrick Burns**- The senator/“Cattle King” bought the historic Ranche from William Roper Hull in 1902.

The story of Patrick Burns and his humble beginning is shared and how he built a remarkable empire, including his huge ranch which at one time stretched from north of Calgary all the way south to the American border!

* The History Wrangler then performs his “Distinguished 3 from the Bow Valley” song.

**Student activity-**Historical Themed Game- Two teams square off against each other in a fun Alberta history themed game. The game has been enthusiastically received across Alberta by thousands of young students!

**One (1) 20 minute Educational Program**- Teacher’s choice

**15 MINUTE STUDENT BREAK-** This is an opportunity for the students to explore the beautiful Artisan Gardens.

**Three (3) 20 minute Education programs**- Teachers choose

**Note**: All presentations will feature either vintage photographs, historical items or other props. Several programs include music and there will be lots of student involvement and prizes awarded.

**12 Proposed optional programs- 20 minutes each**

1. **Famous N.W.M.P**. **Guides, William Parker and Young Fred Bagley**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4 S 2

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5.2.7, 5 S 2

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* This program includes information on several N.W.M.P. guides including the fearless Jerry Potts, the Metis guide, with Blackfoot and Scottish heritage who worked with the NWMP for 22 years as well as first hand tales from William Parker who was one of the original Mounties who marched west!
* Fred Bagley, the very first bugle player hired by the NWMP when he was only 15 years old.
* The students will hear at least 3 different historic Bugle Calls that were blown back in the late 1800’s blown by The History Wrangler, including the Reveille (Wake Up Call), time to eat and time to sleep.

**Bow Valley Ranche connection**- John Glenn guided Colonel Macleod and the NWMP to Fort Macleod.

**Student Activity-** The History Wrangler will pull 4 student names out of a beaver skinned Top Hat and the 4 students shall all attempt to blow a Bugle Call and the student who blows the best Bugle Call shall receive a prize!

1. **Spiritual Protectors/Vision Quests & Aboringial Sign Language**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4 S 2, 4 S 8

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5 S 1, 5 S 2, 5 S 5

**Grade 7:**

* The fascinating world of First Nation spiritual protectors and the Vision Quest is shared; including the Spiritual Protectors of the great Chief Crowfoot, from The Siksika Nation, who signed Treaty 7 on behalf of The Blackfoot Confederacy in 1877, Chief Red Crow of The Blood First Nation and Jerry Potts, the Metis NWMP scout who kept a cat skin on his chest for protection.
* The vision Calf Robe from The Blood First Nation received is shared: When Calf Robe was morning his parents death in the Medicine Hat area, he was visited in a vision at night by the Snake People who told him that he would have power over snakes when he awoke- Months later in Lethbridge he would charge people 25 cents each to see him thrust a live poisonous rattle snake down his throat without ever being bit!
* Students are taught basic Great Plains Sign Language, the language that was used between First Nations who spoke different languages as well as early white man.

**Ranche connection**- The Ranche is located on traditional Blackfoot land and close to The T’suu Tina First Nation.

**Student activity-**  Students are taught an aboriginal game

1. **The arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Calgary.**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4 S 2

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5.3.2

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* Why was the railroad built in the first place?
* August 11th, 1883 the Canadian Pacific Railway arrives in Calgary!
* The celebration Calgary had when the railroad came to town and what Calgary was like back in August 1883.
* Information on the last stretch of construction between Medicine Hat and Calgary is shared, including the world record track laying record- 9 miles and 300 yards in one day!
* The challenges faced by the railroad crews when they arrived at the Siksika First Nation.
* The Last Spike ceremony, which took place at 9:22 November 7th, 1885 is discussed.

**Ranche Connection**- William Roper Hull and Patrick Burns sold beef to the railroad construction crews and the settlers who arrived by rail. They also used the railroad to ship their cattle to market.

**Student activity-** Two teams of students will compete to see who can build a railroad track the fastest and the team’s electric train which completes the course, once it’s built, will be the winner!

**4. Canada’s First Cowboys- “Home on The Rugged Range”/History of The Chuckwagon Races and Cattle Brands**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4 S 2

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5 S 2

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* The History of The Canadian Cowboy is explored
* Historic Cattle Drives, including the one that took place in 1885 involving 60,000 head of cattle, 100 Cowboys and 15 Chuckwagons.
* Economic impact of cattle ranching
* History of Chuckwagon Racing
* Alberta’s first Cattle brands, including those from the Distinguished 3.
* “One-of-a-kind Cowboys” are featured; including Afro American John Ware. The only horse that John was bucked off from was the horse that killed him, September 12th, 1905, eleven days after Alberta became a province.

**Ranche connection**- Canada’s early Cowboys assisted the “Distinguished 3” ranchers and lead their cattle drives.

**Student Activities-** 4 students race against time to see how many ink brands can be stamped, with the ink pad and branding Iron area being 10 metres apart from the paper.

**5.Famous Metis Characters, Buffalo hunts and The Red River Carts**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.3

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.4, 5 S 2

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* Famous Metis characters; including the remarkable Father Lacombe,  8 foot 3 Willow Bunch giant and Peter Erasmus the father of 9 kids who knew 9 languages and was the interpreter at Treaty 6 will be shared.
* Students will be taught basic words in Michif, the Metis language which is a combination of Cree and French.

**Ranche connection**- John Glenn's wife Adelaide was Metis

**Student Activity-** 6 students will try to say a challenging Metis tongue twister in Michif, the Metis language. The student who can say the tongue twister the most times in 15 seconds shall win a prize.

**6. Alberta’s Train Robbers,Cattle Rustlers and Horse Thiefs**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4 S 2,

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5 S 2

**Grade 7: 7.1**

* True tales of the “Alberta law breakers” from the late 1800’s early 1900’s are shared, including the famous Sundance Kid who worked at the Bar U Ranch before joining Butch Cassidy down in the United States and the notorious Holt-Dubois Gang of cattle rustlers.
* Tricks the Cattle Rustlers used to steal cattle, including changing the cattle brands.

**Ranche connection-** Cattle were stolen from the ranches owned by William Roper Hull and Senator Patrick Burns.

**Student Activities-** 8 students play a game of Train Robbers, Cattle Rustlers and Horse Thieves- Similar to Rock, Paper Scissors.

**7- Historic French roots in Calgary & the History of Quebec’s Poutine**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4.3.1, 4.3.3, 4 S 2

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5.2.3, 5 S 2

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* How the French played an important role in early Calgary, including:

1. 1875- Father Doucet from France greeted Inspector Ephrem Brisebois from Quebec and led F Troop from the N.W.M.P. to the site of Fort Calgary.
2. Father Lacombe receiving two ¼ sections of land to build his Mission district in 1883. This mission became the Village of Rouleauville on November 2nd 1899 and was annexed by Calgary in March 1907.
3. September 1885- St. Mary’s Calgary’s first school opened, welcoming 15 students. French nuns from Quebec started the school.
4. 1891- The Grey Nuns from Montreal helped establish Calgary’s first hospital, The Holy Cross.
5. Rouleauville named after prominent brothers Charles Rouleau, the first Supreme Court Judge in the North West Territories and Dr Edward Rouleau, the first surgeon appointed to the N.W.M.P.

* The history of Quebec’s Poutine

**Ranche Connection**- John Glenn's wife Adelaide was Metis and his father-in-law was French

**Student Activity-** The History Wrangler performs his song about Rouleauville and teaches the chorus in both French and English, complete with students playing the wooden spoons!

8- **The Birth of A Province, September 1st, 1905**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4.3.2, 4.3, 4 S 8

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5 S 2, 5 S 5

**Grade 7:** 7.2

* The events leading up to the creation of Alberta, including:

1. Canada purchasing Rupert’s Land from The Hudson’s Bay Company on March 20th, 1869 for 1.5 million dollars.
2. The creation of the North West Territories
3. Homesteaders from around the world come to Alberta
4. Bill 69 passed-February 21st, 1905, legally creating the province of Alberta.

* What happened the day that Alberta became a province, September 1st, 1905?

**Ranche Connection**- Patrick Burns bought the Ranche shortly prior to Alberta becoming a province. He was a celebrated Albertan and voted the "Greatest Alberta Citizen" in 2008.

**Student Activity-** Students will re-enact the September 1st 1905 event and will read from cue cards containing the exact speeches that were given by the Mayor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada’s 7th Prime Minister and Governor General Earl Grey as well as the swearing in of George Hedley Victars Bulyea, the first lieutenant governor of the province of Alberta.

**9. The incredible First Calgary Stampede- September 1912**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4.2, 4 S 2, 4.3

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1, 5 S 2

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* How the “Greatest Outdoor Event on Earth” came to be!
* The first Calgary Stampede rodeo events, including the Stage Coach races-Chuck Wagon races didn’t appear until 1923.
* Tom Three Persons- “All Hail Tom Three Persons”, Canada’s Stampede hero and the only Canadian World Champion at the first Calgary Stampede!

**Ranche Connection-** Patrick Burns was one of the Big 4 who financially backed the first Calgary Stampede.

**Student activity-** **Student Activity-** Two teams of 4 students each, will take turns lassoing the two wooden bulls, each team wearing their own colored bandana. The team that lassos the most wooden bulls in 3 minutes win.

**10. “We Struck Oil!!”- Great Oil discoveries & early vehicles in Alberta.**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.1.1, 4.3.2, 4 S 2

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* Aboriginals discovering the oil sands
* Kootenay Brown’s oil discovery in 1888 in the Waterton area of Alberta.
* May 14, 1914- Turner Valley oil discovery.
* Leduc #1, 1947- After 10 years of drilling they finally struck oil!
* Information on the first vehicles in Alberta are shared, including how the speed limit of 6 miles per hour was the same for horses and cars!

**Ranche Connection-** Patrick Burns invested in Oil company stocks.

**Student activity-** The History Wrangler performs his crowd interactive song with the students called “We Got Oil”

**11. “Alberta Ranchers off to The Great War”**

**Specific Educational Outcome:**

**Grade 4:** 4.2.1, 4 S 2

**Grade 5:** 5.2.1

**Grade 7:** 7.1

* When WW1 was declared in August 1914 hundreds of brave Ranchers left the Ranches in Alberta to join the Alberta Battalions including the Calgary based “Fighting 50th” and “Fighting 10th”.
* Several heroic military tales are told, including The History Wrangler’s great uncle Harry who was awarded The Military Medal for Bravery.

**Ranche Connection-** Ranchers from Senator Patrick Burns ranch left the ranch to fight in WW1

**Student activity-** Two teams of students shall compete in the “Frisbee Sharp Shooting Contest”, where they must knock down targets, the team which knocks down the most targets win.

**12. Basic song writing tips from The History Wrangler- "Let's write a song!"**

The History Wrangler will share some great song writing tips with the students and with his guitar and student input will sing some examples.

**Student activity-** The students will be providing input for a song.