



WELCOME ABOARD! NEXT STOP 1848.

LaSalle Canal Boat: Bringing History to Life

NEW FIELDTRIP OPPORTUNITY IN LASALLE

Opening in June 2008

Learning History on the LaSalle Canal Boat

Activities

The LaSalle Canal Boat is a historically accurate replica of the passenger boats that transported pioneers along the Illinois and Michigan Canal more than 150 years ago. Tour guides dressed as a canal era boat captain, crew and passengers will engage students with lively stories of the early days on the canal and the Illinois prairie, taking them back to a critical time in our state and national history.

In addition to a one-hour ride, the Lock 16 Visitor Center will feature two exhibits in 2008.

The Waterway that Changed the Nation. An overview of the birth of the I&M Canal, its impact on Illinois and the U.S., life on the canal, and the canal's legacy. (Opening in June 2008)

1848: A Year of Transformation. A look at the many innovations and significant events in Illinois, the U.S. and abroad that took place in 1848, as well as what everyday life was like then. (Opening in September 2008)

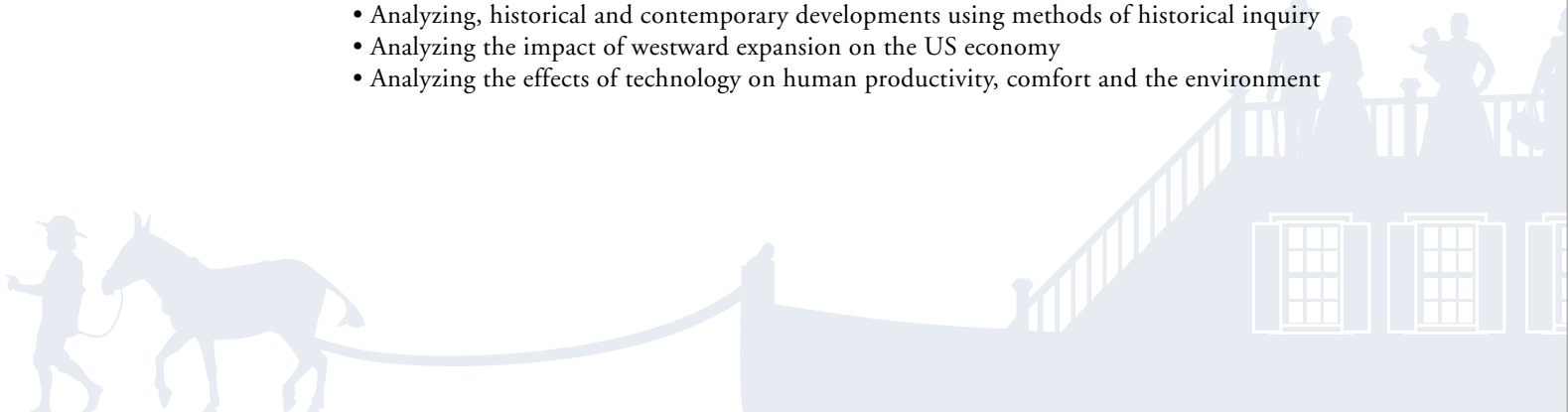
In addition, *Prairie Tides*, a 60-minute film can be shown in the education room.

The experience will be a conduit to learning about transportation, westward expansion, technological innovation, immigration, urbanization and more.

Learning Outcomes

Field trips to the LaSalle Canal Boat and Lock 16 Visitor Center can teach and reinforce a variety of social science and history themes that meet the Illinois State Board of Education's Illinois Learning Standards for grades 5 through 11. Among them:

- Understanding US economic systems
- Explaining the economic impacts of invention, technology and entrepreneurship
- Understanding events, trends, individuals and movements shaping Illinois and US history
- Analyzing, historical and contemporary developments using methods of historical inquiry
- Analyzing the impact of westward expansion on the US economy
- Analyzing the effects of technology on human productivity, comfort and the environment



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Curriculum Connections

The I&M Canal ties in with a number of themes taught in U. S. History classes, including Westward Expansion, Transportation, Immigration, and Urbanization. These activities are appropriate for the Illinois Learning Standards.

Goal 15: Understand economic systems, with an emphasis on the United States. Standards: 15 C 4b, Explain the importance of research, development, invention, technology and entrepreneurship to the United States economy

Goal 16: Understand events, trends, individuals and movements shaping the history of Illinois, the U. S. and other nations. Standards: 16 A 5a, Analyze historical and contemporary developments using methods of historical inquiry; 16 C 4b, analyze the impact of westward expansion on the United States economy; 16 E 5a analyze how technological and scientific developments have affected human productivity, human comfort, and the environment.

Teachers Guide

The Canal Corridor Association is preparing a curriculum guide for use with a field trip to the LaSalle Canal Boat and Lock 16 Visitor Center that will be available in August 2008.

Group Size

The boat and visitor center can accommodate up to 150 students. The boat will accommodate up to 75, has a restroom and is wheelchair accessible. There is a public shelter adjacent to the boat for picnics.

Schedule & Fare

One-hour, roundtrip rides will be offered 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm daily, June 1 - Oct. 31. Students \$6. Adults \$10. Teachers ride free.

Group Reservations & Information

To make a reservation and design a half-day or day-long visit which meets your teaching goals, contact Cyndi Oakley at 866.610.7678, coakley@canalcor.org.



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