

February 21, 2023

Dear Teacher,

With spring just around the corner, I would like to invite you and your students to visit the Museums of the Prairie du Chien Historical Society. Perhaps you already plan regular visits to the Museums, or this is your first time visiting. Whichever the case might be, I look forward to assisting you with a visit that will suit your needs. Listed below are the opportunities that we provide:

Fort Crawford Military Hospital

- 1830s hospital ward with exhibits on soldier life and Dr. William Beaumont's experiments.
- Artifacts unearthed in archeological excavations of the fort barracks.
- Military history of Fort Crawford
- The U.S. Civil War & Swift United States Army General Hospital

Museum of Prairie du Chien

- Prairie du Chien in the War of 1812
- The arrival of the railroad in 1857
- Clamming on the Mississippi River
- Rotating exhibits featuring local history.

St. Germain *dit* Gauthier House

- 1830s restored French-Canadian home.
- French-Canadian local history and culture
- Exhibits on the 4th Ward/St. Feriole Island
- Native plants & uses.

Additional activities include:

Sleeping as a Soldier- Students will be guided through a fun activity in which they will construct a bed just as the soldiers stationed at Fort Crawford!

Survival Skills on the Frontier- Find your way with a compass; light a fire with flint and steel; hunt for your food with a flintlock. Just a few of the skills that your students will learn about!

Museum Store- Our store is filled with fun and educational items for sale.

Please feel free to contact me to schedule a tour and for more information.

Best Wishes,

Brandon Brockway, Executive Director



Fort Crawford Museum * Museum of Prairie du Chien * St. Germain *dit* Gauthier House