

The education office is open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday but the museum is closed to the public (no museum tours) on Mondays.

Contact Deborah Stevenson, Curator of Education, at 775-687-4810, ext. 237 or e-mail: dstevenson@nevadaculture.org

*Tours at the Nevada State Museum are subject to availability of volunteers. **The museum is open to the public six days a week, Tuesday***

- Sunday and tours can be scheduled with at least two weeks advanced notice. It is more difficult to get a guide on weekends, especially Sundays.

*Specialized tours with staff may be available as listed under *Behind-the-Scenes* or *group tours*.*

Choose from the following options:

School Tours

The Nevada State Museum offers free guided tours for school children on a vast array of subjects, from Nevada history and mining, to fossils, American Indian Culture, and over a dozen science/art activities.



Tour our Sesquicentennial Exhibit, ***Finding Frémont: Pathfinder of the West*** for a one-of-a-kind experience; add our topo map program if you have time. We recommend one hour or more for the full program, available through February 2015. Left: students from Green Valley Christian School pose near the Pyramid Lake campsite scene.

All of our children's programs feature a hands-on component. Children have fun and remember what they learn. Teachers are delighted to know that the programs complement the curriculum in subjects like social science, natural science and language arts.

Reviews:

"Wow, thank you for the follow up to let me know you received our letters. We had a great time and I went back the next day with my own kids and I know some other students went back again with their parents. We are fortunate as Nevadans to have such a great museum so close to our school."

Respectfully,
Regan Hartzell

Ms. Roide from St. Teresa's School in Carson City wrote, "Thank you for the phenomenal field trip to the Nevada State Museum. St. Teresa 5th graders had a wonderful time visitiing the Under One Sky exhibit. We arrived at 9:00 am and were met my three expert docents. They were engaging, funny and kept the students wanting more. Thank you for all you do for education in Carson City."

Above: students are captivated by a bat skeleton; they study a real one in the lab portion of the tour.



Outreach to Carson City Elementary Schools is offered in three subject areas: Nevada history, American Indian culture and archaeology, plus the popular natural science program: Bats: Night Flyers of the Skies. Fill out this [form](#) and email it to dstevenson@nevadaculture.org at least two weeks in advance. Programs are subject to availability of museum volunteers.

Kids aren't the only ones having fun at the Nevada State Museum. We offer tours for adults and commercial bus groups. It's a great place consider for your Elder Hostel, Passport in Time

or senior outing. See group tours below:



Group Tours

Jan Loverin, Curator of Clothing and Textiles instructs a group of museum volunteers on the diversity of head gear housed at the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center, a branch of the Nevada State Museum. Click on the [Behind-the-Scenes](#) link below to find out how to book a tour of the facility. Visitors find Jan charming, knowledgeable and down to earth.



[Behind-the-Scenes Tours](#)

George Baumgardner, PhD, Curator of Natural History leads small group behind-the-scenes tours on plants and animals of Nevada the last Friday of the month. Reservations are required.

Sue Ann Monteleone gives tours of the Merci Train Collection with advanced notice for a donation of \$10 per person. Contact: sueann.monteleone@nevadaculture.org

Review follows:

Our contact at the museum was Sue Ann Monteleone, Registrar, History Dept., whom Sharon had contacted earlier. She met us in the lobby at nine and, after introductions, led us to one of the archive rooms in the basement where the Merci Train artifacts were kept. Oh my, what an experience. They have a very extensive collection of all kinds of memorabilia that came out of the Nevada boxcar. From dolls, lace, pottery, war medals, toys, and a special collection of advertising posters, it was one of the largest we've seen. Looking at the special and so very personal items the French people gave to us in thanks for the food and support during WWII can't help but cause a lump-in-the-throat moment. Lots of heartwarming stories were shared by both the museum's Sue Ann and our Sue Ann. A few years, back the museum was even able to find one of the toy donors and connect him with his young American pen pal. A remarkable achievement and so touching after all these years. It was the most varied collection we had seen and filled four large cabinets.

We spent over an hour going over the museum's collection. Sue Ann M. was so helpful in answering questions and going the extra mile in sharing the artifacts on this special tour just for us.

This was a wonderful visit. Sue Ann Monteleone was most gracious, knowledgeable and very generous with her time. The rest of the museum provided great information about the history of Nevada and the Carson City area. We appreciate the time she spent with us and were very impressed with the work that has been done with the collection and the website.

John and Sue Ann Irving
Bob and Sharon McElroy

If you understand French, you might enjoy this video about the Merci Train Collection that aired in France:

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