

The NAFMC Education Department offers hands-on, STEM-focused programming for students of all ages. Our expert facilitators utilize the Museum’s extensive collection and their own real-world experience to engage students in the science of flight and the history of Canadian military aviation.

The Museum’s Education Department offers a variety of engaging programs that meet curriculum goals for STEM, history, language arts, and more. All requests must be submitted at least 4 weeks in advance of your requested program date.

Field Trip Information

- Reservations are required for all Education Groups
- Groups may visit on their own without a museum education program; however to receive group rate pricing your visit must be scheduled in advance
- To request an education program, please submit this form and a member of the Education Department will follow up with you. Note that your visit is not considered “final” until you receive confirmation from our team.

Programs

Programs are available for students in grades K through 10 with learning opportunities related to science, technology, engineering, and math, as well as history and other social studies fields.

School programs are available Monday to Friday. Programs are half-day (4 hours), and generally begin at 10:00am.

Programming for special youth organizations, including cadet groups, is flexible. Please contact the Education Department with your request at least two (2) weeks prior to your planned visit.

All program requests must be submitted in writing to the Education Department.

Special Needs & Accessibility

If an individual in your group requires extra assistance, please let us know in advance of your visit and we will do our best to make accommodations.

Lunch Policy

There is no food for sale on site. Students may bring their own packed lunch to be eaten in the classroom. Time for lunch is included in all programs.

Food is not permitted in the Museum’s gallery space. All food must remain inside the classroom during your visit.

Guidelines for Your Visit

Museum Etiquette

In all cases, teachers and chaperones are responsible for the conduct of their groups. Please make sure your group understands the rules below before your visit.

- Be kind and courteous to our staff and volunteers. Your program facilitators are volunteers who are dedicating their time to make sure you have a positive learning experience. Please be respectful and follow the direction they provide;
- Be mindful of other visitors to the museum – no running, shouting, loud, abusive, or disruptive behaviour is permitted;
- Do not reach over or cross barriers; stanchions may be an obvious barrier but it also means that your entire body stays in front of it (no reaching), and while some exhibits do not have stanchions it does not always mean it is okay to touch – look for signage to indicate which exhibits are interactive;
- Youth under the age of 16 must remain in groups with an adult;
- No food or drink in the Museum gallery – water is the only exception
- **Gift Shop:**
 - o No bags, and no more than five (5) youth at a time accompanied by an adult
- **Airpark:**
 - o Do not climb on aircraft, monuments, or other structures in the Airpark;
 - o Do not step on Ad Astra Stones (memorial stones that line the pathways)

Interactive Exhibits

The NAFMC has a number of interactive exhibits for visitors to enjoy. We ask that you please be mindful and treat our interactives gently so that others can enjoy them.

Simulators: Historic RCAF aircraft simulators for the CC-130E Hercules and CF-101 Voodoo provide visitors the opportunity to step into the cockpits of these original training tools.

Dress-Up Station: Our dress-up station located in the back of the Museum gives visitors the opportunity to try on different pieces of historic uniforms and take their photo in front of our “Hero Shot” mural. All uniforms must remain in this section of the Museum and are not to be working throughout the gallery or outside.

Groups or students who violate Museum policies or disregard staff / volunteer instructions may be asked to leave. Noncompliance could affect future access to the Museum.

Supervision & Chaperones

Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9+
1:5	1:8	1:10

For the safety of your group, the Museum requires all school and youth groups to have adult supervision. The minimum supervisory requirements for a visit are above. These ratios apply to all visiting groups. Groups who have scheduled programs with our Education Department may require additional adult chaperones. The Education Coordinator will discuss supervisory requirements with you at the time of booking.

Responsibility for the supervision of students / youth remains with the group leader and their volunteer supervisors. We request that educators take an active part in ensuring that youth are respectful towards the Museum, its artefacts, staff, and volunteers. Should student behaviour be deemed inappropriate, dangerous, or destructive by Museum staff, programming will be terminated

Supervising adults participate in programming free of charge. Any adults over the recommended ratio will be charged the Museum's standard admission rate.

Chaperones / supervising adults are not permitted to bring additional children / youth. Adults who are accompanied by and supervising a child / children who are not part of the group booking are not considered chaperones and will be subject to the Museum's standard admission rate. The booking party is responsible for meeting the supervisory requirements.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation must be communicated in writing a minimum of 14 business days in advance of the booking date. Any cancellations made past this time will be subject to full program fees.

Rescheduling

The Museum requires a minimum of 14 business days' notice to reschedule programs. An administration fee of \$40.00 applies to programs that are rescheduled with less than 14 business days' notice.

Your Visit

We ask that all groups arrive on time for their visit. If the schedule changes please let the Museum know so that schedules can be adjusted accordingly.

If your group should arrive late, we cannot reduce the programming fees nor can we guarantee that your group will receive the full scheduled program. We will do our best to accommodate schedule changes but programming hours cannot be extended to accommodate late arrival.

FAQ (canoe museum)

- What is the cost?
- Can we have lunch?
- How many chaperones?
- What is the schedule? How long are the programs?
- Do you offer French?
- Can I schedule free time?
- Can I schedule snack time?
- Can I come after hours
- Is there subsidies available? (as a self-funded entity we run our programs at the lowest fees possible...)