

WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT...

We are an organization of people who love history. Our members, volunteers, staff and board are committed to the collection, preservation, presentation and interpretation of the rich multi-layer history of the city and county, neighboring regions and central Lake Erie.

In keeping with our mission, ECHS promotes regional history through conventional and unconventional learning opportunities for students of all ages. We offer many exciting exhibits and programs, which include scavenger hunts, storytelling, crafts and activities.

PLANNING YOUR DAY

Making Reservations

All groups must have a minimum of 10 people to receive the group rate of \$2.00 per child and \$3.00 per adult. One adult per five children receives a complimentary admission.

Groups with less than 10 people will be charged a flat \$30.00 admission fee.

We will be ready to schedule your group and answer questions, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at (814) 454-1813 Ext. 24. Here is how you can help:

1. Select the program and/or exhibit that suits your interests and needs.
2. Choose two or three preferred dates and times.
3. We will need your name, your school's name, address and telephone number, the grade and number of children, and the number of adults. (We can accommodate groups of 100 or more.)

Payment

Unless prior arrangements have been made, payment is due the day of your visit. We can accept Visa, Mastercard, cash or check. Please make checks payable to ECHS.

Your Lunch

Several of our sites offer lunchroom facilities for groups of 80 or less. Please inform us in advance if these facilities will be needed. Groups are also welcome to enjoy picnicking in Perry Square, weather permitting. Boxed lunches are available to field trip groups.

Accessibility

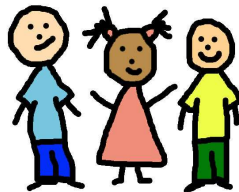
The Erie County History Center & Cashier's House and Erie Planetarium are accessible. The Watson-Curtze Mansion and Battles Museums of Rural Life are accessible by ramp only to the first floor.

Plan Your Day

Downtown Erie offers many cultural destinations. Plan an entire day downtown by combining your visit to the Historical Society with a visit to the Erie Maritime Museum, Bicentennial Tower, Erie Art Museum, expERIENCE Children's Museum or Firefighters' Museum.



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FIELD TRIPS/GROUP VISITS

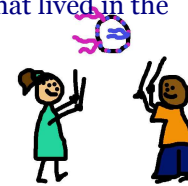
Customize a one to three-hour field trip to one or more of our museums. Program content and delivery is adjusted according to the audience's learning level (K – Adult), making them appropriate for almost every age. Group activities and crafts, and program content are developed using current Pennsylvania Academic Standards and other curriculum requirements.

Cashier's House

(K – Grade 12)

See what it was like to live in Erie more than 160 years ago by visiting this 1839 townhouse. Student activities may include exploring the contents of a 19th century toy chest, going on a House History Hunt, passing around the group objects that were part of daily life more than one hundred years ago, or creating a journal entry for one of the children that lived in the home.

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Watson-Curtze Mansion

(K – Grade 12)

Visit a mansion on Erie's Millionaire's Row! Built in 1891, the Mansion provides students with a glimpse of 19th century grandeur. Student activities may include exploring the contents of a 19th century toy chest, making a 19th century toy, parlor games, and visiting one of the largest train displays in Erie.

356 West Sixth Street, Erie

Erie Planetarium

(K – Grade 12)

The planetarium offers a wide variety of state-of-the-art shows, as well as interactive programs and hands-on activities that may suit your astronomy and earth science interests. Choose from more than ten different shows. Call for show details or visit our website at www.eriecountyhistory.org.

356 West Sixth Street, Erie

History Center

(K – Grade 12)

Located in the main gallery of the History Center is Voices from Erie County History, our permanent exhibit featuring the history of Erie County from dinosaurs to plastics. Adjacent galleries house The Admiral Curtze Maritime Hall and the Hall of Transportation & Technology. Student activities may include exhibit scavenger hunts, Native American games, constructing a model of the Erie Extension Canal and storytelling.

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Battles Museums of Rural Life

(K – Grade 12)

The Battles Museums include 130 acres of land. The property features walking trails and two historic houses. Students are encouraged to explore farm life through churning butter, trying on 19th century children's clothing, making old-fashioned crafts and playing games on the lawn.

436 Walnut Street, Girard

Walking Tours of Downtown

(Grade 4 - Grade 12)

Be inspired by local legend and lore as we walk the historic streets of downtown Erie. Walking tour themes include:

Ghosts & Legends
West Sixth Street Historic District
Erie Heritage Trail
Erie Cemetery Tour (NOT Downtown)

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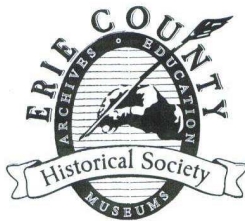
CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

Customize a one to three-hour program where we bring the museum to your classroom! ECHS outreach programs, or "Museums in a Box" require student participation through hands-on activities and crafts. **BONUS**...Teachers receive packets containing pre- and post-visit worksheets and activities.

\$25.00 Per Group of 50

Outreach Program Topics:

- **Flight to Freedom: The Underground Railroad in Erie County**
- **Tenders of the Fire: Erie's Native American Heritage**
- **The Settlement of Erie...Town and County**
- **Tall Tales of Old Erie: Local Legends and Ghost Stories**
- **Ethnic Erie: From Little Italy to Polonia, Immigrants of Erie County**
- **From Erie to Pittsburgh in 36 Hours: An Introduction to the Erie Extension Canal**
- **All Aboard!: An Introduction to Erie's Rail History**



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