

Grant-Funded Educational Programming Packet
Indian Creek Historical Fashions
Immersive Living History & Historical Storytelling Programs

Where History Comes to Life

Serving Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, North Dakota & the Midwest

 **ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW**

Indian Creek Historical Fashions provides immersive, research-based historical programming designed to engage, educate, and emotionally connect audiences with the past.

Through **living history, material culture, and powerful storytelling**, programs explore the human experience behind historical events—bringing history off the page and into the present.

Each program is crafted to support **educational standards, public humanities goals, and community engagement initiatives**.

 **MISSION STATEMENT**

To bring history to life through immersive storytelling experiences that connect modern audiences to the voices, struggles, and resilience of the past.

 **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Indian Creek Historical Fashions offers **educational living history programs** that:

- Interpret significant moments in American history
- Highlight underrepresented voices, including women and children
- Encourage critical thinking and emotional engagement
- Support lifelong learning across diverse audiences

Programs are suitable for:

- Schools (K–12)
- Libraries
- Museums

- Historical societies
 - Community and cultural organizations
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FEATURED PROGRAMS

Children's Blizzard of 1888

A powerful exploration of one of the deadliest weather disasters in American history, focusing on the experiences of children, teachers, and homesteading families.

Women Homesteaders of the Great Plains

Examines women's roles under the Homestead Act, highlighting resilience, independence, and the realities of frontier life.

Women of the Civil War

Explores the hidden roles of women as soldiers, spies, and support personnel during the Civil War.

Victorian Fashion & Social Identity

Demonstrates how clothing reflects cultural expectations, gender roles, and social structure.

The Language of the Fan (Interactive)

Engages audiences in Victorian-era communication through hands-on participation.

Frontier Cooking & Daily Life

Explores foodways, survival skills, and daily living conditions on the frontier.

The Art of Natural Dyeing

Combines science and history through the exploration of natural materials used to create dyes.

HUMANITIES & EDUCATIONAL VALUE

Programs support key humanities themes:

- American history and westward expansion
- Women's history and underrepresented voices
- Cultural identity and social norms
- Environmental and weather-related events
- Daily life and material culture

Each program encourages:

- Historical empathy
 - Critical thinking
 - Audience engagement and discussion
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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of historical events and contexts
 - Connect emotionally with historical experiences
 - Develop critical thinking about past and present
 - Engage in meaningful discussion and reflection
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PRESENTER QUALIFICATIONS

Rayma Volkmer is a historical storyteller and interpreter specializing in immersive, audience-engaged presentations.

- Extensive experience in living history programming
- Creator of original, research-based presentations

- Skilled in audience interaction and educational delivery
- 20+ years' experience in presenting for schools, museums, and public audiences
- Background in historical clothing construction using period methods

Programs are delivered in **authentic, historically accurate attire**, enhancing both visual and educational impact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Grant-funded programs:

- Increase access to educational programming
 - Serve diverse and underserved audiences
 - Support lifelong learning in community settings
 - Strengthen local connections to regional and national history
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IDEAL FOR FUNDING THROUGH:

- State Humanities Councils
 - Humanities Nebraska
 - Library programming grants
 - Museum education grants
 - Cultural heritage initiatives
 - Community enrichment programs
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SERVICE AREA

Programs are available throughout:

Nebraska • Iowa • Kansas • Missouri • South Dakota • North Dakota • Midwest region



PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Programs are priced based on:

- Program type and length
- Travel distance
- Audience size
- Customization level

Grant-friendly pricing and documentation available upon request.



SUPPORTING MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- Teacher Resource Guides
 - Curriculum connections
 - Promotional materials for funded events
 - Custom program descriptions for grant applications
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BOOKING & CONTACT

Indian Creek Historical Fashions

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 Contact to discuss grant partnerships, availability, and customized programming.

“Why Fund This Program?”

**Because history is not just something we study—
it is something we must feel to understand.**

This program brings voices of the past into the present, ensuring they are not forgotten.