

Waukegan History Museum

Free Historical Programs

For your organization, group, social event, or classroom.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Native American History of the Waukegan Area
- Early settlers of Little Fort*
- Waukegan and the Underground Railroad
- Abraham Lincoln Goes to Waukegan
- The Civil War: The War Efforts in Waukegan
- Waukegan's Famous Civil War Drummer Boys*
- The Early Industry Worker*
- Haunted Waukegan*
- "Firsts" in Waukegan
- Waukegan: A History of Immigration
- Lake Michigan History and the Lady Elgin Shipwreck
- Waukegan's African American History
- Influential Women of Waukegan's Past
- Prominent Events and Visitors of Waukegan
- Waukegan and the Motion Picture Industry
- Ray Bradbury: Waukegan's Influence on a Visionary
- Jack Benny: From Waukegan to Hollywood
- "What-Cha-Ma-Call-It" History Trunk (hands on program)*
- Guided Neighborhood Walking Tours*

*For school groups only (all other programs are for both school and adult groups)

Many programs are multimedia presentations with hands-on artifacts. Programs generally last 45 minutes to one hour but can be adjusted to be age appropriate. Museum staff/volunteers can come to your classroom, organization, or event to present. Programs are flexible to be presented to children and adults. For more information and to schedule a FREE program, please call or email,

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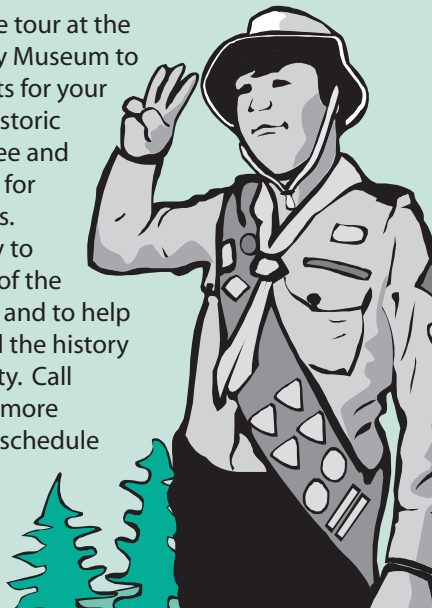


Register for classes at your convenience, day or night. We have detailed information to help you, including instructions, policies and FAQs.

Visit our website at www.waukeganparks.org

Attention Scout Leaders! FREE Boy/Girl Scout Tours

Schedule a private tour at the Waukegan History Museum to fulfill requirements for your scouts to visit a historic place. Tours are free and can be scheduled for weekday evenings. This is a great way to teach the history of the City of Waukegan and to help youth understand the history of their community. Call 847-336-1859 for more information or to schedule your tour!



THIS FREE PROGRAM IS PRESENTED BY
THE WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TITANIC

A FATEFUL TICKET TO WAUKEGAN

Sunday, April 15, 2012 • 2:00 P.M.

Jane Addams Center

THE SINKING of the RMS *Titanic* on April 15, 1912 shocked the world. Join us on the 100th anniversary of the



sinking. Waukegan History Museum supervisor, Ty Rohrer, will talk about the sinking and how it was reported in the Waukegan newspapers as well as local residents who were passengers.

HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Hear It Again!

The Jack Benny Radio Program

Free


Join us as we take our ears back in time to the "Golden Age" of radio at Lilac Cottage. Listen to "Waukegan's Favorite Son," Jack Benny in his radio shows dating back to the 1930s and 1940s. Each session we will listen to one or two shows, depending on their length. Whether you grew up listening to Jack Benny or not, you are guaranteed to laugh out loud! Refreshments will be provided, and donations are welcome.

LC	WE	2/1	7-8:30 pm	Reg by 1/25	#4557
LC	WE	3/7	7-8:30 pm	Reg by 2/29	#4558
LC	WE	4/4	7-8:30 pm	Reg by 3/28	#4560
LC	WE	5/2	7-8:30 pm	Reg by 4/25	#4561



JACK BENNY

FROM WAUKEGAN TO HOLLYWOOD



The exhibit shows the life of Jack Benny from when he was growing up in Waukegan to his prolific career in Hollywood. Memorabilia from the exhibit include historic photographs of Jack Benny, programs from Jack Benny performances and autographed items by Benny, Mary Livingstone, and others. Stop by to learn about Benny's early days growing up in Waukegan, his radio and television career, and the impact that he had on Hollywood and his hometown of Waukegan. The exhibit is located in the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Drive. Jack Benny Drive is located at the north entrance of Bowen Park.

Getting to Know Your Home's History

Free

Have you ever wondered about the history of your home or business? The Waukegan Historical Society can help find some answers such as when it was built and who it was made for. We may be able to locate the property on old maps as well as a comprehensive list of occupants over the years. Please bring in a picture of the exterior of the building as well as any information that you may already have. Information on land marking your property through the Waukegan Historic Preservation Commission will be provided. Research is limited to homes located in Waukegan. Program facilitated by Museum Supervisor, Ty Rohrer.

LC	SA	3/3	10-11:30am	Reg by 2/25	# 4559
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EXHIBITS

Presented by the Waukegan Historical Society and the Waukegan Park District. The Waukegan History Museum is located in the Bowen Heritage Circle and is located in the circle off Joseph Favero Drive at the south entrance to Bowen Park.

The Civil War: The War Efforts in Waukegan

The exhibit celebrates the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War (1861-1865) and the involvement of Waukegan, Illinois. Local events leading up to the war, the war years, and the post-war reconstruction efforts in Waukegan are exhibited. Soldiers from Waukegan including the drummer boys, Orion P. Howe and Lyston D. Howe are also profiled. Artifacts on display include uniforms, weaponry, and flags. The exhibit is located in the Waukegan History Museum and has been extended to run through May 2012.

New! 100 Years of the Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts have been an influential organization in America's history and the exhibit helps celebrate its 100th anniversary. Stories from local Girl Scouts as well as memorabilia including clothing, patches, and books are on display. The exhibit is located in the Waukegan History Museum and runs 2/1/12-6/1/12.



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