Educators Kit

About the Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation

The Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation was established in 1979. The original purpose of the Foundation was to preserve and protect the Old Montana Prison for its historical value.

The Foundation operates several museums to preserve historical information and to educate the public. Whilst doing this, the Foundation also works to further the economy of the City of Deer Lodge.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Powell Count Museum and Arts Foundation is to provide a tourism economy to the community through the preservation and adaptive re-use of the Old Montana Prison Complex. This effort encompasses operating the area inside the walls of the Old Prison as a Museum and additionally adding to the attraction base with a world class Auto Museum, a local Powell County Museum, a Doll and Toy Museum, a Western memorabilia Museum and a Saloon/Whiskey Bottle Museum. In addition we house the Montana Peace Officers Museum. The Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation endeavors to support the performing arts.

Our goal is to become a tourist "destination" with enough visitors to become self-supporting. In the process, we intend to preserve the history of Montana, Powell County and the city of Deer Lodge.

Our biggest obstacle remains the stabilizing of badly deteriorating physical buildings, with fifteen historical structures spread over an area encompassing more than six square city blocks.

Membership

If you would like to become a member of the Foundation and help support our goals, we would be delighted to hear from you. Annual fees are as follows:

Senior Citizen	$20
Individual	$25
Family	$50
Museum Patron	$150
Small Business	$75
Corporate Business	$120
Patron Corporate	$200

Contact Information

For more information about the museums, or to contact a member of staff, please use the info on the right. You can also find us online at

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Educational Program

The Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation operates the Old Prison and Montana Auto Museums year round. We are happy to accommodate educators with visits and reservations.

Schools wishing to bring a group of students to the museum for a special visit are always welcome. This is a wonderful way for students to see and experience Montana History. We will be happy to arrange a guided tour of the Old Prison Museum for your group, please contact us at least one week ahead of time with the following information;

- Number of students and adults
- Date and time of visit
- Grade level

We require 1 chaperone for every 10 students.

A reservation form is available for you to download and send to us with the information we require to accommodate your visit.

Please see the Tour Information page for information about suggested dress code, directions and parking. This information is also available in PDF format that can be downloaded on the foundations website at www.pcmaf.org on the educators page.

Educators Kit and Lesson Plan Worksheets

We have a kit available to make your visit to our museums more enjoyable and educational. Available as part of the kit are several lesson plan worksheets. These are designed to help educate students about the Old Montana Prison. Feel free to use these materials, since they have been created for educational use at no charge. They are available in PDF format and can be downloaded from our website at www.pcmaf.org on the educators page.

The answers to the lessons can be found from reading the Self Guided Tour Book and essays provided by PCMAF (with the exception of the "Scavenger Hunt").