Since 1991 the Blackhawk Museum has been dedicated to ensuring that school children have the opportunity to visit the Museum by providing free admission to our galleries and reimbursing school bus costs through our Children’s Education & Transportation Fund.

**International Automotive Treasures**  
For over 29 years the Blackhawk Museum has exhibited a collection of historic and significant automobiles blending art, technology, culture and history for public enjoyment and educational enrichment. The themes of technology and transportation run through most grades.

**The Spirit of the Old West**  
Opened in February 2015, this exhibition tells the story of the expansion west from the early 1700s to the early 1900s through historical artifacts, wildlife dioramas and a 140 ft. topographical table depicting significant scenes from the Old West. It showcases the lifestyles and experiences of Native Americans, particularly of the Plains, and the Western pioneers and settlers, including those in California.
GALLERY TOURS

2nd-12th GRADES
Guided Tours of International Automotive Treasures and / or The Spirit of the Old West Exhibitions

Tours are offered free of charge to all public, private and home school groups including to those with special needs. Each provides teachers and students of all ages a unique opportunity to:

• Comply with the California State Standards, especially in History/Social Science, English/Language Arts, Technology, and Fine Arts
• Reach specific Content Standards benchmarks, including 1) Historical, cultural and technological changes over time 2) Elements of art and design, 3) Reflective listening and questioning, 4) Critical thinking and analysis.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

GRADKES K-1

“Let’s Go for a Ride!” - Through a guided mini-tour, children return to the time when going for a car ride was a new and exciting adventure.
“Children of the Plains” - Through a guided mini-tour, children are made aware of children’s roles in the Old West.

Teachers and adult chaperones are required to accompany Docents for both experiences.

HIGH SCHOOL

“Automobile Technology Tour” – Presented with added emphasis on the technological evolution of the automobile, this tour is especially suited for Auto Oriented Classes.

“Student Volunteer Gallery Host Program” - Students learn about the social and technological history of the automobile and/or about the Native Americans, Pioneers and Settlers of the Old West. They also learn about the Museum’s role as an educational and recreational resource. Students in this program are trained in communication skills as they serve in a gallery host capacity. – April through August.

SCHOOL TOURS & PROGRAMS

SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS

School tours are available to public, private & home schools Wednesday through Friday throughout the calendar year. Tours start at 10:00am, 11:30am, and 1:00pm. For a guided tour, we require a minimum of 10 students. For school groups, adult chaperones are required at a 1:8 ratio for grades K-8 and 1:15 for grades 9-12. For classes larger than 20, students will be divided into smaller groups, each with its own tour guide.

The Museum will accommodate self-guided school groups grades 6-12. For self-guided tours, adult chaperones are required at a 1:8 ratio.

All school groups, including self-guided tours over 10 students, must be scheduled through the Programs Department.

RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation visit our website at http://blackhawkmuseum.org/education/ and select Request a Tour to fill out our School Tour Request Form. Reservations for guided and self-guided school tours must be made at least 4 weeks in advance. If you would like to request the assistance of the Children's Education & Transportation Fund (see back page), please indicate this on the School Tour Request Form.

For information, please email/call; programs@blackhawkmuseum.org or (925) 736-2277, ext. 239