



EIDEM HOMESTEAD

TRAVELING TRUNK

About the Trunk

Students will examine life on a farm in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota from approximately 1890-1910. Using the contents of the trunk, students will explore life and work on a farm in 1900. Artifacts and photographs help students learn about this important part of Minnesota history as they are introduced to life before electricity, automobiles and widespread use of commercially processed food.

Activities included in the trunk manual are directed at lower elementary school classes. Using hands-on exploration, students can explore the roles of men, women, and children on the farm. The information in this trunk deals with the work of a Brooklyn Park farm family from 1890-1910. Comparisons are meant to be made with the work of child's own family, looking at similarities and differences in the roles of various family members.

After a brief introduction to life in the 1900s, information is organized by the duties various family members usually assumed. The items contained in this trunk make it a great program addition in non-classroom settings as well. Youth groups find it useful in meeting badge or project requirements. The objects in the trunk also bring additional meaning to programs in retirement and assisted living centers.

Reserving the Trunk

Reservations can be made Monday-Thursday and should be made at least 2 weeks in advance. The trunk is available 1-2 weeks at a time and can be picked up at the Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center, 5600 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. The trunk measures **20" X 20" X 41"** and **weighs about 50 lbs.**, thus we recommend that two people pick up/return the trunk, using a van or other vehicle with similar storage

There is no charge for the 2013-2014 school year, however, there is a \$50 fee if you would like an interpreter to visit and talk about the trunk. To reserve the trunk call 763-488-6336 or download a rental form (under documents). Your reservation will not be final until you receive an email confirmation. Questions or concerns about the trunk or the traveling trunk program can be directed to the Historical Site Coordinator, eve.burlingame@brooklynpark.org.

