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# Journey to the Falls Minneapolis

Spring 2009

#### Mississippi River field trips for grades 4-6

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Contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-290-3030, ext. 297 for a trip/date reservation.

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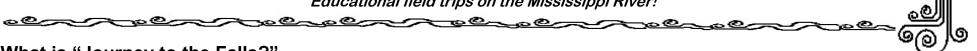
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#### Journey to the Falls—Spring 2009

Educational field trips on the Mississippi River!



#### What is "Journey to the Falls?"

Among the most significant historical and cultural landmarks in Minnesota is Saint Anthony Falls, the Mississippi River's only major waterfall, responsible for the early growth of the City of Minneapolis.

Journey to the Falls (JTF) is an integration of river and classroom experiences featuring *history and literacy* activities. JTF connects students with Saint Anthony Falls and the Mississippi River in the Minneapolis area. The program culminates with a riverboat excursion on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis that includes hands-on learning stations, journaling and visual literacy activities, and passage through a lock.

Teachers who sign up for Journey to the Falls incorporate river-themed activities into their classroom. Pre- and post-trip activities are selected by each teacher from among many activity options presented in an advance teacher workshop. Journey to the Falls addresses Minnesota Academic Standards and district learning objectives.

#### Field trip description

Journey to the Falls field trips feature staffed learning stations and activities:

- Locks & Dams
- River Explorers
- Journaling
- Mapping Change on the Mississippi
- Mill Ruins Archaeology \*
- Falls History Hike \*

Each trip is designed for approximately 65 students (or two classrooms), grades 4-6.

#### Field trip location

Journey to the Falls takes place on and along the Mississippi River in Minneapolis. The riverboat portion of the trip (aboard the Minneapolis Queen) begins and ends at Boom Island Park, approximately one mile upstream from St. Anthony Falls near the Plymouth Ave Bridge. The land based portion of the trip begins and ends near the west end of the Stone Arch Bridge, downtown Minneapolis. Students must be bused between the two locations using your school's buses.

#### Field trip dates

May 26-29 and June 1-3, 2009

#### **Field Trip times**

Trip 1- Students arrive at 9:30 at Boom Island Park. The riverboat departs at 9:45 for a 1¾ hour trip followed by a brown bag lunch. Students board field trip buses at 12:15 for transport to the Stone Arch Bridge for the 45 minute land portion of the field trip. Field trip ends at 1:15.

#### OR

Trip 2- Students arrive at 10:00 at the west end of the Stone Arch Bridge for a 45 minute land based activity followed by transport to Boom Island Park for a brown bag lunch. Students board boat at 11:55 and depart at noon on a 1¾ hour boat trip. Trip ends at 1:45.

#### **Participation requirements**

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls **Teacher Workshop**, preparation of students through classroom activities, and evaluation, are **required of** <u>all </u>**teachers**. See workshop details at right.

#### Field trip fee

Cost is **\$8.50** per student. Field trip payments are handled by the **Minneapolis Queen Riverboat (MQR)** which will contact you for billing if your school is scheduled for a trip.
MQR provides 1 comp fare per 15 students.

#### **Scholarships**

Scholarships to reduce field trip cost (provided by the Mississippi River Fund) are available for qualifying schools. Schools with at least 50% participation in the free-and-reduced lunch program and/or at least 50% students of color qualify. The field trip fee for approved scholarship schools will be \$3.50/student. Scholarship eligibility must be verified in writing by your principal; written confirmation will be sent. Schools arrange and pay for their own buses. To request a scholarship contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-290-3030, ext. 297.

#### **Trip Reservations**

Send your completed reservation request form to Brian Goodspeed at the return address shown on this flyer.

#### **Teacher Workshop**

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls Teacher Workshop is **required of all teachers** participating in the field trips.

Workshop Location: Mill City Museum ADM Conf. Rm., 6th floor 710 S. Second Street, Minneapolis

**Date:** Saturday, March 7, 2009, 8:30-12:30

**Registration:** Confirm your attendance for the workshop at the same time you select your trip date. If you have questions, you may contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-290-3030, ext. 297 for assistance.

**Cost:** A donation of \$15/teacher or \$25/ school is requested. Make check payable to "Mississippi National River & Recreation Area" and write "workshop donation" on memo line.

#### **Workshop Content:**

At the required Journey to the Falls workshop teachers will:

- Learn to conduct classroom activities that will help prepare students for the field trip, while supporting academic standards
- Learn about follow-up activities such as writing and art to extend the field trip learning experience
- Get oriented to Journey to the Falls field trip logistics
- Receive Teacher's Guide of thematic Mississippi River activities and resource materials
- Become introduced to other river-related learning opportunities
- Receive Continuing Education certificate

#### **Further information**

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<sup>\*</sup> land-based experiences