

2009 Heritage Lab - Pioneers and Settlers Stations and Educators

- 1. Summer Kitchen** by Gibbs Museum
The pioneer kitchen was the heart of the home. Women cooked big meals three times a day for the family, made their own butter, and even used wood ashes to make soap each autumn. Saturdays were spent hauling and heating water for the Saturday evening bath. Help make and sample butter, try out kitchen gadgets from the 1800s and learn about bathing lore.
- 2. Learn Your Lesson** by Krista Harrington
Hurry! The bell has rung, don't be late for school! Join me as we learn the lessons taught in early pioneer schools. Schools taught students not only the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic but many life lessons as well.
- 3. Surveying the Wilderness** by Darlene Bearl, Anoka Historical Society
This Land is Your Land; This Land is My Land! How do you mark a spot in the great wilderness of Minnesota? How do you prove that the homestead is yours? Come and stake your claim to Minnesota's homestead lands!
- 4. Come to Wenstrom's Mercantile** by Krista Tommerdahl
One key to survival in the wilderness is having the proper supplies. My store is the only one within two days travel, so you'd better stop by and stock up!
- 5. Life in a Covered Wagon** by Mary Eggebraaten
Join me as we travel back in time to homestead the new frontier. Discover the triumphs and the tragedies of surviving the elements in a covered wagon.
- 6. The People Next Door** by Maria Pierz
During pioneer days neighbors were far and few between. Neighbors got together for special events like barn raising, harvest time and weddings. Even though your neighbor is far away, they are close enough for you and your family to occasionally have a whooping good time!
- 7. The Craft of Cloth** by Kristin Pursell
From sheep to sweater, raw materials to rug-- learn how Settlers made clothing, blankets and rugs from their own plants and animals. Then try your hand at this art-form and see for yourself how much time and effort the Pioneers spent on things we take for granted today.
- 8. Pioneer Pastimes** by Todd Murawski & Gary Swanson
Pioneers and settlers enjoyed a variety of games and activities during their free time. Our nation's pastime (baseball) was developed from a game that was brought here by European settlers, called rounders. Learn firsthand how this game works and why it was enjoyed by adults and children. What better way to learn about a game than to play it!