



# Elementary Educator Guide

411 Kent Street  
Rockford, IL 61102

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www.tinkercottage.com

## Cost:

\$5 per student for a docent tour

\$6 per student for a topic focused tour

\$7 per adult

For each ten students, one adult is admitted free of charge.

## Reservations:

Tours are available Tuesday -Friday.

Call 815-964-2424 or email

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## Field Trip Opportunities



**Guided Docent Tour:** A Tinker docent will escort you and your students through a guided tour of the cottage. The tour explores all three levels of the home which includes; the first floor public spaces like the formal parlor and dining room, the second floor private bedroom areas and the exposed basement that

houses the office and the root cellar. This also includes access to our temporary exhibits.

### **Topic Focused Tours:**

Topic focused programs are offered to fit into your curriculum and your student's interests. Each program includes a tour of the Cottage and a hands-on activity.

**Length:** 90 minutes-2hrs      **Cost:** \$6 per student



### **Prairie and Creek Study (Grades K-5):**

Be ready to get messy! This program is focused on the observation and analysis of the Rockford Founding Prairie and Kent Creek. Program runs April-October.

### **Victorian Life (Grades K-5):**

Find out what daily life was like during the Victorian period. Students will look at family roles, how a household was run and even explore the fashion of the period.

### **Resource Wise (Grades 1-5):**

History reflects our ancestors efforts to go green before the movement started! Students will explore how Victorians used and reused their resources wisely.

### **Tinkering with Art (Grades 2-5):**

Focuses on the different pieces of art throughout the home as they learn about the artists, mediums used and the art produced by Mr. Robert Tinker.

### **Exhibit Minded (Grades 2-5):**

Discover what is currently on display within Tinker's exhibition space. Hands-on activities and projects that center on the current exhibit are featured. Exhibits change often!

### **Cottage Conservation (Grades 3-5):**

Conservation efforts within Tinker Cottage and other museums are investigated. Students will learn about different types of conservation, identify items in need of repair and participate in a conservation project.

**Age of Progress (Grades 3-5):** Follows the Industrial Revolution and its effect on Victorian daily life. Students will track changes in technologies for home and travel, including electricity, plumbing, heating and the railroads .