

Educational Program Fees

Dane County Parks - Lussier Family Heritage Center

The following document contains guidance for setting fees for general, environmental, and outdoor education programs for the Lussier Family Heritage Center and Dane County Parks. Staff should maintain a goal to keep program costs as low as possible for programming, while still covering costs associated with LTE (limited term employment) employees and material costs. Discounts, scholarships, and waived fees should be granted to persons or organizations unable to pay the amount, but who wish to participate in the program. Education program fees should not be set to make a profit. When possible, a mix of free and paid educational programs should be available for public and private groups/ participants. Fees beyond the ranges listed below, will be presented and reviewed by the Dane County Parks Commission prior to use.

Fee Categories

Field Trip: These programs may take place onsite (at the Heritage Center or a Dane County Park) or offsite (at the organization location). These programs typically are between 60-180 minutes depending on the topic, length of program or transportation assistance, which will influence the price. K3-12th grade.

Public Program: This is a general category that covers all additional programs including but not limited to: Storytime, Lil' Explorer, Learn to programs, guided walks, Paddle in the Park, etc. that is open to all members of the public. Costs vary due to material, duration, and LTE costs. All ages.

Private Event: These programs are requested by individuals or groups to host a specific program for their group (that is not a school program). These programs are highly variable in pricing due to staffing, materials needed, transportation, number of participants, or duration of program.

Presentations: This program type is requested by an outside organization and is typically conducted with a speaker and presentation in a classroom style program.

Specialty Program: These specialized public programs involved additional fees due to additional purchases that may need to be made to run the run the program, this may include snowshoe building materials or catered meals.

Summer Camp: A summer camp fee is set per session. Fees are adjusted based on transportation needs, guest speakers, offsite experiences, extended care, food or other specialty equipment needed.

One Day Camp: These are full day experiences that involve multiple activities within a single day. Fees are adjusted based on transportation needs, guest speakers, offsite experiences, extended care, food or other specialty equipment needed.

2025 Education Program Fee Scale

Fee Range <i>Per Person</i>	Fee Category
\$5 – \$20	Field Trip

Free - \$150	Public Program
Free - \$200*	Presentation
\$200* or Higher	Private Events
\$100 - \$250	Specialty Program
\$300 - \$450	Summer Camp
\$50 - \$100	One-Day Camps

**Per group cost*