EDUCATION PROGRAMS
WELCOME TO THE SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER!
Our Community. Our Story.

We offer interactive, multi-sensory, and immersive learning about San Diego history and community at our two sites: San Diego History Center in Balboa Park and the Junípero Serra Museum in Presidio Park. All K-12 programs are designed as an extension of classroom learning, and are aligned with California State Standards and the Common Core. In addition to the programs listed in this brochure, the Education Department can work with teachers to customize a museum experience that will meet the specific needs and interests of a particular class.

PROGRAM PRICES

GUIDED PROGRAMS AT THE SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER AND JUNÍPERO SERRA MUSEUM

$7 per student | Free for teachers and chaperones in an 8:1 ratio | $10 reservation fee

Title 1 funding available

PROGRAMS AT THE RESEARCH LIBRARY

$6 per student, teacher, or chaperone | $10 reservation fee

Additional charge for photocopies

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

$125 per session | No more than two classes, or approximately 60 students, per session.

Additional mileage fees will be applied to schools outside the City of San Diego.*

Title 1 funding is available.

*If more than one session is being done at the same location mileage will only be charged once.
Stories of San Diego

This program offers a comprehensive exploration of San Diego’s early beginnings. Through the examination of artifacts, documents, art, historic photographs, and other activities, the past comes alive and students discover how the history of San Diego is reflected in our culture today. Student investigations focus on the contributions of the diverse peoples that settled here, the events and personalities that have shaped San Diego, and the role that human-environment interactions have played in San Diego’s development.

Grade levels: Elementary, Middle, High

Mapping Balboa Park

Exploring the buildings and features of the modern Park, students will utilize navigational skills, spatial awareness, and observational skills to learn how Balboa Park has changed from barren mesa, to Exposition grounds, to cultural hub.

Grade levels: Elementary, Middle, High

Ground plan map, 1915 San Diego Panama-California Exposition.
SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER PHOTO ARCHIVES #82:13172
What Are Your Koalifications?

Do you belong in a zoo? Maybe you do!
This program explores the fascinating work conducted behind the scenes by San Diego Zoo staff. Students can try their hand at being a researcher, explore tools of the vet clinic, and see what it takes to be a horticulturist.

**Grade levels:** Elementary

*Available through May 2017*

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**Pandamonium:**
A View Through 100 Years of the San Diego Zoo

Using an interactive and inquiry-based approach, this program offers a general exploration of the Zoo’s history and its relationship to the community as it expanded from an informal collection of animals to the world-famous global research and conservation organization it is today.

**Grade levels:** Elementary, Middle, High

*Available through May 2017*
Jewish Culture: THEN AND NOW
This program uses the artifacts, photos, and other primary sources found in our Jewish history exhibit to guide young learners through an exploration of Jewish culture here in San Diego. Students will discover answers to questions about Jewish life. How did the Jewish life in San Diego differ from the Jewish life in other parts of the country? What aspects of Jewish culture were the hardest to maintain here in San Diego?

Grade levels: K-2 | Available starting March 2017

Shalom, San Diego!
What kinds of unique challenges did Jewish settlers face in California? How did they make their mark? Discover the answers to these questions and more as you experience a guided exploration of the artifacts, photographs, and other primary sources found in our Jewish history exhibit.

Grade levels: Upper Elementary (3-6), Middle, High | Available starting March 2017

Additional Opportunities
We also offer self-guided programs for groups to explore the galleries at their own pace. Self-guided programs booked in advance receive a free pre-program visit to the space along with a variety of materials to help facilitate their experience.
IRVING J. GILL: NEW ARCHITECTURE FOR A GREAT COUNTRY
Available September 2016 through March 2017
This exhibit provides a fresh look at the life of Irving J. Gill and his innovative style of architecture. Gill’s major clients included many of San Diego’s most forward thinking residents, helping to turn Gill’s progressive, minimalist style into what many consider to be a classic Southern California style.

CELEBRATE SAN DIEGO! THE HISTORY & HERITAGE OF SAN DIEGO’S JEWISH COMMUNITY
Available starting March 2017
This new exhibit uses art, artifacts, documents, and video to present a historical narrative of San Diego Jewish life. Encompassing aspects such as how and why Jewish settlers came to California, the unique challenges they faced (both on the journey and upon arrival), and how they have contributed in various ways to making San Diego what we know it to be, the exhibit provides a fascinating look at a remarkable piece of San Diego’s rich cultural tapestry.

THE LORE BEHIND THE ROAR! Available through May 2017
The Lore Behind the Roar explores the people, animals, and events that created the world famous San Diego Zoo. This exhibition illustrates the Zoo’s origins and early history, sheds light on astounding Zoo firsts, and tells the story of the people who continue to keep the Zoo innovating as a model for wildlife conservation around the world.

As part of your visit, spend time in our ROAR Family Den with six niches full of hands-on, engaging activities related to the San Diego Zoo’s core values. Design a menu for animals, learn about a day in the life of a zookeeper, and see tools of the conservation trade.

THE BORDER: A LINE THAT DIVIDES
Available through January 2017
This photographic exhibition explores the evolution of the San Ysidro border crossing. Two border towns—Tijuana and San Diego—betrive the world’s busiest land-border. The San Ysidro Port of Entry has grown in size, scope and traffic since the 1848 treaty establishing the 1,954-mile border.

PLACE OF PROMISE
Permanent Exhibition
This permanent exhibition showcases San Diego history from 10,000 BCE up to the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. The San Diego region has been home to native peoples like the Kumeyaay for thousands of years; they lived in complex societies and established trade with other tribes. Since Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo’s European contact in 1542, San Diego has undergone extensive transformations as the Spanish, Mexican, and American cultures have all shaped our region.
San Diego Before Statehood

Journey back in time and tread in the footsteps of the padres, soldiers, and settlers who established the first mission and presidio in Alta California. Through a series of educator led activities, explore a section of Presidio Park to learn about the plaza, stables, chapel, and commander’s house that lie protected underground today.

Inside the Serra Museum, investigate artifacts that reveal the daily life of the Kumeyaay, the Spanish, and the Mexican inhabitants of early California. “Meet” historic figures by dressing in the costumes of some notable San Diegans.

Grade levels: Elementary, Middle  |  Program Length: 2 Hours

Maximum Number of Students: Groups over 30 can only be accommodated if the teacher facilitates the outdoor activities. All necessary resources, materials, and information will be provided.

Pre-Visit activities also included.
One of our museum educators will come to your classroom and facilitate a memorable hands-on program using photographs, artifacts, and other primary sources from the History Center’s collection.

**COMING TO CALIFORNIA**

By assuming the role of “detective” and examining historic artifacts, students explore the identities, perspectives, and contributions of the diverse groups of people who settled in California.

**Grade levels:** Elementary  
**Program Length:** 1-1.5 hours per session.

**DIVERSITY IN SAN DIEGO**

Through the analysis of photographs and other primary sources, students discover the many different cultures that make up San Diego and how each has contributed to San Diego in its own way.

**Grade levels:** Elementary, Middle, High  
**Program Length:** 1-1.5 hours per session.

**San Diego Voices: ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP**

In this program students are introduced to the importance of oral histories and the unique role they play in documenting and understanding our past. Over 4-6 class sessions led by a trained oral historian, students listen to examples of fascinating oral histories in SDHC’s permanent collection and learn how to create and stage their own museum-quality oral histories.

**Grade levels:** Middle, High  
**Cost:** Varies*  

*Full scholarship opportunities may be available to collaborating Title I schools. Please contact education@sandieghohistory.org to inquire.
From the Past to Your Class!

In this highly flexible option, a museum educator will visit your classroom and present on a topic of your choosing. Educators will bring hands-on resources such as historical photographs, artifacts, and primary source documents. Post-visit support and historical archive access are available upon request.

POSSIBLE PRESENTATION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Indigenous Groups of San Diego
- Early San Diego (San Diego up to Statehood)
- Women Trailblazers of California: Pioneers to the Present
- History of Balboa Park
- Balboa Park: 1915 Exposition
- Cultural Diversity in San Diego
- San Diego as a Border City
- Farm Workers
- World War II
  - African Americans
  - Impacts on San Diego
  - Japanese Internment
  - Propaganda
  - Women

We can also customize a topic to meet the needs of your class.

Grade Levels: Elementary, Middle, High

Cost: $125 per session*

*Additional mileage fees will be applied to schools outside the City of San Diego. Scholarship opportunities may be available to Title I schools. Please contact education@sandiegohistory.org to inquire.
Introduction to Historical Research

The Research Library is home to our extensive document and photograph collections that tell the stories of the people and places of San Diego. The region’s history can be accessed through books, ephemera, original maps, manuscripts, architectural drawings, public records, and the comprehensive photograph collection.

Two options are available for your class visit to the Research Library:

INTRODUCTION TO THE RESEARCH LIBRARY

Students will receive an introduction to the collections and an orientation on how to use the Research Library by San Diego History Center Archivists.

Grade levels: Middle, High

RESEARCH VISIT

For groups working on specific projects, appropriate resources will be pre-selected and students will be guided during their research visit.

Grade levels: Middle, High

To arrange a visit to the Research Library contact the Education Department or submit an online program request form.
PRIMARY SOURCE LESSON PLANS

Using the extensive and varied collections of primary sources housed in our Research Library, our certified educators have developed pre-made lessons, which can be used free of charge in your classroom, or other educational setting. These lessons contain primary course material suited to grade levels from elementary through high school and include relevant content standards.

Find these lesson plans at: sandiegohistory.org/teacher_resources

EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIP

Price: $25 annually

Benefits Include:

- Unlimited free admission to the San Diego History Center and the Junípero Serra Museum
- Complimentary use of the Research Library—Make your own Primary Source Lessons!
- Invites to Special Events and Exhibition Previews
- Discounts on certain Public Programs
- 15% off at the History Store
- The Times: SDHC Quarterly
- Content specially tailored for educators delivered to your inbox.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

All school and youth program requests must be made at least two weeks in advance.

To begin, submit an online reservation request by going to: sandiegohistory.org/school_programs/register-for-your-program and clicking on School Program reservation.

Once your program has been scheduled, a confirmation letter and relevant pre-visit materials will be emailed to you.

Please note:

- All reservations include an additional non-refundable $10 reservation fee.
- For Guided Programs, we require at least one adult for every eight students (8:1 ratio). All accompanying adults should understand and model museum etiquette, and are encouraged to be active participants in the program.
- Please inform us of any special needs or requests in advance to ensure that our programs are enjoyable and educational for all participants.
- If you must cancel or reschedule for any reason, please contact the Education Department as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding any of our programs, please email k12programs@sandiegohistory.org

We look forward to sharing San Diego’s rich history with you!