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Fort Caspar Museum Summer Activities

Casper, WY — Fort Caspar Museum offers extended hours in the summer along with special exhibits and activities. Are you looking for something fun to do with your children or grandchildren before school starts? Do you have visitors in town?

Museum and Fort

The Museum and fort buildings are open daily from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm through the end of August. The Museum features exhibits on prehistoric peoples, Plains Indians, the western emigrant trails, frontier army, the City of Casper, the energy industry, and sheep and cattle ranching. The fort is a reconstruction of Platte Bridge Station and visitors experience life at an 1865 military post located at a major river crossing on the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, Pony Express, and transcontinental telegraph trail corridor.



Special Exhibits

Play Time: Toys from the Museum Collection

This exhibit features outdoor games, dolls, kits, puzzles, board games and cards from the 1860s to the 1960s. A special area, Imagination Station, encourages people of all ages to solve a puzzle, play make-believe, host a tea party, or read a book.



Frontier Army Forts of Wyoming

Frontier Army Forts, a special traveling exhibit from the Wyoming State Museum, is available for viewing through Monday, September 5th (Labor Day). This photographic

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exhibit chronicles the presence of the military, primarily the U.S. Army, in Wyoming. The purchase of Fort Laramie in 1849 began a military presence that continues today with F. E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne. For sixty years, the Army established posts ranging from crude cabins for a handful of men to sprawling complexes of more than 100 buildings. Today, several of those forts are Wyoming State Historic Sites.

Heirloom Garden

New this summer! Stop by to watch the garden grow. The vegetables chosen for this garden are heirloom and demonstrate what the Army would have grown to supplement their diet. You will see crookneck squash, sweet corn, beans, watermelon, melon, carrots, beets, radishes, turnips, and salsify.

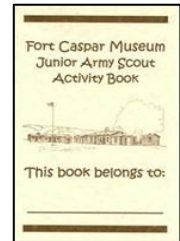


Are you interested in volunteering? Would you like to “adopt a vegetable”? We are looking for help weeding the garden through early September. Scheduling is flexible and this project would work well for teens, a family or adults.

Activities for Families

Junior Army Scout Activity Book

Kids ages 5-12 learn about Fort Caspar Museum and Wyoming history while completing the Junior Army Scout Activity Book. It is free with admission. Kids receive a certificate and cool temporary tattoo by completing the book. Activities include connect the dots, drawing, reading, writing, math, fill-in the blank, and cross-word puzzles.



For more information call the Museum at 235-8462 or check our website at www.fortcasparwyoming.com. The Museum is open daily through August from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Admission fees are: Children 12 and Under are FREE, Youth 13-18 are \$2.00 and Adults 19 & Over are \$3.00. Fort Caspar Museum is located at 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604.



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