



## Kelowna Homeschooler School Level Heritage Fair 2019-20

**Camp Description:** Join us for a School Level Heritage Fair for homeschoolers (grades 4-10) at the Okanagan Heritage Museum in Kelowna.

To participate, students will first choose a topic in Canadian history to explore (sometimes a family or local story). They will develop a question that stems from their curiosity about that topic, and set about finding sources to answer it. Students will create unique projects highlighting their chosen aspect of Canadian history or culture and present their project to their peers, families, and community.

Some students will be chosen to participate in the Regional and Provincial Fairs and have the opportunity to participate in the Young Citizens program. See below and the [BC Heritage Fairs website](#) for more information on the Fair levels.

In order to be chosen to participate in the Regional and Provincial Fairs and the Young Citizens program, students are required to participate in a School Level Heritage Fair first. The Okanagan Heritage Museum has generously offered to host a homeschooler school level fair where projects will be presented to other students, families, and a group of volunteer adjudicators and museum staff. The event will also include activities for participants, such as a scavenger hunt in the museum and a visit to the [Ursula Surtees Conservation Laboratory](#).

Here are some [exemplars from the BC Heritage Fair website](#). Please check the website for fantastic resources, including a [step-by-step approach](#) to creating an inquiry based heritage project with ideas and explanations. Also see [here for guidelines](#). *Notes: This is not just a biography or historical story project. Students must ask and answer an inquiry question with their projects. Also, while display boards have been the most common medium for projects at past Fairs, a wide variety of formats are acceptable and encouraged. Get creative!*

Other Fair levels:

- After the School Fairs, some students will be invited to take part in one of the many Regional Fairs across British Columbia. Regional Heritage Fairs will bring together selected projects from local schools at a one or two day showcase event. On Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2020, students from across the Okanagan will participate in the Okanagan Regional Heritage Fair at the Laurel Packinghouse in Kelowna. These students will have shown exceptional research and historical thinking skills and passion about their heritage topic in the school level fairs. Students will share their projects with other students, adjudicators, and invited VIPs. They will also participate in heritage-inspired activities throughout the day.

- Following the Regional Fairs, each region will choose a number of students to showcase their projects in a key feature of our program, the Provincial Heritage Fair. This is an exciting, multi-day “history summer camp” for select students and alumni. The 2020 Provincial Fair will be held in Kelowna June 29 – July 3. Students from across the province will showcase their projects at the Laurel Packinghouse on Canada Day. The other days are filled with heritage and nature inspired activities. Students will be staying in dorm rooms at UBCO. It’s an amazing opportunity to meet students with the same interests and participate in all the activities that will be planned.
- Students who participate in Heritage Fairs will also have the opportunity to represent their region in the Young Citizens program. Participants in the Young Citizens program will make a short video about their Heritage Fair topic, much like an evening news report or short documentary. The student videos will be posted online and reviewed by a panel of judges. Students will be selected for a trip to Ottawa to attend a Youth Forum hosted by Canada’s History Society.

\*\*Please let us know if any parents are able to volunteer as adjudicators at the school level Fair. All volunteers need to have Criminal Record Check clearance with Heritage Christian Online School.

**Date of the School Fair: Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

**Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm (please arrive 30 minutes early to set up projects)**

**Grade level: 4-10**

Minimum # of participants: 15

Maximum # of participants: 30

Heritage Community cost: \$10

General Community cost: \$13

**Registration deadline: January 20, 2020**

Note: Please bring your own drinking water in bottles with secure lids.

[Link to register](#)

[Heritage Fair website](#)