



Old Fort Western

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Family History Fun Center at Old Fort Western

Old Fort Western's Family History Fun Center will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. starting August 23 and continuing through October 12.

Visitors to the center will be able to try a variety of period games, like graces and quoits (outdoors) or checkers and Nine-Man Morris (indoors). But Fort staff will be there, too, to teach and supervise embroidery, quilting, and doing laundry, for example - activities that may sound like work but that were often done in social settings in the past.

"Children are a very big part of what we do," said Fort director, Jay Adams. Having successfully operated out Family History Fun Center through July and August, we've decided to keep it open on weekends through Columbus Day to give even more kids and families a chance to experience the play and work-as-play sides of 18th- and nineteenth-century life.

Admission to the Fun Center is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages six to 16, and includes a tour of the Fort for those who want one. Adult visitors may skip the Fun Center altogether if they choose and instead spend their time with a staff member touring the Fort's military, storekeeping and house (including Tenement Room) exhibits. One admission fee covers all options.

Old Fort Western, located at 16 Cony Street in Augusta, is within an hour's drive of Portland, the Lewiston-Auburn area, Skowhegan, and the Mid-coast region. Plan to make a day of it in Augusta by first visiting the Maine State Museum (mainestatemuseum.org) and/or the Children's Discovery Museum (www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org). Go to www.oldfortwestern.org or call 626-2385 for more information about Old Fort Western.

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