

Student Information

Through the generosity of this year's sponsors, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery and the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, with additional support from CEFCU, Museum member Willie Brown, and our members, admission fees for students and chaperones to attend the 2018 Evergreen Cemetery Walk have been waived.

This trip to Evergreen Memorial Cemetery may be your first visit to a cemetery. Here are some things to keep in mind.

The Walk Event:

The Evergreen Cemetery Walk is an **outdoor theatrical event**. The characters you will see are professional actors portraying people buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. The lives of these people were carefully and thoroughly researched to provide you with an accurate and entertaining portrayal of their experiences. The performances are based on facts, and include some dramatic interpretations, as well.

Cemetery Manners:

There are about 50,000 people buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Some of these people were very well known and some were ordinary people like you and your friends. All of them deserve respect. Please follow these rules when visiting any cemetery:

- Show respect through good behavior. If a funeral occurs during your visit, please stand silently and take your **hat off** as the procession goes by.
- Do not lean, stand, sit on, walk on, or jump over tombstones and grave markers. You may walk in the grass around the stones without being disrespectful.
- **No food or gum is allowed.**
- **Please turn off or mute cell phones.**
- Leave gravestone decorations and flowers alone.
- Carry any trash out of the cemetery.

Rain or Shine:

It is hard to predict the weather during field trips. Sometimes it rains; sometimes you can get sunburned. **Be prepared for either!** IF IT IS COLD, BRING A JACKET. If it looks like rain, bring an umbrella. The event lasts 75 minutes at a **very brisk** walk, so wear comfortable shoes. Flip flops and high heeled shoes are not good choices. Also, make sure you use the bathroom before the trip.

Your Job:

- **When you arrive** at the cemetery, look for the tour guide holding a sign with your assigned

number. **Turn off or mute your cell phones** for the duration of the tour.

- **Listen carefully** to what your guide says. If you have any questions, feel free to raise your hand to ask the tour guide.
- **Please do not sit down on the ground during the tour or performances.** This makes it harder for the actors during their performance and also takes up more time between performances.
- The actors may talk to you or ask you to do something during the performances. Be a sport and play along. Please show respect to the actors by not talking to each other during the performances, and please clap at the end of each performance.
- Chaperones are with your group to help the tour guide. They will all expect you to behave appropriately. Chaperones and tour guides have the right to ask you to be quiet or remove you from the performance if you are being disruptive.
- **Have fun** learning about the history of **your** community.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the Cemetery Walk!