

# STORIES, HISTORIES & PEOPLE OF ALBERTA DAY PROGRAM GRADE 4

**BENNETT CENTRE**

**GRADE 4 SECTION 4.2:**

**Year Round**

**Social Studies – Stories, Histories & People of Alberta**

Please have everyone bring  
a second pair of shoes to be  
used indoors.



This day program runs from 9:30-2:30 and includes indoor and outdoor activities. The outdoor activities require **students (and teachers/parents)** to be active and able to climb hills and walk short distances. In the winter they **need to be dressed for extended periods outdoors**.

**Curricular Connections** – from Social Studies Grade 4 Section 4.2

**The program activities chosen will support values and attitudes relating to:**

- recognizing the presence and influence of diverse Aboriginal peoples
- developing a respect for places and objects of historical significance
- helping students to interpret Alberta's history and recognize "point of view"

**Specifically we will support the unit by looking at:**

- which First Nations originally inhabited the different areas of the province
- how the diversity is reflected in the number of languages spoken
- in what ways did Francophones establish their roots in Alberta
- Métis culture with an emphasis on the bison hunt

## **Activity Outline**

The experience will focus on the native people of Alberta and on the Métis culture with an emphasis on the bison hunt.



The main elements of each are:

### 1. The Lifestyle of Alberta's Natives

- a review of the natural materials used with the opportunity to see and handle various artifacts like furs, bone, stone tools, hides
- an outdoor role playing simulation of daily life for Alberta's early Natives by having them participate in the "Subsistence Game"
- reflection of information gained versus information still curious about, using self assessment techniques

### 2. The Lifestyle of the Métis

- An overview of the Métis culture and their origins
- A simulation of the semi-annual Métis bison hunts conducted in Alberta with our own Red River cart and "take-apart" life size bison
- Reflection of information gained versus information still curious about using self assessment techniques.

**A Bennett Centre instructor along with all the necessary materials, equipment, booklets and costumes etc. will be provided. Please have every child wear a name tag. Students will be divided into various group sizes throughout the day. 2-3 capable parent helpers would be helpful.**

**ALLERGY ALERT REMINDER**  
The Bennett Centre is fragrance free  
and peanut free for the safety and  
comfort of our visitors and staff.