



## Lake County Then and Now Itinerary

**Dates:** July 6-10, 2026

**Time:** 9 am —12 pm

**Location:** Bess Bower Dunn Museum

**What to wear:** Closed toe shoes, clothing that is appropriate for movement and exploration; optional-hat and sunglasses.

**What to bring:** Water bottle and snack.

### **Monday, July 6**

#### *Prehistoric Lake County*

Kick off the week by time traveling to prehistoric Lake County. Participants will try their hand at paleontology by exploring the dinosaur fossil record and making their own fossil casts. Moving forward in time, discover the magnificent, massive mammals that lived in Lake County during the last Ice Age.

### **Tuesday, July 7**

#### *The First People*

The story of Native peoples in this area stretches back at least 12,000 years and continues today. Learn about the lives of the Potawatomi by looking at objects, art, and by visiting the Dunn Museum's replica wigwam.

### **Wednesday, July 8**

#### *Growing up in Lake County*

Investigate what life was like in the mid-1800s by playing early settler games, examining objects, and by hearing about the lives of those who fought for their new home in the American Civil War.

### **Thursday, July 9**

#### *Innovations and Preservation*

Understand the importance of preserving history and the land. Learn how to study the past like Lake County's first historian, Bess Bower Dunn. As we reflect on the past and present, we will imagine what the future might hold.

### **Friday, July 10**

#### *Career Day*

Explore the different jobs at a museum and what it takes to create a museum exhibit. Build a timeline as we connect the past to the present.

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*\*Be sure to complete and return all forms at least one week prior to the start of the program.*

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