

## **FAQs and Talking Points**

### **HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM:**

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula (**HMFM**) was established in 1975 to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Missoula County and western Montana for the education and cultural enrichment of visitors and area residents.

The museum is located on 32 acres at Fort Missoula and maintains 45,000+ artifacts, including 20 historic structures. We host more than 50,000 visitors yearly, including 5,000+ local and statewide students.

*We are Missoula County's history museum. We offer visitors a place to wonder, to reminisce, to learn about our county's history, and how our community's past makes Missoula what it is today.*

### **WHAT ARE HMFM'S SIGNATURE ANNUAL EVENTS?**

1. April – Archaeology Day
2. Last Saturday in April - Forestry Day
3. July 4<sup>th</sup> – Annual Fourth at the Fort
4. July 4<sup>th</sup> – Grand Opening of North Gallery
5. July– Summer History Camp
6. August – Cheese Curds at the Western Montana Fair
7. Summer – Jr. Docent Camp
8. September – HMFM Fall Harvest Festival
9. First Week of November - Friends' Annual Used Book Sale
10. Third Sunday in November - Holiday Open House
11. December - Holiday Lantern Tours

### **MEMBERSHIP: HOW IT SUPPORTS THE MUSEUM AND WHAT THE BENEFITS ARE:**

Membership is a great way to support the Museum and get even more out of your experience with us. As an insider at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, you will enjoy special exhibition previews, access to member-only events, discounts and more, all while supporting your collection, education programs, interns, youth activities, and community events.

For more information, contact Jessie Rogers: (406) 258-3479.

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### **WAYS PEOPLE CAN GET INVOLVED WITH HMFM:**

#### Volunteer:

- Museum and front desk greeter,
- Children's/Adult's programs,
- Special events,
- Tours and Museum Interpretation,
- Curatorial Support (working with artifacts),
- Assist with exhibit construction and installation,
- Photography
- Marketing
- Maybe you have something else in mind? We are open to ideas and want to know what you have to share.

#### Internships:

- Educational Interns
- Collections Interns or Fellows
- Development Interns
- Living History Interns

#### Sponsor an Event

#### Become a Member

### **People to Contact Within the Museum:**

<b>Reason for Contact</b>	<b>Name/Position of HMFM Staffperson</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email</b>
Museum Inquiries, Grounds, Maintenance	Matt Lautzenheiser, Executive Director	406.258.3471	<a href="mailto:mlautzenheiser@missoulacounty.us">mlautzenheiser@missoulacounty.us</a>
Museum Rentals, Volunteering, Book Donations	Carolyn Thompson, Assistant Director	406.258.3478	<a href="mailto:cthompson@missoulacounty.us">cthompson@missoulacounty.us</a>
Collections, Exhibits, Donating Items	Ted Hughes, Curator of Collections	406.258.3472	<a href="mailto:thughes@missoulacounty.us">thughes@missoulacounty.us</a>
Education Programs, Tours, Field Trips, Camps	Kristjana Eyjolfsson, Director of Education	406.258.3473	<a href="mailto:keyjolfsson@missoulacounty.us">keyjolfsson@missoulacounty.us</a>
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### **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR HMFM:**

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**Facebook:** The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

**Instagram:** @FortMissoulaMuseum

### **HOURS/SEASON:**

#### **Labor Day Weekend – Memorial Day Weekend**

12 pm – 5 pm, Tuesday – Sunday

Closed Monday

#### **Memorial Weekend – Labor Day Weekend**

10 am – 5 pm, Monday – Saturday

12 pm – 5 pm on Sunday

\*Closed on all major holidays except Memorial Day, Labor Day and July 4th.

### **TALKING POINTS:**

1. The Friends of The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula is the nonprofit organization. They help the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula to grow their services, educational programs, and complete important preservation projects.
2. Because Missoula County residents support the Historical Museum through a County Mill Levy, 100% of your donation to the Friends of the museum goes straight to programs and services, not to overhead.
3. The Friends provide the community with family friendly events such as; the Annual 4th at the Fort Celebration, Forestry Day, Archaeology Day, Fall Harvest Festival, Jr. Docent Camp, History Camp, and the many other free workshops and programs.
4. The Friends of the Historical Museum provide the funds to preserve and restore the museum's 20+ historic structures located across our 32-acre Historic site.
5. The Friends cover stipends for interns, getting the next generation of museum professionals valuable experience in the field.
6. The Friends support the museum's efforts to care for over 45,000 artifacts in the HMFM permanent collection.
7. The Friends of the Historical Museum allow the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula to grow and better serve the community's needs. They work tirelessly to keep Missoula County's and Western Montana's History Alive.

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