

Stó:lô Service Agency
Shxwt'a: selhawtxw
The house of long ago & today



2018-2019 Grade 3 Program



Chilliwack
School District

Background / History of Program

The Longhouse Extension Program was first introduced in 1995 for students and teachers to experience aspects of the Stó:lô way of life, philosophy, technology and culture, while addressing the First Peoples curriculum in all subject areas with an authentic wholistic approach.

This sharing is a non-museum approach involving Stó:lô artists, interpretive guides who create original objects and replica pieces while interacting with guests.

Tours begins in the Stó:lô Longhouse, that was built specifically for the purpose of sharing. The burning fires (propane), host an atmosphere of the past, in recognition of how our ancestors lived. You will be served bannock while enjoying the Story telling session. The tour continues in the Interpretive Centre / Longhouse Classroom, where you will see artifacts and participate in demonstrations of fishing, weaving, and more.

This program continues to offer a unique learning experience. Cultural resource workers have been enthusiastic about sharing the Stó:lô culture and history with neighbors and visitors.

Today, we have expanded our audience to include elementary, middle and high school, as well as, post secondary, and public tours. These programs will reinforce and stimulate newer and deeper understandings about Stó:lô culture and history.

Grade 3 Program

Come and visit Stó:lô Culture:

Smell the cedar, feel the history, try your hand at weaving. Listen to the stories of long ago and today. Sense the sacredness of the history kept alive in the traditions and culture displayed in artifacts and exhibits.

Your tour will include:

- ❖ Bannock
- ❖ Story telling
- ❖ Weaving
- ❖ Fishing
- ❖ Traditional Tools
- ❖ Drumming, singing and dancing

To prepare for you visit, the ceremonial fire will be burning (propane). Casual clothes are suggested as the Longhouse has a dirt floor. As the Longhouse can be quite cool, a warm sweater or jacket is recommended, even in the summer. Guests should dress appropriately for the weather.

Our goal is to raise awareness of Stó:lô cultural traditions by offering a variety of relevant programs to students, teachers, the Stó:lô community and the public.

Grade Three Tour Agenda

Brief overview

9:15 am – 9:30 am

Bus arrives at Sto:lô Nation Longhouse, 7201 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC V2R 4G5

9:30 am -9:45 am

Welcome/Introduction

Bannock

House Keeping

Stó:lô History

Break students into groups (Please break students into groups before arrival)

9:45am – 10:20 am Station 1

Students will divide into three groups and rotate through three stations: Story Telling/Drumming/Singing, and Fishing/Weaving, Traditional Tools/Baskets.

10:25am – 11:00 am Station 2

Students will divide into three groups and rotate through three stations: Story Telling/Drumming/Singing, and Fishing/Weaving, Traditional Tools/Baskets.

11:05am – 11:20 am Recess

Snack inside Longhouse or outside.

Students will go outside in designated area for recess. Will regroup for the next station.

11:25am- 12:00pm Station 3

Students will divide into three groups and rotate through three stations: Story Telling/Drumming/Singing, and Fishing/Weaving, Traditional Tools/Baskets.

12:05pm- 12:45 pm Lunch-Sardis Dancers to perform

All students proceed to longhouse for closing.
