

## VILLAGE HISTORIQUE ACADIEN BEGINS SCHOOL TOUR

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, RIVIÈRE-DU-NORD** - In conjunction with Heritage Week 2010, the Village Historique Acadien (VHA) will be touring schools in New Brunswick. This annual tour, which has been taking place for more than 10 years, will be launched on Monday, Feb. 8, and continue until Friday, March 19. Last year, 18 schools, both Anglophone and Francophone, were visited.

Students will meet interpreters dressed in period costume who bring chests filled with stories and items from the time of our ancestors. The customs and beliefs of an earlier time will be brought to life for young people in the classroom.

This educational program is offered to students from kindergarten to Grade 8, and is tailored to each age group. The youngest students will learn how to weave a rug, while grade 7 and 8 students will learn about the first Acadians. These sessions differ from traditional history courses in their use of visual props and in the enthusiasm of the interpreters.

The school tour enables the VHA to carry out its mission, which is to promote Acadian heritage and culture and to make it accessible to people of all ages.

The VHA offers a summer program of vacation camps, lasting one or several days, for children aged seven to 12, which allows them to experience Acadian life.

More information about the programs for children is available [online](#).

Open since 1977, the VHA strives to portray the lives of Acadians between 1770 and 1939. More than 40 original buildings are staffed by interpreters in period costume who bring the ancestral customs and traditional trades back to life.

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