

The Long Drive Education Trunk

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“A cowboy is paid \$30 a month to out think cows!”



The Long Drive Trunk is a recreation of a cowboy’s bedroll and many of the personal effects that might be found rolled up within his canvas bedding. The Long Drive trunk is an interactive educational tool that features over twenty hands-on objects. The historically accurate bedroll contains such articles as a blanket, long handles, shirt, spurs, lye soap, period money, tin types and cabinet photos, hoof pick, and many other personal items that a cowboy would need on the three month

journey through Indian Territory leading a herd of cattle to Kansas.

Included in the trunk is a teacher’s curriculum guide detailing the objects found in the trunk, activities for both younger and older students, and information pages. The information pages include: Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS), timeline, slang terms, chuck wagon cooking, and songs. Each of the two trunks also contains a Long Drive Game, which is printed on the backside of a cowhide. This game features elements of history, geography, and economics.

There is no charge to use the trunks, only the cost of shipping. The trunks may also be picked up from the Oklahoma Museum of History or you could schedule a Living History interpreter to give a program for your class or group and bring the trunk one way. The Living History interpreter would portray a cowboy on one of Oklahoma’s three major trails. You may schedule the Long Drive Trunk through the education department of the Oklahoma Museum of History.