



Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum



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FALL 2026 EDUCATOR GUIDE

ABOUT THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND & AEROSPACE MUSEUM

The Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum preserves and shares the history of strategic aviation, aerospace, and the people who helped shape both. Located in Ashland, Nebraska, the museum is home to a collection of historic aircraft, spacecraft, engines, artifacts, and exhibits spanning World War II, the Cold War, and the development of aerospace technology.

A visit to SAC Museum gives students the chance to see the size, design, and technology of aircraft and aerospace equipment up close. The collection also provides a strong connection to subjects taught in the classroom, including science, social studies, history, geography, engineering, and technology.

Through field trips, STEM activities, and outreach programs, the museum provides students with opportunities to explore these subjects in a hands-on setting. Programs are designed to complement classroom instruction while making use of the museum's aircraft, artifacts, and exhibits.

AVIATION • AEROSPACE • HISTORY • STEM

FALL 2026 EXHIBITS

GALLERY 1: **FORGED FOR PEACE: CELEBRATING 80 YEAR OF STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND**

This fall, Gallery 1 will feature an exhibit celebrating the 80th anniversary of Strategic Air Command. **The exhibit will focus on the history of SAC, from its creation in 1946 through its role during the Cold War and its eventual inactivation in 1992.**

Students will be able to explore the people, aircraft, missions, and technology connected to Strategic Air Command and gain additional context for the aircraft and artifacts found throughout the museum.

Recommended for:

Middle School and High School



GALLERY 2: **FROM HERE TO THERE**

From Here to There is an interactive exhibit designed with younger visitors in mind. Students can explore how people and objects move from one place to another while experimenting with concepts related to motion, gravity, air pressure, friction, and simple machines.

The exhibit includes hands-on elements such as pulleys, levers, air tubes, pneumatics, hydraulics, and a hovercraft. It provides a natural connection between basic STEM concepts and the transportation and aircraft found throughout the museum.

Recommended for: Elementary Students



FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCES: SELF-GUIDED

Schools can choose between two field trip options: a Self-Guided Museum Experience or a STEM Experience.

SELF-GUIDED MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

Give your students the freedom to explore the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum at their own pace. The Self-Guided Experience allows teachers to create a visit that fits their classroom goals, whether students are interested in historic aircraft, space exploration, military history, or the science behind flight. Teachers can lead discussions, assign activities, or simply let students discover the collection for themselves.



SELF GUIDED EXPERIENCE DETAILS

**PRICE:**

\$10 per student

**CHAPERONES:**

1 free chaperone
per 10 students

**MINIMUM:**

10 students

**ADVANCED BOOKING:**

None

**AVAILABLE TIMES:**

9:00 a.m.,
11:00 a.m.,
1:00 p.m., and
3:00 p.m.

**LAUNCH YOUR
FIELD TRIP**



FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCES: STEM

Schools can choose between two field trip options: a Self-Guided Museum Experience or a STEM Experience.



STEM EXPERIENCE

Take your field trip beyond the galleries with a hands-on learning experience designed around your students' grade level.

The **STEM Experience** includes **2.5 hours** at the museum and a **45-minute interactive activity** that connects classroom learning with aviation, aerospace, history, and science. Students will have the opportunity to investigate, experiment, solve problems, and work with concepts that connect directly to the aircraft, artifacts, and technology throughout the museum. Teachers can choose from two activity themes for each grade level, making it easy to find an experience that fits their classroom.

STEM EXPERIENCE DETAILS



PRICE:

\$13 per student



CHAPERONES:

1 free
chaperone per
10 students



MIN/MAX:

10 students
minimum
90 students
maximum



ADVANCED BOOKING:

2 weeks



AVAILABLE TIMES:

10:00 a.m.
and 1:00 p.m.



GROUPS PER TIME SLOT:

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Large classes may be divided into smaller groups for the classroom activity.

Refunds/Rebooking: While we understand that situations happen, we will do our best to accommodate any rescheduling. A \$50 rebooking fee will apply, and any no call no shows will be charged the full amount of the initial booking amount.



STEM ACTIVITY CHOICES

Choose one aviation/history activity or one space/STEM activity based on your students' grade level and classroom goals. **Each experience connects hands-on learning with the museum's aircraft, artifacts, and exhibits.**

GRADES K-2

- ☐ **Aviation / History: *Kites and the First Airplane***
Nebraska Standard: Science — SC.K.1.1
- ☐ **Space / STEM: *Moon Crash! Exploring Craters***
Nebraska Standard: Science — SC.2.13

GRADES 3-5

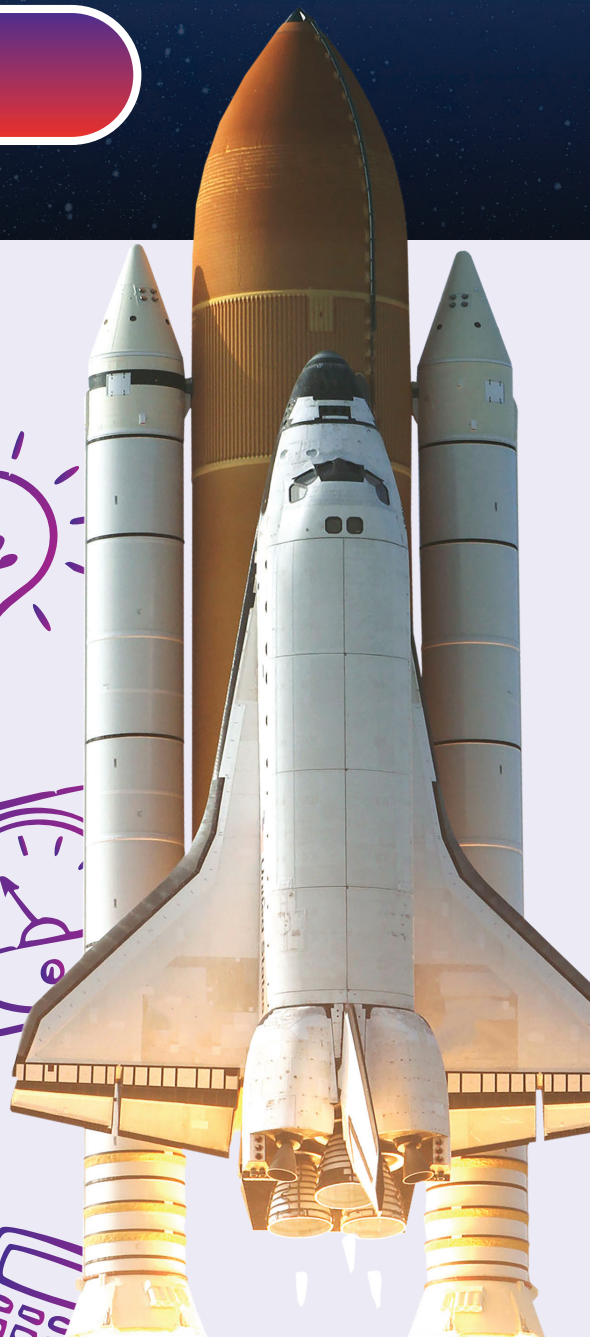
- ☐ **Aviation / History: *Doolittle Raiders: Mission Mapping***
Nebraska Standards: Social Studies — SS 5.3.1, SS 5.4.4
- ☐ **Space / STEM: *Christa McAuliffe & the Space Shuttle***
Nebraska Standard: Science — SC.5.11.3

GRADES 6-8

- ☐ **Aviation / History: *Secrets of WWII: Enigma and the Navajo Code Talkers***
Nebraska Standards: Social Studies — SS 8.4.2, SS 8.4.4
- ☐ **Space / STEM: *Mission to Mars: The Landing Challenge***
Nebraska Standard: Science — SC.8.1.1

GRADES 9-12

- ☐ **Aviation / History: *The Cold War at 30,000 Feet / Project Paperclip***
Nebraska Standards: Social Studies — SS HS.4.2, SS HS.4.4
- ☐ **Space / STEM: *The Race to Space: Mission Design & Tradeoffs***
Nebraska Standards: Science — SC.HS.11.1, SC.HS.1.1



FIELD TRIP ADD-ONS

Enhance your museum visit with optional additions to your field trip. Add-ons must be requested in advance and are subject to availability. If you are bringing your own lunches and require a place to sit to eat, please let us know upon booking.

SAC LUNCH:

Add lunch to your museum visit with a choice of:

- Chicken Nuggets or Macaroni & Cheese

Each lunch comes with fruit, chips, a bottle of water, and a cookie.

PRICE: \$10 per lunch

ADVANCE REQUEST: 2 weeks



DIGITARIUM DOME PRESENTATIONS:

Add a documentary presentation in the museum's **immersive 360-degree Digitarium Dome**.

PRICE: \$75 per showing

CAPACITY: Up to 30 people

AVAILABILITY: Upon request



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

BRING SAC MUSEUM TO YOUR SCHOOL

SAC Museum outreach programs bring educational experiences directly to schools and community organizations. Programs are approximately one hour and can be adapted to fit the age group and setting.

BLAST OFF! A SPACE SCIENCE ADVENTURE

A one-hour science program focused on space, aerospace, and scientific discovery. Students explore space-related concepts through demonstrations, and discussion in this exciting science performance! This presentation is best for large audiences and for grades 2-5.

LENGTH: 1 hour

PRICE: \$205 per showing

THE ENGINEERING OF FLIGHT

A two-hour immersive experience that explores the history, science, and innovation behind human flight. Through hands-on activities, demonstrations, and interactive exploration, students investigate how engineers have developed different ways to travel through the air and beyond. The experience concludes with a collaborative engineering challenge where students put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test by designing and building their own flying machines. This guided challenge is best for groups smaller than 30, and for middle school students.

LENGTH: 2 hours • **PRICE:** \$400 per showing

Mileage: Free within 25 miles of the museum. Locations beyond 25 miles are charged \$2 per round-trip mile.

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NEW EXPERIENCES LAUNCHING

LOOKING AHEAD: NEW EXPERIENCES COMING JANUARY 2027

The museum's education offerings will continue to grow. **New field trip and outreach experiences will launch in January 2027**, giving teachers even more opportunities to connect classroom learning with aviation, aerospace, history, and STEM.



READY TO HAVE YOUR CLASS LEARN WITH THE SAC MUSEUM?

Contact the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum Education Department to reserve your visit and find the experience that best fits your classroom. Fall 2026 offerings are available through December 31, 2026.

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MISSION APPROVED?
**REQUEST YOUR
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