

The Traveling Trunk Educational Program and its History

Since 1978, dedicated docents from the Cupertino Historical Museum have been actively presenting items from the museum to the community via the Traveling Trunk Educational Program.

Cupertino has a rich history - from the Ohlone Indians to the first Spanish encampment of Colonel de Anza in 1776, to the Mexican era, to the farming era of grapes and fruits, and into the technological era.

The Traveling Trunk Program shares the story of life in Cupertino through memorabilia from horseshoes to high-button shoes - helping students and adults to understand the tremendous changes that have occurred in the valley. One of our goals is to help our community develop a deeper appreciation of Cupertino's own unique history and its role in the development of California.

Inspired by Tish Picchetti, the program has been handed down through members of various pioneer families, such as the Pavisos and Regnarts. It continues to be run by other long time residents of Cupertino who wish to preserve the City's history. The original trunk has since been replaced by four roll-on suitcases."

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum is to preserve and illuminate Cupertino's past to inspire our youth, strengthen the sense of community, and shape a better future by making Cupertino history relevant and available to all.



Cupertino Historical Society & Museum

Open Wednesday through Saturday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Traveling Trunk Educational Program

creating a passion for the past



Traveling Trunk Program Request Form

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Phone _____ - _____

Email _____

Date Requested:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Location of Presentation:

Museum School Other

Type of Presentation:

Museum Tour Traveling Trunk

Length of Presentation:

Aids or Supporting Activities

Please submit your request to:

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The Traveling Trunk Program in Schools

Many of the objects in the Traveling Trunk teach about the history of schools in Cupertino and help students to draw comparisons between early schooling and their present school experiences.



By looking closely at various pieces of practical and useful articles from local farms, schools and households, children learn about the similarities and differences between modern life and the challenges of the early settlers.



Teachers often find that the artifacts and presentation promote questions and discussion about Cupertino's local history well after the

Traveling Trunk has left.

The Traveling Trunk Educational Program has proven to be one of the Cupertino Historical Society's most successful activities – serving 1,000 or more students and adults in the Cupertino area annually.



Presentation Options



Two or three docents present the Traveling Trunk Educational Program.

Presentation can be varied to fit the audience's age, interests, and skills.

A presentation can vary from 30-60 minutes.

Presentations can be conducted several times in succession at a Discovery Day or similar occasion.

The Traveling Trunk can visit classrooms within the Cupertino Unified School District, ESL classes, service clubs, community groups, and senior centers.

Small group presentations can also be conducted at the Cupertino Historical Museum.