



## Teacher Packet



## Rodkey House Event & Education Annex

410 S. Littler  
405-340-0078

Dear Educator,

The Rodkey House Event & Education Annex provides an interactive way for students to learn about home life in Early Edmond. The Rodkey family owned the Rodkey Flour Mill and were important members of the Edmond community. The Rodkey House experience we offer will take your students back in time, helping them to learn history in an interactive, hands-on and historically accurate setting.

The Rodkey House field trips run from either 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM or 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM depending on which field trip you are attending. On their field trip all students will learn about the Rodkey family and their history, look at artifacts related to the family, and tour the house. Students who are doing the “Building Edmond” field trip curriculum will also examine a map of Edmond in 1920 and use a mapping activity to compare Edmond then and now. Students on the “Rodkey Flour Mill: From Wheat to Bread” field trip will learn about wheat and more about the Rodkey flour mill. Students who attend from 9 AM to 2 PM will do all activities.

This packet includes specific information about the field trip as well as the Rodkey House student book. The parents and teachers who attend this field trip will be helping to teach parts of it. It is our goal that this day will be a highlight in your students’ year!

Please contact Anna Studstill at [astudstill@edmondhistory.org](mailto:astudstill@edmondhistory.org) or 340-0078 with any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming your students to a “Living History” day at the Rodkey House!

Sincerely,

***Anna Studstill***  
Program Director

## Sample letter for sending home to parents

Dear Parents,

Your student has the opportunity to spend the day at the Rodkey House Event & Education Annex, the historic home of the Rodkey family. We are excited to have your students learn about life in early Edmond. The Rodkey family owned the Rodkey Flour Mill and were important members of the Edmond community.

*We need your help to make this experience as meaningful as possible!*

We are asking the students to *dress in character* for the day, resembling the dress of the early 1900s. Girls would have worn longer skirts or dresses (mid-calf would be fine) boots, and possibly a mop cap. Hair would have probably been braided or tied back with a ribbon. Boys would have most likely worn blue jeans or dress slacks with a plaid or cotton shirt. They might have worn suspenders (this could be a rope, twine or black elastic), vests and boots. Boys may have worn hats much of the time, but they would have removed them before coming in to the house. Be creative, but please do not stress about this! Grandparents, older students, garage sales, and thrift stores (i.e., Goodwill) may have some dress items that you can use or adapt.

Lunch is part of this learning experience. Your child will need to bring a lunch from home the day of the field trip. Students in this time period would have brought their lunch in a tin lunch box. Lunches also would have been made with items found in the home. Here are some examples of what would have been in the lunch.

- Simple sandwich of bread & cheese or meat
- Biscuit with jam or butter or cornbread
- Boiled eggs
- Fresh fruit; apple, pear, peach, or plum
- Fresh vegetable; carrot, cabbage wedge, or tomato
- A “homemade” cookie ( probably sugar or molasses)

We are looking forward to a wonderful and memorable day!

## Things You Need to Know. . .

### THREE WEEKS OUT:

**Submit:** your class list of students' first and last names, designating boys and girls, to Anna Studstill at [astudstill@edmondhistory.org](mailto:astudstill@edmondhistory.org) three weeks in advance.

**Lunches:** Lunches in the early 1900s were brought in a tin lunch box.

### TWO WEEKS OUT:

**Payment:** Please mail payment **two weeks** before your Rodkey House day or make payment arrangements with **Anna Studstill** at the Edmond Historical Society & Museum, **405-340-0078**.

Checks should be made payable to **EHS**.

Edmond Historical Society & Museum  
Attn: Anna Studstill  
431 S. Boulevard, Edmond, OK 73034

**Pricing:** \$5.00 per student. Teacher & 2 adult helpers are free. It is **mandatory** that each class visiting the Rodkey House have **at least two adults** accompanying the class, but no more than three including the teacher due to space. Assistance during the school day, especially with supervision of bathroom times, recess, and hands-on learning activities will be needed.

**Release Forms:** Students must have the release form signed and turned to the Edmond Historical Society & Museum **two weeks** prior to field trip- along with payment.

### Day of Field Trip:

**Make Nametags: MANDATORY WRITTEN IN PRINT LARGE ENOUGH TO BE SEEN BY THE TEACHER FROM THE FRONT OF THE GROUP**

**(1" letters)!**

\*Names are to be written as either Miss or Mr. as this will be the way students are addressed i.e., Miss Smith Mr. Brown

**\*Hint...Two inch masking tape and a black sharpie marker work beautifully-and tape stays attached all day!**

**Parking:** There is street parking around the Rodkey House. Busses can park in the lot next to the church on 4<sup>th</sup> street.

**Pictures:** You are welcome to take pictures. *Pictures during instruction time should be very limited.* Please designate one person to be the “photographer” during this time in order to diminish distractions. Thank you😊.

**Cell phones:** The classroom teacher should have a cell phone with them at all times (on silent) for use in case of emergency. However, if you must make or receive a personal call, *please step outside on the porch to do so.*

**Allergies:** Please tell us ahead of time if there are any known allergies your student’s may have. We will be serving a snack that involves gluten and dairy.

**Weather:** We will follow the Edmond Public Schools for school closing due to inclement weather. If Edmond Schools are closed, we are closed as well. Make up days will be scheduled according to availability. **Please check the weather and advise your students to wear coats if it will be cold!**

## **Emergency Procedures:**

***ATTENTION Teachers- Keep your cell phone with you at all times!***

### **Tornado Procedure**

If a Tornado Warning is issued in Oklahoma County the staff members at the Edmond Historical Society & Museum will be aware and monitor the situation.

If the weather continues to worsen proceed with the following:

- Contact Edmond Schools Transportation at 340-2962 and arrange for the students to be sent back to school. Advise the bus driver to stay close and be on alert.

If the tornado sirens sound during a field trip, proceed with the following steps:

- **First Option:** Take the students to the Edmond Historical Society & Museum, 431 S. Boulevard. A staff member at the museum will be on alert if there is a Tornado Warning and assist in this.
- **Second Option:** Gathering the students into the Rodkey House bathroom. The museum staff member will escort the students to the bathroom.

### **Intruder**

If an intruder enters the Rodkey House please call **911**. Have your cell phone with you at all times. *The Edmond Police Department is located only 2 blocks away.*

### **Contact Phone Numbers**

**Edmond Schools Transportation:** 340-2962

**Edmond Emergency:** 911

**Edmond Police Department (non-emergency):** (405) 359-4420

**Edmond Fire Department:** (405) 216-7300

**Historical Society & Museum:** (405)340-0078

**Edmond Public Schools:** (405) 340-2800

**Fire-** We will exit through either the east or west doors and assemble at the park pavilion.



## For Discussion with Students:

The lunch that the children bring to the Rodkey House should be authentic.

Ideas for discussion:

1. Brainstorm a list of possible foods in their lunch box in the early 1900s.
2. What fruit would they have? What food would they not have?
3. What did they wrap the food in?
4. What did they drink?

Children's lunches contained whatever was in their house. There were no neighborhood grocery stores or school cafeterias. Some children took molasses or lard and sugar sandwiches or cold pancakes leftover from breakfast. You may want to write down a "lunch" menu to take home to discuss with their parents to give them plenty of time to prepare.

Some Food Suggestions:

Sandwich (cheese, jelly, egg or meat)

Bread would have been a biscuit or homemade bread

Mayonnaise was homemade, mustard was not available

Hard-boiled eggs

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (apples, pears, peaches, grapes, plums, carrots, cabbage wedges, tomatoes)

Home-made cookies

Left-over fried chicken, bacon, ham

There were no baggies. Sandwiches were wrapped in butcher paper or in cloth. Food usually dried out. Aluminum foil was not available

## Teacher Check List – Rodkey House Trip

\_\_\_\_ Read the entire teacher packet and the Rodkey House booklet.

\_\_\_\_ Discuss dress and lunch ideas to help students prepare for a day at the Rodkey House. Teachers and parents should also be authentic and dress up as well. 😊

\_\_\_\_ Send home Release Form for parents to sign.

\_\_\_\_ Send home parent information letter to parents & help them with dress & lunch ideas for their child.

\_\_\_\_ Make lunch boxes or ask students to make these at home and bring them to the house the day of the field trip.

\_\_\_\_ Make **LARGE** (1+ inch letter) nametags with Mr. or Miss and their surname (last name). \*Two inch masking tape works fine 😊

\_\_\_\_ Email student names to Anna at least one week before scheduled visit.

*\*Reminder: The Rodkey House can accommodate your students, one classroom teacher and two parent helpers.*



## Field Trip Release Form

I do hereby allow and give permission to my minor child listed below to participate in a field trip to the Rodkey House Event & Education Annex at 410 S. Littler, Edmond, OK. I understand that the activities of the field trip may have certain risks and hazards, including but not limited to, tripping, falling and other related activities. I agree to release, indemnify and save the Edmond Historical Society, the City of Edmond and the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust, their representatives, successors, boards, and employees, and all sponsors and their representatives from all damages, claims and/or liabilities of any kind, injury, including death, which may be suffered by the aforementioned arising out of or in any way connected with participation in the field trip or arising from participation in the field trip. I indicate by my signature for myself and/or minor child that I/We are physically capable of participating in the activities of the field trip and knowing their risks, thereby agree to assume those risks and release and hold harmless the Edmond Historical Society, the City of Edmond and the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust their representatives, successors, boards and employees.

I understand that my image as well as my minor child's image may be included in a video and/or that photographs may be made during the field trip. A promotional or highlight video and/or photographs may be available for sale during and after the field trip and I consent that my child's image may appear on videos, and other promotional resources.

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Print Name of Minor Child

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Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian

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Date

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School Attending







