

An illustration featuring a blacksmith and a child. The blacksmith, a bearded man in a green shirt and black apron, is shown in profile, holding a hammer aloft in his right hand and tongs in his left, working on a glowing piece of metal on an anvil. The anvil sits on a stone base. To the left of the blacksmith stands a young boy with brown hair, wearing safety goggles, a yellow and blue t-shirt, and blue pants. The background is a light blue trapezoidal shape. The entire scene is set against a white background with a torn paper effect, showing flames and black smoke at the top and bottom edges.

Bavarian Blacksmith Experience

Field Trip Tool Kit

Ignite Creativity!

Join us for an adventure that starts at the dawn of time!

- Receive an overview of the History of Blacksmithing
- View a technique and safety demonstration
- Explore the tools and lingo of the trade - both ancient and modern
- Connect with artisans eager to pass on their knowledge
- Get an authentic hands-on experience as an Apprentice, forging a memento to take home and treasure.

Add Ons

- Watch a Leather Smith Demonstration - see a craftsman at work!
- Save money and combine a visit to the Forge with one of our Tourism Partners. Let us help you plan your best day in our favorite town!



Turn Up the Heat on Your Field Trip with these Top Tips

- Certified Michigan **teachers receive free admission** to BBE. These teachers do not need to be included in the chaperone count for your trip.
- BBE provides **complimentary admission for one chaperone per 4 students**. Additional chaperones may join in the fun for \$15 each. Please provide BBE with a final student and chaperone count at least one week before your visit.
- Make sure **waivers** have been signed by parents and/or guardians of all participants prior to arrival.
Bring a signed copy of each to your reserved time.
- Encourage your students and chaperones to have a healthy breakfast and **plenty of water** the morning of your trip.



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- **Wear closed toed, flat soled shoes** and layer with natural materials.
- **Safety first!** Please review our Safety Guidelines with your students and chaperones before your trip.
- **Ready, Set, Go!** Arrive at least 30 minutes before your reserved time for restroom breaks and safety gear. Restrooms are available in the Cass River Grille, attached to BBE.
- Let our informational take-home guides **enhance your field trip** experience to ignite creativity. Handouts provided upon arrival for each student.
- We want to make sure your field trip at the Bavarian Blacksmith Experience exceeds your expectations. **Call us at (989)721-4604** to speak with a member of our team about any questions you may have.

Add to Your Fun

- **Leather Smith Demonstration**

- Add on this experience for \$2 a student
- Students craft their own leather memento under the guidance of our Leather Smith for \$5 a student.

- **Lunch Anyone?**

- Whether you prefer a quick option or a fairy tale meal fit for a king, we've got you covered. Let us work with you for convenient lunch options.

- **Gift Shop**

- Our gift shop offers a variety of inexpensive gifts to remember your visit, in addition to the over 40 shops in immediate walking distance. Students may peruse our gift shop area in small groups with the supervision of a chaperone.

- **Tourism Partners**

- Enjoy all that Frankenmuth has to offer at a discounted price! Every season holds an exciting option for more fun. From ice-skating to river cruises, let us help you provide your students with even more excitement!



Bavarian Blacksmith Field Trip Options

We limit sessions to 12 children per session with 3 blacksmith instructors who have been fingerprinted with the state. The session includes worksheets, a safety and equipment presentation and then a forge project to be completed and taken home same day. Each student will enjoy an approximately 20 minute forging experience. Cost starts at \$30 per student.

Students forging options:

Ages 6 +

- S Hook
- Coat Hook
- Pendant with Student's Initials

Ages 9 +

- Anything from former list
- Set of Throwing Dice
- Small Dinner Bell

Ages 12 +

- Anything from former list
- Skewer Stick
- Leaf Key Chain



Bavarian Blacksmith Experience Location & Parking



We are located within the Frankenmuth Riverplace Shops in Unit D6, adjacent to the parking lot. Please be prepared for inclement weather *and* forging. Layering is ideal. Buses and motor coaches will find ample parking in the lot adjacent to the shop. Please advise that you will be bringing a bus or motorcoach at the time of your deposit so that appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure available parking.

Directions from Northbound

- Take northbound I-75 to exit #136, the Birch Run/Frankenmuth exit
- At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Birch Run Rd.
- Follow Birch Run Rd. roughly 3 miles to a stoplight
- At the light, turn left onto M-83/Gera Rd.
- Follow M-83/Gera Rd. roughly 4 miles to Frankenmuth's southern city limits
- At the city limits, M-83/Gera Road becomes Main Street

Directions from Southbound

- Take southbound I-75 to exit #144, the Bridgeport/Frankenmuth exit
- At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Dixie Hwy.
- Follow Dixie Hwy. roughly 2.5 miles to a stoplight
- At the light, turn left onto Junction Rd.
- Follow Junction Rd. roughly 4 miles to Frankenmuth's western city limits
- At the city limits, Junction Rd. becomes Genesee St

Field Trip Checklist



Before Your Visit

- Book your trip** and submit deposit by contracting our shop at (989)721-4604.
- Provide a finalized count** of students, teachers and chaperons no later than 7 days prior to your trip to bavarianblacksmithexp@gmail.com.
- Print and distribute our Waiver and Safety Guidelines** to your students. Review the Safety Guidelines in class with your students. Make sure you have a parent/guardian signed waiver from each student.
- Print and review the Field Trip Toolkit.**
- Provide your bus driver with **directions and parking information.**

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During Your Visit

- ❑ Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your reservation time for restroom breaks, waiver collection, metal distribution and safety equipment.
- ❑ If you are running late, please call (989)721-4606 to inform our crew of your estimated time of arrival.
- ❑ Keep hydrated, advise your students that water is available upon request in the shop.

After Your Visit

- ❑ Plan a reflection activity for your students that allows them to each present the piece they made to the classroom and share what they love to create.
- ❑ Send us pictures of your students creations - whatever they are! We love our community and we love art! Help us spread the word that everyone can create. All pictures will be posted across our social media accounts to celebrate your students.

