

Liles Pioneer Cemetery Survey

A Half-Day Fieldtrip
by
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What is the situation?

- The main route through the Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District #66 follows the Applegate Trail.
- Many pioneer cemeteries dot the route.
- We found the Liles Cemetery a likely candidate for our work.



Why should a school get involved?

- Ties to subject matter.
 - Math
 - Science
 - History
 - Language Arts

Why should a school get involved?

- Community Service
 - It's important for our communities to see that teens can do helpful things.
 - It's important for teens to see that what they do can make a difference.

Planning for the fieldtrip:

- Order the busses.
- Gather equipment.
- Enlist adult help.
- Bring snacks!
- Plan for bathroom breaks.
- Tell the media.

Planning for the fieldtrip:

- Order the busses.
 - Make a map to the cemetery.
 - Be sure you have permission to go on the property.
 - Where can the bus park and turn around?
 - Visit the area first to scout out problems.

Planning for the fieldtrip:

- Gather equipment:
 - GPS.
 - Long tape measures.
 - Clipboards/ pencils.
 - Run off papers on cardstock.
 - Trash bags.
 - Rubbing materials.
 - Digital cameras.

Planning for the fieldtrip:

Enlist adult help--- the more the better!

Teachers and aides. Assign duties.

Parents

Local landowners.

How to manage the day?

Everyone works in pairs to transcribe several gravestones, leaving their card on the ground weighted down by a rock.

They proofread each others' work.

How to manage the day?

Divide and Conquer:

- Mapping crew.
- GPS/measuring crew.
- Wildlife/plant crew.
- Rubbing crew.

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Make a checklist of wildlife signs and plant species present

How to manage the day?

- Grave-rubbing crew.

Send teams to find different themes on the gravestones.

How to manage the day?

- Don't forget the snacks!
- Don't forget planned bathroom breaks!

Afterwards

- Draw the map.
- Transcribe the gravestone sheets into a spreadsheet.
- Make a notebook of everything.
- Thank your helpers.