

Privileges of Membership

Individual.....	\$45
Family.....	\$65
Senior.....	\$40
Senior Couple.....	\$50

- Free admission to the History Center and Chief Richardville House
- 10% discount in Museum Shop with membership card
- Two guest passes to the History Center
- Invitation to Annual Membership Meeting
- Subscription to quarterly *Bulletin*
- Subscription to *Old Fort News*
- Membership in *Time Travelers* a reciprocal program with over 250 individual museums and historical societies in 43 states

Bronze—\$100+

All of the above benefits plus:

- Additional 5% discount at Museum Shop (15% total)
- Two additional guest passes (total of four)

Silver—\$250+

All of the above benefits plus:

- Two additional guest passes (total of six)

Gold—\$500+

All of the above benefits plus:

- Additional 5% discount at Museum Shop (20% total)
- Two additional guest passes (total of eight)

Platinum—\$1,000+

All of the above benefits plus:

- Two additional guest passes (total of 10)
- Private tour of the History Center

Membership card must be presented to claim membership privileges.

History Where It Happened

The Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society maintains three locations that have played key roles in area history.



History Center

302 East Berry Street

The museum and offices are located in the former City Building, built in 1893. Thousands of children visit each year through school trips made possible by our Heritage Education Fund, and devoted scholars use our collection for research.



Chief Richardville House

5705 Bluffton Road

The 1827 house was built by Miami Chief Jean Baptiste de Richardville, one of the most powerful and wealthy men in Indiana in the early 1800s. His home still oversees many Miami events. Tours are conducted on the first Saturday of each month from May to November.

Barr Street Market

Corner of Berry and Wayne

The History Center oversees the Barr Street Market, the oldest public space in Fort Wayne where town and country have met since 1837. Each summer, the Farmers Market continues to attract residents to the downtown area for a variety of locally-produced items.

History Center

302 East Berry Street

Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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Email: administration@fwhistorycenter.org

Website: www.fwhistorycenter.org

Hours and Admission:

Monday to Friday — 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday — Noon to 5 PM

First Sunday of the month (unless otherwise noted) — Noon to 5 PM

Adults: \$7.00

Seniors and Youth: \$5.00

Children age 2 and under: Free

History Center members: Free

Mission

To serve present and future generations by collecting, preserving, and sharing historic artifacts, documents, and images that describe the people, places, and events that define Fort Wayne and Allen County history.



If these stones could talk...



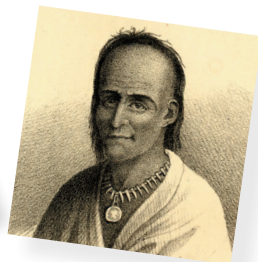
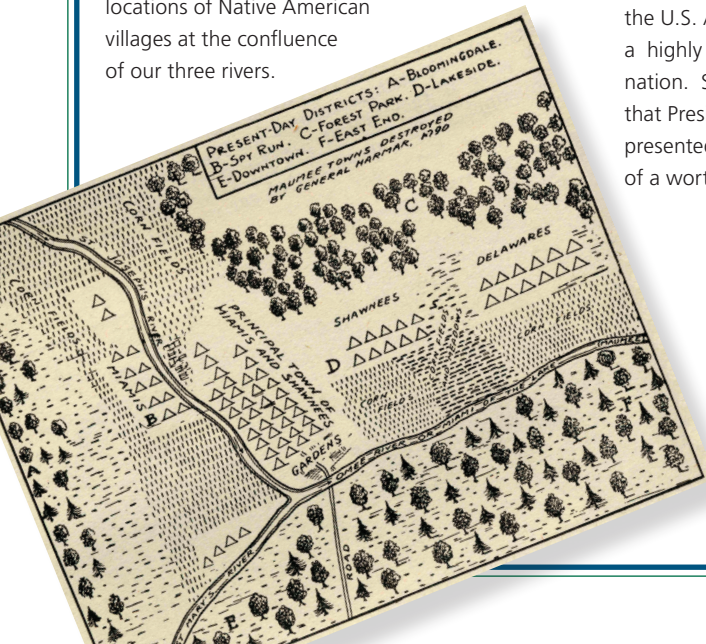


Hands-on History

Thousands of school children take part in activities at the History Center every year, including those who attend events like Miami Indian Heritage Days. Visitors pictured here are learning about Miami Ribbonwork with Diane Hunter, a member of the local Miami community.

Map of Fort Wayne

This early map shows the locations of Native American villages at the confluence of our three rivers.



A Tale of Struggle, Survival, and Success

Told in dramatic fashion through more than a million artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscripts and documents.

That Glorious Gate

Our three rivers location played a vital role in United States history. The Miami Chief Little Turtle called it a “Glorious Gate” because it connected two major river systems that extended from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

We have always been a major crossroads to the nation. From the early, bone-jarring plank roads, to the scenic Wabash & Erie Canal, to the mighty Pennsylvania Railroad, and the transcontinental Lincoln Highway, Fort Wayne played a vital role in our country’s transportation history.

Little Turtle’s Sword

Miami Chief Little Turtle twice defeated the U.S. Army but soon became a highly respected friend of our nation. So much so, the story goes, that President George Washington presented him with a sword, symbolic of a worthy adversary.

Many innovations and inventions originated in this area—like the garbage disposal (once called “the electric pig”), potty-chair, hand-held calculator, modern gas pump, and magnetic wire.

Benefits of Membership

- Free admission to the History Center and Chief Richardville House
- A subscription to our history journal, the highly-acclaimed *Old Fort News*
- Our quarterly, events-focused *Bulletin*
- Discounts in our Museum Shop
- Opportunities to participate in special tours and events

Exclusive Tours

Special tours give members a chance to experience history, like a Sweet Breeze boat tour of the St. Marys, Maumee and St. Joseph rivers.

Train Engine Wheel

This full-size replica of a locomotive wheel from our interactive railroad exhibit recalls the days when Fort Wayne was a major hub for our nation’s rail system.



Old Fort News

Your membership includes access to our journal the *Old Fort News*, including our 100th Anniversary Edition.



Personal information

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Membership Levels

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- Family – \$65
- Senior – \$40
- Senior Couple – \$50
- Bronze – \$100+
- Silver – \$250+
- Gold – \$500+
- Platinum – \$1,000+

Membership Amount: \$ _____

Additional contribution: \$ _____

Total contribution: \$ _____

- New Renewal Gift
- I wish to decline the premium and have all of my membership fee support the History Center
- I am including my employer’s matching funds form

Contributions to the History Center are tax deductible in accordance with Internal Revenue Code regulations. The History Center is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, educational, charitable institution under state and federal laws. Twenty dollars of your membership dues has been determined to represent cost of service; the balance of your dues payment may be tax deductible.

Kindly send this form and your remittance to:

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