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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LEDUC HISTORIC ESTATE

Teachers in Dakota County schools are invited to bring their classes to the LeDuc Historic Estate, 1629 Vermillion Street, Hastings, MN 55033, for a free one-hour tour. Thanks to the generosity of Friends of LeDuc of Historic Hastings and Dakota County Historical Society, the LeDuc is offering this unique opportunity. Even though the LeDuc is not officially open for regular tours during the winter months, special tours can be arranged by teachers by calling 651-437-7055 and arranging for a one-hour tour. Transportation needs to be arranged by the teacher. It would be wise to schedule tours at this time for the entire 2009-2010 school year as time slots fill quickly. By visiting the LeDuc Historic Estate students will learn about the history of the family who lived here and about the man, Carroll Simmons, who gifted this historic estate in 1958 to the Minnesota Historical Society. The estate is now owned by the City of Hastings and managed by Dakota County Historical Society.

Teachers are encouraged to use the LeDuc Historic Estate as an extension of their classrooms. Tours covering specific topics such as local, state, and national history; Civil War history; horticulture; agriculture; environmental issues; entrepreneurship; art; writing; music and architecture are available upon request. Watch for special enrichment classes which will be available during the summer months.

Take advantage of one of the most splendid restored estates in the country, right here in our county, and how proud we can be to claim it as part of our heritage. Check out the website: www.dakotahistory.org for more details.