Water Quest Field Trip Program

About the Program

The Water Quest portion of the exhibit lasts approximately 90 minutes, and then the students will have 30 minutes for small group exploration of the other History Center exhibits.

Pre-Visit Suggested Activities

- Identify rivers in Colorado and what oceans they flow to.
- Discuss ways that water is used today through National Geographic’s resources.
- Use the Water Foot Print calculator to explore personal water use.

During the Water Quest Program

Students will visit three-four exhibit areas (depending on schedule) these may include: Mesa Verde, Dust Bowl, Steamboat Springs, Rocky Mountain National Park, Mountains Today or Keota.

In each area, students will answer three guiding questions:

1) Where did the water people come from? (Tasks include: identifying watersheds, and finding examples of water collection and storage)

2) How did people in each location and time period use water? (Tasks include: looking closely at artifacts, historic photos, watching videos and using exhibit interactives to answer the questions.)

3) How much water did people in each location and time period use? (Tasks include: calculating use per person, and use by the larger community)