



Field Trip Activity: Pullman Porter Exhibit Scavenger Hunt

The Pullman porters worked on sleeper cars like the *Lake Mitchell* from the 1860s through 1969. They made berths, or beds, shined shoes, sold candy, and helped passengers in any way that they could. Their job required them to work as many as 20 hours a day and follow specific rules set by the owners of the *Lake Mitchell*, the Pullman Company.

Go on a Scavenger Hunt to Learn about Pullman Porters!

1. Look around the exhibit, *Pullman Porters: From Service to Civil Rights*. Each question can be answered by looking at things in the exhibit. If you need help, ask an adult. It is fun to work as a team!
2. Record your answers on the worksheet.
3. Have you guessed right? Talk to someone who works at the Museum or go to the gift shop to find out.

Look inside the exhibit cases on the outside of the *Lake Mitchell*.

1. What two items did porters wear when working on a train that let passengers know that they were porters?
2. What was the name of the regulation book that the porters used?
3. At the kiosk, listen to the stories that former porters tell about their lives. What is the name of one of the porters who tells a story?
4. Porters formed a union so that they could work together to receive better pay and better working conditions. What was the name of their union?

Walk inside the sleeper car, the *Lake Mitchell*.

5. The avatar, or the person on the television screen, tells the story of a real porter. What is the name of this porter?
6. Make the bed inside the *Lake Mitchell*. Follow the rules. How many sheets did you use?
7. Look around each room of the *Lake Mitchell*. Passengers could signal to the porter that they needed assistance by doing what?
8. Look inside the ladies restroom. There were women who worked on the train with the porters. What was the name of their job?

Bonus Question

Because porters traveled across the United States, they were able to bring new things to all parts of the country. What is one thing that they brought from one part of the country to the other?