

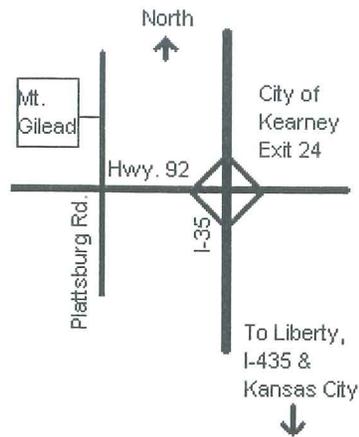
Mt. Gilead School and Church

Opened in 1835, Mt. Gilead School has a long history. During the Civil War the school remained open. As Clay County recovered from the war, Mt. Gilead expanded the curriculum to include Greek, Latin, and music. The present two-story school house remained in use until 1946, when Mt. Gilead was consolidated with Kearney.

Mt. Gilead has been the site of three separate school buildings. An 1844 fire destroyed the original log schoolhouse. One year later, the Mt. Gilead congregation elected to rebuild the school. With the construction of the present building in 1879, the number of classrooms and teachers doubled from one to two.

Acquired by Clay County in 1984, the 1879 school sits adjacent to Mt. Gilead Church. The congregation organized in 1830, and built the first church several years later. The current brick structure was built in 1873.

Historic Mt. Gilead School
is located at
15918 Plattsburg Road,
two miles west of Kearney,
off Highway 92 and I-35.



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Mt. Gilead School

Kearney, Missouri

**Come and relive the
past inside a one-
room schoolhouse!**



Education Objective

This program allows students to experience education in a one-room school house. Students will gain an understanding of 19th century life.

Approximate Schedule

▪Arrival	10:00 a.m.
▪Classes	10:00-12:00 p.m.
▪Lunch	12:00-1:00 p.m.
▪Classes	1:00-2:00 p.m.
▪Departure	2:00 p.m.

Teacher

Our schoolmarm, dressed in period costume, teaches the basic subjects of arithmetic, reading, penmanship, and history. Students also participate in a spelling bee.

Materials

McGuffey's readers and slates are provided for each student.

Lunch Suggestions

Each student provides their own lunch.

- Lunches were carried in tin pails, baskets, and bandannas.
- Sandwiches were made with cold biscuits or bread and filled with cheese, jelly, honey, eggs, or meat.
- Fresh or dried fruits, vegetables, and jerky
- Tea, lemonade, or water in a mason jar

Dress Suggestions

Girls: Long prairie-style dresses, aprons, shawls, bonnets, and boots.

Boys: Dark trousers, overalls, jeans, white shirts, suspenders, vests, and boots.

Transportation

Responsibility for transportation to and from the site is that of the school district.

Reservations

Classes are held year-round.

Special arrangements may be made to accommodate homeschool groups, seniors, scouts, adult organizations, etc.

The maximum number of participants is 25 per day with a minimum of 15.

Reserve your date as soon as possible!!

Fees

Please call for current cost per person.

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