

MINNESOTA STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

for Dependent and Neglected Children

OWATONNA • MINNESOTA

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540 West Hills Circle
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

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Self-Guided Tour Hours Museum

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm
Saturday-Sunday: 1pm-5pm

Cottage 11

Tuesday-Sunday
May 1-Labor Day: 1pm-4pm
Labor Day-Dec 31: 1pm-3pm
Closed January and February
March 1-April 30: 1pm-3pm
or by appt. at 507-774-7369
\$2 per person donation
appreciated.

Campus

Seasonal: May 1-November 1
Six audio stations. Guide maps
and brochures available at
Campus Directory.

Group Tours

We happily schedule guided
tours for groups of 10 or
more. You will visit the
Museum, view a 1930's video,
and tour Cottage 11, a restored
boys' cottage. A fee is charged.

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Contact Us

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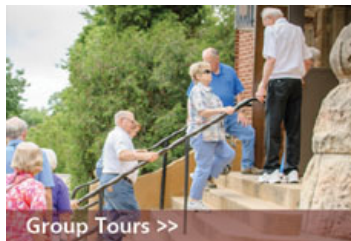
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They Were Called State Schoolers

There were 10,635 of them between 1886 and 1945, kids orphaned, abandoned, or abused and sent to Owatonna, Minnesota, home of the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children, once the third largest institution of its kind in the nation.

The Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum was founded to "Remember the Children" who lived there. **For some, it was a circle of hell; for others, a safe haven.**

Visit us to learn about the unique history of the school. Explore the Museum, historic Cottage 11, the Children's Cemetery, and interactive campus to get a glimpse of what life was like for the children who called the orphanage their home.

Whether you schedule a guided group tour or choose a self-guided visit, you will find unforgettable history awaiting you in Owatonna.



Donate to the Legacy Fund
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REMEMBERED**
Orphanage Legacy Trust



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