

ETHNO-AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES



TOUCH TO FOLKLORE DURING ETHNO-AFTERNOONS AND EDUCATION EVENTS

In order to discover the values of art, to look at the world creatively and originally, to perceive the development of art and culture, it is important to take a closer look to the phenomenon of folklore. You can get involved in such activities in Trakai region by visiting ethno-afternoons, which are a distinctive social phenomena with their role of developing a positive attitude towards folklore. One of the main missions of ethno-afternoons is to develop an understanding of aesthetic art and its diverse applications. These afternoons are events organised in the afternoons. They reveal the subtleties of oral art – singing folklore (songs, conventional), small folklore (riddles, proverbs, idioms, tongue twisters), narrative folklore (stories, tales, fairy tales). They take a look back at the customs of calendar holidays, their relevance today, and change over the years. In order not to stay in the same place for a long time, they recommended to move a little, too! Folk games, circles, counts and various jokes encourage fun dances.

Educational activities are a broader concept that we identify with the totality and implementation of the nation's traditions, customs and a way of life. The knowledge conveyed during these events is twofold – theoretical and practical. The range of activities is broad – mastering the technique of knitting, weaving, embroidery, clay molding, wood carving and many other interesting activities. The sessions are closed with discussion – a way for self-reflection, for considering about how successful the activities were, what the participants liked, what was new and interesting. Participation in such educations is an opportunity to feel the situation of the cultural life of the Trakai area, the direct link with the old folklore, the importance of traditions and their continuity in everyday life.

