ANSWER SHEET

Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Museum Scavenger Hunt
(Group B)

Name: _____

See how many questions you can answer by walking around the museum. You may start at any point in the museum.

The
Woolen
Mill

❧ What year did the mill open? 1861

❧ Name six fabrics that were produced at the mill.
Flannel, Cassimere, Jeans, Linsey, Kersey, Doeskin, Broadcloth, Satinette, Tweed and Beaver

❧ Name three **products** that were produced in the mill.
Fabric, Blankets, Shawls, Yarn and Batting

❧ Write the wages paid daily to the following workers at Watkins Mill.
Superintendent: $3.00   Fuller: $2.00
Fireman: $1.00   Runner Boy: $0.40-$0.50
Weaver: $0.03-$0.09 per yard

❧ What does putting a twist in a belt do? It will turn the second pulley in the opposite direction from the first one

❧ The power source in the engine shed at the mill is called what? The steam engine

❧ Waltus Watkins died in 1884. What is believed to have been the cause of his death? It's believed that he had a stroke

❧ What year did John Watkins close the mill? 1898

❧ How many years ago did the mill close? This answer will change from year to year. Take current year and subtract 1898 from it (i.e. 2006-1898=108 years)

❧ Missouri became the 24th state. What year was it admitted as a new state? 1821

❧ Where and when was the first textile factory in America built? Rhode Island in 1790

❧ How much did cotton cloth cost per yard in 1860? $0.02 per yard

❧ Find the display that tells about the Watkins Mill Association. What are the names of the men that saved the mill?
Forrest Ingram, Lee Oberholtz, George Reuland

❧ True or False: mark the following questions T for True or F for False.
- F   The first textile factory was built by Samuel Morse.
- F   The earliest powered mills usually performed only one or two functions, which were usually carding and weaving.
- T   The gristmill was invented by the Romans.
- F   The mill was a quiet place to work.
- F   The mill building resembles the structure of those built in the 1930s and 1940s.
- T   The gristmill stopped operating in 1905.
- F   The mill operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- T   Blankets were sold in pairs. The customer cut them apart and hemmed them themselves.
- F   The mill business declined because all the sheep died off.

❧ Why is Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site important?
This is their idea. They can put what they want.