

GROUP PROGRAMS

AT THE PEQUOT MUSEUM



**Engaging.
Learning.
Adventuring.**

A Common Core-Based Guide
for Group Programming



TOURS

Guided Tours (1 hour)

An orientation packet with a confirmation letter and suggested readings and activities is mailed shortly after your reservation is confirmed. Groups are free to explore the exhibits on their own before or after their guided tours.

Exhibit Highlights

(Recommended for Grades 5 – Adult)

This tour is an overview of the Pequot experience, highlighting exhibit areas from 18,000 years ago up to present day, pointing out the important connection of the land, the people, community, and family.

Through the Eyes of a Pequot Child

(Recommended for Grades K – Adult)

Imaginations soar with the sights, sounds, and smells in the 16th century Pequot Village. This tour promotes understanding of Pequot life in the 1500's and demonstrates the importance of family and community.

Gifts of the Land & Waters

(Recommended for Grades K – Adult)

Discover why Native people have great respect for the natural world and why resources are valued as "gifts." Stone, bone, shell, and wood were appreciated because they could be transformed into useful objects. Students explore the seasonal dioramas and learn how each season brings different gifts — obtained from both the land and water. The tour for Grades K–3 focuses on Ice Age mammals including dire wolves, giant beaver, and mastodon.



Life on the Reservation

(Recommended for Grades 4 – Adult)

Upper-level students (Grades 7–12) learn about the harsh impact of reservation life and how the conflicting elements of social, political, and economic changes reshaped the Pequot world. Contemporary issues of federal recognition and sovereignty conclude the tour.

Elementary students (Grades 4–6) learn about Pequot ancestors who lived at Mashantucket and the difficult decisions they had to make to survive. Hear the stories of Sachem Robin Cassacinamon and Hannah Ocuish who became a servant at the age of six.

Self-Tours

Teachers may elect to conduct their own tours for students, using a favorite space for an in-depth exploration, like the Caribou Hunt or the Pequot Village.





ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Our Enrichment Programs, led by Museum educators, are designed to stimulate critical thinking skills and offer innovative hands-on opportunities through group interaction.

Demystifying Thanksgiving

(Recommended for Jr. High - Adult)

Pilgrims, Native Americans, the *Mayflower*, and turkey on the table. Explore the truths and the myths of this "American" holiday, the history of thanksgiving celebrations, and how America came to believe in the story of the "First Thanksgiving."

Witness to a Genocide:

A Social Justice Approach

(Recommended for Grade 9 – Adult)

By taking a detailed look at the 1637 massacre of a Pequot village and the ensuing centuries of oppression faced by the Pequot people, students examine how our personal actions can carry serious consequences. The film, *The Witness*, is part of the program content.

Two-hour program.

*For Connecticut teachers: This program is compliant with Public Law 18-24, *The CT Holocaust and Genocide Education Awareness Act* as part of a unit addressing genocide education.

Life Without a Supermarket:

A 16th-Century Native Coastal Community

(Recommended for Grades 3 – 6)

In this enrichment program in the Pequot Daily Life gallery, students discover how Pequots lived without malls and shopping centers. They learn how Native people constructed dug-out canoes, built housing, enhanced personal appearance, and prepared food. This hands-on experience gives students a better understanding of how Native people transformed the natural resources into useful common items. **One-hour program.**

Archaeology's Window to the Past: Interpreting Refuse Pits, Can You Dig It?

(Recommended for Grade 4 – Adult)

Do you know why archaeology is sometimes called "our window to the past?" Students discover the answer to this question in a hands-on enrichment program. Students are divided into small groups to work with simulated refuse heaps from three different time periods in Pequot history. Their task is to identify and interpret artifacts from each time period, understand why cultures change over time, and the reasons for change. **One-hour program.**

Workshops

(Recommended for ages 6 and older)

In these **one hour workshops**, students create something to take home!

- **Wampum Bracelets** teaches how wampum beads were made from quahog shells. Students make their own replicated wampum bracelet.
- **Pinch Pottery** enables students to make and shape a small traditional-style Northeastern pinch pot.
- **Corn Husk Creations** offers students the opportunity to take home a simple game or figure made from corn husks.





COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

The Pequot Museum's educational programming is committed to excellence and is aligned with the Common Core Standards. Our tours and enrichment programs guide the learners of today to use disciplinary skills in history and social studies to create enduring understandings, foster independence, and encourage life-long museum appreciation to become informed and engaged citizens. Every program has built-in opportunities for students to develop and apply skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and language arts. What we offer aligns with the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework assisted learning programs which will prepare young minds for college through the integration of arts and humanities through interdisciplinary inquiry-based study.

Programming at the museum includes various aspects of the Dimensions of Inquiry:

<p>Developing Questions & Planning Inquiry</p> <p>We believe that carefully crafted questions provide the foundation for a meaningful learning experience.</p>	<p>Evaluating Sources & Using Evidence</p> <p>We provide a unique learning environment rich with primary texts and artifacts that are unmatched by any book.</p>
<p>Investigation & Interpretation</p> <p>Students are encouraged to refine their critical thinking skills through the evaluation of sources and the investigation of problems.</p>	<p>Communicating Conclusions & Taking Action</p> <p>Our educators facilitate an in-depth engagement with Native American history from which students will be able to effectively reach and communicate their own conclusions.</p>
<p>Cultures & Perspectives</p> <p>Understanding cultural diversity is a vital skill to have in the classroom and the future work place. Our educational programs provide a safe place to share viewpoints and learn about our differences.</p>	<p>Not Just History</p> <p>Our museum is an ideal source for education on Pequot history and contemporary culture. However, the scope of the museum spans across content areas and is a relevant and engaging learning space for any subject from science to art!</p>

Teacher Previews

Teachers: Before bringing your students for the first time, we invite you to schedule an exhibit site visit. Meet with an educator to explore the appropriate tours and enrichment programs that are available for your class. Learn about upcoming teacher professional development workshops! The reduced teacher preview price is \$10 each.

Advance reservations are required. Call (860) 396-6839.





RATES & RESERVATIONS

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Group Sales Office

Group Sales Coordinator:
(860) 396-6839 or (800) 411-9671, Ext. 66839
groupsales@pequotmuseum.org

Rates

Minimum of 10 people required
 for all group rates.

Students: through high school

Seniors: 65 and older

One Lump Sum Payment is due upon arrival
 and may be made with cash, check, or
 credit card. Checks are made payable to
 MPMRC.

Self-Guided Tours	Guided Tours
\$15 per adult	\$20 per adult
\$13 per senior	\$18 per college student
\$13 per college student	\$18 per senior
\$10 per student	\$15 per student
	\$10 per chaperone
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 per 5 students, grades 1-3 • 1 per 10 students, grades 4-12
Add an enrichment program \$5 per person Add a second tour \$5 per person Add a craft workshop \$8 per person	

Chaperone Policy

Students visiting the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center (MPMRC) must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The MPMRC requires one supervising adult with every five students for grades PreK – 3 and one chaperone per every ten students for grades 4 – 12.

If your group is participating in an enrichment program, a limited number of adults are permitted in the classroom at no additional charge.

Lunch Options

Express Lunches

Save time and money by ordering affordable, hot & cold lunches at least one week in advance.

Student Lunchrooms

Bring lunch with you and use our facilities, including an outdoor terrace, cafeteria, and the gathering space.



Pre-Packaged Souvenir Gift Bags

The Museum's gift shop prepares special souvenir packages for your students to take home. Items are individually packaged and available to pick up and pay for on the day of your visit. Choose from \$6, \$8, or \$12 packages. To order, call at least one week in advance: (860) 396-6839 or email us at groupsales@pequotmuseum.org





OUTREACH

FOR SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, ADULT GROUPS
& CORPORATIONS

Presentations are **1 hour long**. Our educators can tailor their topics and presentations to the age and interest of the group.

School groups require an adult present.

Reservations are required at least 3 weeks in advance.



The Pequot Story: Celebrating Heritage

Our traveling programs bring an educator with a variety of hands-on objects, photographs, and materials to illustrate Pequot lives and activities as they changed over time beginning with a look at a 16th-century coastal village. Participants learn how the arrival of Europeans brought dramatic changes and explore the similarities and differences of Pequot people today. The program includes a Native perspective which did not change over time — the importance of respecting Mother Earth — because the way we care for the environment today impacts upon our children for generations to come.

Customizable Program

Our educators can customize an Outreach Program that best suits your interests. Please call 860-396-6839 or email us at groupsales@pequotmuseum.org.

OUTREACH PRICING

1 classroom program \$250

2 classroom programs \$325

3 classroom programs \$400

Auditorium Program \$475

4th Grade & up (slide presentation)

*Mileage: \$.56/mile within 60-mile radius.
\$50 surcharge for 61–100 mile radius.





EXPERT SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center staff includes experts who offer **1 hour long** presentations with Q&A. Choose from topics listed below or contact us for a custom program.



NAKAI NORTHUP
Mashantucket Pequot/Narragansett
 Public Programs



JOE BAKER
Delaware Tribe of Indians
 Museum Executive Director

- Pequot Traditional and Natural Knowledge
- Culture, Hunting, Fishing and Ways of Life in New England
- Contemporary Indigenous Environmental Activism
- Tribal Community
- Contemporary Native American Art
- Traditional Lenape Beadwork

Expert Speaker Fees

On-site presentations (not including admission)

\$750 Executive Director's fee

\$300 maximum 80 people (held in classroom)

\$450 maximum 325 people (held in auditorium)

Off-site presentations (museum educators only)*

\$450 up to 100 people, plus mileage

\$600 more than 100 people, plus mileage

*Mileage: \$.56/mile within 60-mile radius. \$50 surcharge for 61–100 mile radius.





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