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**2024 GROUP
PROGRAMS**

AT PEQUOT MUSEUM



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& RESEARCH CENTER



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The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center's mission is to strengthen Pequot culture to honor and serve our Tribal family and friends. Our vision is to promote self-determination through living culture and education. The Mashantucket Pequot Museum's educational programming is committed to excellence in providing a deep understanding of the history, traditions and culture of the Pequot Nation. Our programming is aligned with the National Common Core Standards. Our tours and enrichment programs guide the learners of today to use disciplinary skills in science, technology, engineering, art, history and social studies to create enduring understandings, foster critical thinking skills and encourage lifelong 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.

Developing Questions & Planning Inquiry

We believe that carefully crafted questions provide the foundation for a meaningful learning experience.

Evaluating Sources & Using Evidence

We provide a unique learning environment rich with primary texts and artifacts that are unmatched by any book and can only be found at our museum.

Communicating Conclusions & Taking Action

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.

Not Just History

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, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Investigation & Interpretation Students are encouraged to refine their critical thinking skills through the evaluation of sources and the investigation of challenges past and present.

Cultures & Perspectives

Understanding cultural diversity and building cultural intelligence is a vital skill to have in the classroom and the future workplace. Our educational programs provide a safe place to share viewpoints, appreciate our commonalities and learn about our differences.

Common Core State Standards

Programming at the museum includes various aspects of ELA and Math designed to support our students wherever they may be on their educational journey.



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PROGRAM TOURS

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHT TOUR

TOUR LENGTH: ONE HOUR • ALL AGES

Travel through our museum with us over 20,000 years of history as we highlight key sections of our history! Giving facts along the way and prepping you for your time at the museum.

PEQUOT CHILD/VILLAGE TOUR

TOUR LENGTH: ONE HOUR • ALL AGES

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

NEW EXPLORING EASTERN WOODLAND LIFE IN AUTUMN

TOUR LENGTH: ONE HOUR • ALL AGES

Join us as we delve into the fascinating world of Eastern Woodland culture during the fall season. The Eastern Woodlands, spanning from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River and including the Great Lakes, were home to various Native American tribes. In this program, we'll explore their lifeways, traditions and adaptations during this vibrant time of year.

Key Topics:

- Habitats and Dwellings: Discover how Eastern Woodland tribes lived in wigwams, longhouses, and other unique structures. Learn about their use of bark, woven mats, and natural materials for shelter.
- Harvest and Cuisine: Explore the fall harvest—corn, beans, squash and more. Understand the role of women in cultivating and preparing food. We'll discuss traditional cooking methods and the importance of seasonal ingredients.
- Clothing and Artifacts: Dive into the clothing and accessories worn by Eastern Woodland people. From deer-hide garments to intricate beadwork, we'll explore their craftsmanship and cultural significance.
- Nature Connection: Experience the beauty of fall foliage, wildlife and changing landscapes. Learn about hunting practices, gathering techniques and the spiritual connection to the natural world.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

THIRTEEN MOONS

PROGRAM LENGTH: ONE HOUR • ALL AGES

The "Thirteen Moons" program is an in-depth view of the Pequots' relationship to the seasons and lifeways. The instructor-led program also addresses common Thanksgiving misconceptions and its origin, utilizing primary resources for review and open discussion about the "First Thanksgiving."

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Recognize the 13-moon cycle and each moon's significance to Pequots.
- Distinguish the difference between today's practice of Thanksgiving in comparison to traditional practices prior to colonial contact through the presentation of documents/resources referencing the "First Thanksgiving."

PEQUOT WAR

PROGRAM LENGTH: TWO HOURS • AGES 12+

The Pequot War is a defining moment in history for Pequot people and the foundations of colonialism on Turtle Island. During this program, we will take a deep dive into the war, providing our perspectives and providing primary documents from English and Dutch perspectives to tell a more complete story and talk about the continued affects from the Pequot War.

COLONIALSIM 101

What really is colonization and what can we do to make effective changes? With our new colonialism 101 program we work to define, identify, and debunk colonization in our day to day life; not to the standard of colonial people, but from an indigenous perspective. Come gain new tools of cultural intelligence to help decolonize your world and the world around you.

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WORKSHOPS

ARCHAEOLOGY'S WINDOW TO THE PAST

PROGRAM LENGTH: ONE HOUR • ALL AGES

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.

CORN HUSK CREATIONS

TOUR LENGTH: ONE HOUR • ALL AGES

This workshop shows a traditional craft that is designed to teach traditional Native values and the art of corn husk creations, a natural resource from Mother Earth.

NUNOOTAYUNONASH (OUR BASKETS)

PROGRAM LENGTH: ONE HOUR • ALL AGES

This workshop explores how baskets, the creative process and the natural resources used to create them have played an important role in history and culture of Pequot people. The workshop highlights the different creative styles of basketry, addresses invasive species, such as the Emerald Ash Borer beetle and its effects on the traditional art.

Participants will create a take-home craft utilizing traditional basket designs and basket weave patterns.

VIRTUAL & OUTREACH

EXPERT SPEAKER NAKAI NORTHUP

Mashantucket Pequot/Narragansett

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

- Pequot Traditional and Natural Knowledge
- Culture, Hunting, Fishing and Ways of Life in New England
- Contemporary Indigenous Environmental Activism

Nakai Northup serves as the Manager of Outreach and Public Programs here at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, where he's spent more than ten years educating groups and visitors on Eastern Woodland Tribal history and culture for visitors of all ages. An avid hunter and fisherman, Nakai is a frequent speaker and lecturer on historic preservation, ironmental and Indigenous activism, food sovereignty and teaching traditional Eastern Woodland histories and lifeways.

Having both Mashantucket Pequot and Narragansett bloodlines, Nakai has spent his entire life on both reservations and is a passionate advocate and activist for Native American rights. With a strong love for his Tribal communities and as a father, Nakai is dedicated to preserving Tribal histories and passing down cultural traditions to younger generations.

SEASONAL POWWOW EVENTS

In November each year, the Honoring the Veterans Powwow will unite and honor Native and non-Native Americans who have bravely served side by side in the U.S. Armed Forces for more than 200 years. Doors open at 10AM, and the grand entry begins at Noon, drawing nearly 1,000 veterans, active-duty service members, families and members each year. Attendees will be immersed in the traditional celebration of our veterans through Northeastern Woodland song and dance inside the soaring two-story, glass-encased Gathering Space.



PREPACKAGED 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. To preorder a package, call at least two weeks in advance at 860.396.6839 or email us at groupsales@pequotmuseum.org.

EXPRESS LUNCH MENU

Save time and money by reserving Express Lunches for your group. Express Lunches must be ordered at least two weeks prior to your visit.

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HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Complete Group Programs Request Form at pequotmuseum.org/visit/group-programs

For questions and inquiries: groupsales@pequotmuseum.org.

A minimum of ten people is required for all group rates to be applicable.

One lump-sum payment is due upon arrival and may be made with cash, check or credit card.

Checks are made payable to MPMRC.

