



TAHQÔK

AUTUMN

GROUP PROGRAMS

AT PEQUOT MUSEUM



— MASHANTUCKET —
PEQUOT
MUSEUM
& RESEARCH CENTER

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: 1hr | 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: 1hr | 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.

PRE-CONTACT LIFE TOUR

TOUR LENGTH: 1hr | ALL AGES

Discover why Pequot people have great respect for the natural world and why resources are valued as “gifts.” Students explore the seasonal dioramas and learn how each season brings different gifts—obtained from both the land and water. The tour focuses on the traditional life of Pequot people and the transition of climate and natural resources over a span of 20,000 years and life prior to the introduction of foreign travelers.

POST-CONTACT LIFE TOUR

TOUR LENGTH: 1hr | MIDDLE SCHOOL–ADULT

Explore life for Pequot people over centuries after the arrival of Europeans from trade to wars. Examine the struggle and survival of the Pequot people from the early years of contact to the present day. Despite lifestyle changes, Pequot people have maintained a distinct identity, kinship, community and connection to their homeland

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ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

THIRTEEN MOONS (NEW)

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1hr | 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: 1hr | ALL AGES

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.

OUR STORIES (NEW)

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1hr | ALL AGES

“Our Stories” is an interactive instructor-led storytelling program utilizing children’s books accompanied by a traditional story. Group engagement will involve participants collectively critiquing the information shared and determine the lessons and truth in “myths” found in the stories.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION:

- Identify, analyze, arrange and compile thoughts from shared stories.

GROUP ENGAGEMENT:

- Reflect and recall key point.
- Participate and engage in group circle discussions.
- Present summary of group thoughts to instructor and other class participants.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Effective listening.
- Critical thinking. • Participate and organize information.

TAHQÔK (AUTUMN) GROUP PROGRAMS OCTOBER–DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

NUNOOTAYUNONASH (OUR BASKETS) (NEW)

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1hr | 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.

ARCHAEOLOGY'S WINDOW TO THE PAST

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1hr | 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.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2023

PEQUOT CHILD/VILLAGE TOUR

TOUR LENGTH: 1hr | ALL AGES

Imaginations soar with the sights of the 16th-century Pequot Village virtually. This virtual tour promotes understanding of Pequot life in the 1500s and demonstrates the importance of family and community. Experience the Pequot Village in a way like never before!

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

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Please submit your request details via our Group Request Form on:

Group Request Form – Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center.

For questions and inquiries: groupsales@pequotmuseum.org.

A minimum of 10 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.

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE	PROGRAM LENGTH	RECOMMENDED AGE
EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHT	PROGRAM TOUR	1 HOUR	ALL AGES
PRE-CONTACT LIFE	PROGRAM TOUR	1 HOUR	ALL AGES
POST-CONTACT LIFE	PROGRAM TOUR	1 HOUR	MIDDLE SCHOOL – ADULT
PEQUOT CHILD/VILLAGE	PROGRAM TOUR	1 HOUR	ALL AGES
THIRTEEN MOONS	ENRICHMENT PROGRAM	1 HOUR	ALL AGES
PEQUOT WAR	ENRICHMENT PROGRAM	2 HOURS	AGES 12+
OUR STORIES	ENRICHMENT PROGRAM	1 HOUR	KINDERGARTEN–THIRD GRADE
NUNOOTAYUNONASH (OUR BASKETS)	CRAFT WORKSHOP	1 HOUR	ALL AGES

RATES

Students \$13 per student

College Students \$16 per student

Chaperones \$13 per person

Adults \$18 per person

Seniors..... \$16 per person (65 & Older)

Programs (Additional \$10 per person)

Workshops (Additional \$12 per person)

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