



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS FOR CLASSES, SCHOOLS AND EDUCATORS

Public Education Program

The following is a brief listing of our current educational units, programs and workshops

Native Americans (preschool-grade 6)

In this workshop, children handle authentic tools, grind corn as Native Americans did, create a craft related to the class. The craft is used to illustrate themes discussed during an introductory "circle time." Grades 3 and up are offered a "Treasure Hunt" to highlight specific objects in our collection.

Early Rhode Island Life (grades 4-6)

Come learn about prehistoric life in Rhode Island from 10,000 years ago to the time of Roger Williams. Students compare and contrast these changing lifeways with our own as they handle stone artifacts and work with ancient tools.

Archaeology (grades 5 and up)

This workshop allows students to be archaeologists as they participate in a hands-on dig with artifacts in excavation boxes.

The Worlds of Africa (grades 2-6)

After looking and learning about some of the various cultures of this vast continent, students view West African masks and our "Visible Spirits" exhibit and participate in a mask-making activity.

Ancient Egypt (grades 4-6)

The achievements of this ancient civilization are discussed. Our word "paper" comes from the word "papyrus." Students learn about one of the first writing systems and how it differs from our own writing system.

Dinosaurs and Fossils (preschool-grade 4)

Students touch fossils from the time of the dinosaurs and learn about some of their favorite "terrible lizards." They then will make their own "fossil" and glimpse the paleontologists' world as they excavate a dig box.

The Inuit (preschool - grade 4)

Spend a cold winter's day learning about the Native People of Alaska and Canada. Learn about how they survive the extreme climate of the Arctic.

The Community Walking Tour: The Culture and Ethnicity of Historic Peace Dale (grades 2 - adult)

Step back into the prosperous early days of Peace Dale, Rhode Island. This Walking Tour covers the history of the buildings, businesses and people in this glimpse into the history of a southern New England mill village.

Any of our programs can be piggybacked with the Walking Tour to accommodate more than one class. Most of our workshops can be tailored to meet your curriculum needs. We have many ideas for activities to enhance each visit. Let us know how we can best meet your class's interests and needs. Call us today and reserve your date and choice of program. If you have a specific area of study you can ask to speak with us to create your unique museum experience.

Program Cost

The cost for each program is \$4.00 - \$6.00 per child.

The minimum charge for groups is \$30.00.

Traveling programs require an additional \$50.00 travel fee.

Program Length

Preschool and Kindergarten: 35-40 minutes

Grade 1 and up: 45 minutes to 1 hour