

Programs and Events

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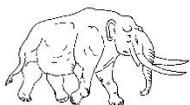
Summer/Fall 2018

All exhibits and programs are open to the public free of charge

Programs

Story Time

Wednesday, July 18, and Wednesday, August 15, 11:00 am - noon
Kayla Grose from the Moundsville Public Library will treat youngsters ages with stories, games, crafts, and a snack. **Please pre-register by calling Kayla at the library at (304) 845-6911.**



Fossil Day

Saturday, September 15, 12-4:00 pm

Bring your fossils for expert identification, participate in a variety of hands-on activities, and watch a geology film.

Archaeology Day

Saturday, October 6, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the research area, try your hand at spear throwing, pottery making, and other activities, participate in a museum hunt, see exhibits and demonstrations relating to archaeology, and more.

At the Discovery Table

Free activities for the whole family available during regular museum hours

July- Make a Rattle

Native Americans made rattles from dried gourds, turtle shells, and even pottery. Our rattles will be made from re-purposed plastic bottles.

August - Mammoth Puppets

Transform a paper bag into an image of this majestic creature.

September - Petroglyph Rocks

Explore designs used by prehistoric Native Americans to create petroglyphs by carving images into rocks, then draw on a pebble to create your own petroglyph design.

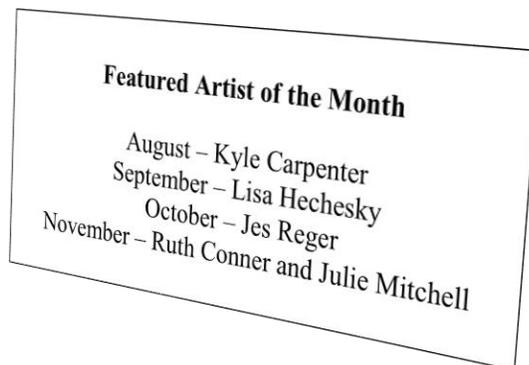
October - Ring-and-Pin Game

Create this game of skill played by many Native American children. We will use rings made from squash from the Interpretive Garden, if available.



November - Corn Necklace

Plastic pony beads will be strung to create a pendant shaped like a corn cob.



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Monthly Lecture and Film Series

Thursday, September 27

James Tomasek, Park Ranger, National Park Service

New Light on an Old Fort

The battle at Fort Necessity took place on July 3, 1754. It was the beginning of a global confrontation between England and France known in North America as the French and Indian War, and the Seven Years' War elsewhere in the world. The fort was constructed under the command of then British Lieutenant Colonel George Washington. It became the location of the first major event in Washington's military career, and the only place where Washington surrendered to an enemy. This program offers new ways to interpret this historic site through archaeological excavations, expanding what is known about events at this location beyond the written record.

West Virginia Archaeology Month Program

Thursday, October 25

Joseph Gingerich, PhD, Assistant Professor of Anthropology,

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University

Ice Age Settlers: Colonization, Technology, and Material Culture

An overview of early colonization of North America by hunter-gatherers during the last Ice Age, this program examines widely distributed evidence of human presence on the continent by 13,000 years ago. Evidence from archaeological sites in the Eastern United States is presented in a discussion of the technology and material culture of these early groups and to compare similarities in their lifeways.

Native American Heritage Month Program

Thursday, November 29

Doug Wood, Cultural and Natural History Educator, and Retired Ecologist

Ostenaco

During the French and Indian War, Ostenaco (ca. 1703-1780) was a leader of Cherokee warriors who allied with Virginia military leaders against northern tribes fighting with the French. His leadership provided a vital alliance for the British colonial settlements and expansion of English-speaking people into much of present West Virginia. This presentation is a *History Alive!* program organized by the West Virginia Humanities Council and consists of a monologue presented in character, audience discussion with the character, and audience discussion with the presenter after he "breaks character".

Second Saturday Films

We will be showing the NOVA series, Making North America. Three one-hour-long episodes accompany Kirk Johnson, Director of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, as he travels the continent to find out how it was shaped and how it shaped the people who inhabited it. The films will be shown at 1 and 3 pm each month.

August 11 - ***Making North America: Origins***

September 8 - ***Making North America: Life***

October 13 - ***Making North America: Human***

