

Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex

Programs and Events

801 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville, WV (304) 843-4128

Open 9 am – 5 pm Tue – Sat. Closed Sun and Mon

Outdoor access is weather permitting and closes at 4:30 pm

All events are open to the public free of charge



Programs

Saturday, June 17, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

“Burning Springs – The Forgotten Story”

By Storyteller Judi Tarowsky

On May 9, 1863, Confederate troops under General William (Grumble) Jones marched on Burning Springs, an oil boom town in what is today Wirt County, WV. The Confederate troops set fire to the oil field and the town, yet there is no Federal record of the incident, and no newspaper coverage. In effect, there was a cover-up of the incident. Find out what happened that fateful day in this program that includes 30 minutes of storytelling followed by time for questions-and-answers.

Tuesday, June 20, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

West Virginia Day

Celebrate West Virginia’s founding in 1863 with special family-oriented crafts and an all-day showing of “*West Virginia: A Film History*”, a 6 ½ - hour documentary series produced by the West Virginia History Film Project and the West Virginia Humanities Council. Stop in for an episode or two!

Saturday, July 8, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Pirate Day

We will be showing a film about the pirate know as Blackbeard (see back of this flyer), but did you know that pirates also terrorized the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers? Find out more about the river pirates who attacked unsuspecting settlers heading down the river to destinations in the West during the late 1700’s and early 1800’s, and participate in special family-oriented activities such as decorating a box to hold small treasures of your own.

At the Discovery Table

Free family crafts available during regular museum hours

June: “West Virginia Scavenger Hunt in a Bottle”

Celebrate West Virginia’s birthday this month by adding a variety of small items (many of which are blue or gold) to a bottle filled with grain. Turn and shake the bottle to hunt for the hidden objects.

July: “Stained Glass Windows”

Create a stained-glass effect using special scratch-lite film and see if you can recognize the windows shown in our bulletin board display.

August: “Ice Age Fan Club”

Cool down by making a hand-held fan featuring one of the Ice Age animals found in the “*Prehistoric West Virginia*” exhibit.

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2017 Archaeological Lecture and Film Series



The Lecture and Film Series will take a break in June, July, and August and will start up again at 7:00 pm on September 28th with “Hopewell Geometry, Astronomy, and the Marietta Earthworks” by Wesley Clark, Resident Archaeologist and Manager of Collections at The Castle Museum in Marietta, OH.

Second Saturday Films

June 10, 12:00 and 2:30 pm

“The Mine Wars” (120 min)

In the beginning of the 20th Century, coal fueled industrial progress. Coal mining was an industry in which nearly 750,000 men across the U.S. spent 10 to 12 hours a day blasting, shoveling, and loading the fuel that made the nation’s industrial progress possible. This film brings to life the decades-long struggle for the miner’s right to organize and join a union, and shows how the coalfields of southern West Virginia became a war zone.

July 8, 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

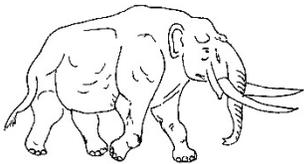
“Secrets of the Dead: Blackbeard’s Lost Ship” (60 min)

The most infamous pirate of his day, Blackbeard inspired fear in all who crossed his path. 300 years later, his flag ship, the Queen Anne’s Revenge, is being excavated by a group of marine archaeologists. His story is revealed by careful preservation and analysis of the ship’s remains, including cannons, guns, anchors, and even gold. *Did you know that the Upper Ohio River Valley was plagued by pirates as well? See the front of this flyer for “Pirate Day” activities held today.*

August 12, 1:00 and 3:00 pm

“Ice Age Death Trap: Uncovering Mammoths, Mastodons, and Other Vanished Beasts”

A large number of 100,000 - year old fossils discovered during construction at a Colorado ski resort provide scientists with clues to some of North America’s most interesting prehistoric creatures. *Stop at the Discovery Table and make a hand-held fan featuring a picture of one of these Ice Age creatures.*



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