

Welcome to the world of Archaeology!

Junior Archaeologists offers pre-K through elementary school-aged children a chance to explore the world of archaeology! They will learn about what archaeologists do and why, as well as learn about local Native American culture through hands-on experiments and excavation activities. 'Artifact Stations' introduce children to ancient tools and allow them to see what day to day life was like for native peoples. 'The Dig' gives them a chance to excavate like a real archaeologist!

Highlights include:

- ❖ Hands-on excavation
- ❖ Hands-on introduction to ancient tools
- ❖ Learn what archaeologist do
- ❖ Learn about Native American lifeways
- ❖ Learn about recording data

Customized Lesson Plans

Age appropriate lesson plans and activities are offered for age groups from the pre-k to 6th grade. For the younger children, coloring books are given out at the end of the lesson.



Stone bowl

Activities



The Introduction

We begin with an introduction to archaeology. We discuss what archaeologists do, why they do what they do, what they hope to find, and answer just about every question the children can think of relating to archaeology. The children learn about native cultures and the importance of respecting archaeological sites and finds.



Artifact Stations

Artifact Stations are areas where children can explore the types of tools that were used by local Native Americans. The stations are divided into subsistence activities, such as food preparation, hunting, and trade. The children can handle the tools and in most stations experiment with using them.



The Dig!

The lesson is concluded with the most popular event- the dig! Teams of two children get their own 'excavation unit' to excavate. These are boxes of sterile soil with 'artifacts' placed throughout for the students to dig up. They will learn to look for changes in the types of artifacts and how to record what they observe.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does a lesson cost?

All activities cost only \$8 per child, with a minimum group size of 12.

How long does the lesson take?

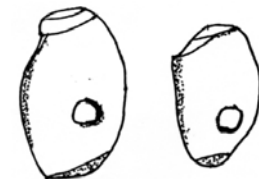
The entire lesson is done in an hour. Set up and clean up will take approximately one hour before and after the lesson.

What do I need, if anything, for the lesson?

We will bring all of the equipment necessary. All we need is a space, such as playground or patio area, that can stand a little sandy soil before it is cleaned up.

Is there much mess to clean up?

Absolutely not. We make every effort to keep the areas clean, and we will sweep up any 'spills' before leaving and ensure that the area looks just like it did before the lesson.



Shell Beads

About the Instructor

Barbie Getchell received her Master of Arts degree in 1993 from the University of Durham, England, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1990 from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is certified in archaeological field research by the Register of Professional Archaeologists (ROPA) and meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards (SIS) for archaeology.

Barbie serves as the Principal Investigator for Past Inc., a Cultural Resource management. Barbie has served as a Principal Investigator on numerous projects and has been responsible for the analysis of both prehistoric and historic remains. In addition to Ms. Getchell's work in California and England, Barbie has participated on projects in the state of Nevada and in the country of Belize in Central America. She has given numerous presentations to children and adults, with the goal of increasing knowledge about archaeology and preservation.

Aside from her archaeology studies, Barbie's most important focus is on her two daughters, aged 7 and 4.

A service of Past, Inc.

Explore the world of Archaeology with



Great for
After-School
Programs Too!

Contact us at:
barbie@past-crm.com

www.juniorarchaeologists.com