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Navajo Nation Museum Launches Children's Cultural Arts Summer Program

WINDOW ROCK, AZ. – Navajo youth can enrich their summer with cultural arts.

That's the goal of the Navajo Nation Museum here in the capital of the Navajo Nation.

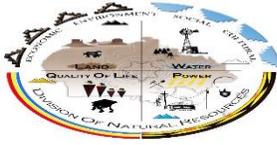
Navajo Nation Museum Director Manuelito Wheeler, stated, "We want to reach out to the Navajo youth especially during the summer season. We have great staff who have developed a host of unique events and activities for the Navajo people and the public at large."

One such series of events includes month-long cultural arts workshops and activities for the summer. On July 1st, a workshop titled "Navajo Relationship with Nature, Land and Dinétah" will be presented by Navajo Cultural Speaker Ben Sorrel from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

On July 6th, Navajo Nation Museum Curator Clarenda Begay will feature side walk art based on the theme, "An Important Diné Value You Cherish" from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Youth will engage in cultural arts and crafts with the assistance of Navajo Artist Lisa Richards on July 8th, 20th and 22nd.

A cultural workshop will also be presented by Sorrel on July 13th titled, "What is the Past Made of?" from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. He will also present another workshop on July 27th titled "What Does it Mean to Me to be Navajo?" from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



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“Who R U?” is the name of a July 29th activity that will be facilitated by Curator Begay from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Participants are requested to bring a pair of white loafers or sneakers for their canvas.

On August 12th, a Young Men’s Sweat Purification Ceremony will be held for young men ages 13 to 18 and is limited to 10 participants. Sweat Lodge Instructor and Chanter Ronald Largo, will teach young men about The Hero Twins and sing purification songs. The sweat lodge is located north of the Navajo Nation Museum.

Curator Begay, explained, “We have already had a couple of cultural activities for the youth and interest is slowing increasing. We want to invite the youth to come and join us. The Navajo Nation Museum is a great venue to learn about Navajo culture.”

The free children’s cultural arts program are for children kindergarten through sixth grade, with the exception of the Young Men’s Sweat Purification Ceremony, which is for young men between 13 and 18-years-old.

Wheeler added, “The Navajo Nation Museum is unlike many other museums in the U.S. as exemplified in the host of unique Navajo cultural activities that are specifically designed to help educate the youth about the Navajo culture and preserve the Navajo heritage. We hope you are able to visit the Navajo Nation Museum and enhance your understanding of the Navajo people and embrace the rich legacy of the Navajo Nation.”

Located in northeast Arizona just off Arizona Highway 264, the Navajo Nation Museum is a great venue to retrace early Navajo history while captivating the contemporary yet traditional spirit of the Navajo people.



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The Navajo Nation Museum is open on Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about other cultural events and unique exhibits, contact the Navajo Nation Museum at (928) 871-7941 or via their website at www.navajonationmuseum.org