



Museum of Ontario
Archaeology
History In Your Hands

Camp: Summer 2017

Weeks #: 2 & 7

Dates: July 10 – 14, August 8-11

Week Theme: Ice Age

This camp week will explore the world during the Pleistocene (Ice Age) and Paleolithic periods (Stone Age). We will learn about weather and climate, paleontology, and of course archeology. The main focus will be on the Canadian Indigenous peoples and environment, though we will also discuss the inhabitants and animals from all around the world.

Day Themes:

- **Monday – “A World of Ice and Snow”**
 - On the first day of camp we are going to learn about our local climate and environment, as well as what the environment would have been like 12,000 years ago
 - We will be making snow globes, creating our own ice age environment
- **Tuesday – “How we know about the past”**
 - We will be discussing the archeological process and learning about how people today learn about what it was like to live during the ice age
 - One activity we will be doing is (safely) smashing then gluing back together small pots, to learn about how archeologists reconstruct pottery
- **Wednesday – “Living in the Ice Age”**
 - Today we focus on some of the survival skills people would have needed to live in cold, ice age environments and will maybe even learn a few ourselves!
 - We will learn how to make some basic knots, and playing a cooperative tag game called “The hunt”
- **Thursday – “Ice Age art and culture”**

- We are going to learn a bit about the PaleoIndian peoples living during the ice age, as well as some of the more modern traditions of Canada's Indigenous peoples
- We will be creating our own "cave paint" by grinding up charcoal and mixing it with vegetable oil, in a process that is very similar to how people would have created paints over 10,000 years ago.
- **Friday - "The Giants of the Ice Age"**
 - On our last day of the week we are going to explore the megafauna (big animals) of the ice age! We will learn about mammoths, mastodons, giant beavers, and how they lived in the ice age.
 - We will be having a guest speaker "The Fossil Guy" coming in to the museum to show off his fossil collection and teach the campers about ice age animals.