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*Be an Archaeologist for a Day!*

## **Wilfrid Jury Archaeology Day Saturday, July 26th 10 am - 4 pm**

Dig into fun, learning and hands-on exploration! Join archaeologists and staff at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology for our annual **Wilfrid Jury Archaeology Day** July 26th.

Families and archaeology enthusiasts can **drop in** throughout the day to take part in various archaeological activities. Dig those trowels into the dirt and explore a **simulated excavation** site, testing your artifact finding abilities. Once found, artifacts will be identified and more can be learned in our **artifact handling and identification workshop**. An **underwater archaeology workshop** will send visitors to the deep depths of the ocean and learn the struggles of searching for lost treasures in dark waters and sands. Visitors can learn more about archaeology or bring in their own artifacts to **ask an archaeologist**.

Guided tours will be offered throughout the event and kids can take part in scavenger hunts and fun crafts. They can gain excavation techniques by working miniature tools to carefully extract chocolate chips at the **cookie excavation activity**. Kids can also try making a **soapstone pendant** by drilling stone through ancient methods.

The morning of this event will also begin with a **“Rockin’ Moccasins” workshop**. **From 9 am until 12pm**, youth ages 12 and older can make a custom pair of moccasin slippers from reversible fleece for \$10. Advanced registration required as space is limited to 20 participants.

Admission for Wilfrid Jury Archaeology Day is by donation and all are welcome.

For more details, visit [www.archaeologymuseum.ca](http://www.archaeologymuseum.ca) or call the Museum at 519-473-1360.

### **About Wilfrid Jury**

Wilfrid Jury (1890-1981) was an archaeologist working in the London area. From his extensive research and archaeological digs in Southwestern Ontario, he came to found the Museum of Indian Archaeology in 1933 on Western's campus.

### **About the Museum of Ontario Archaeology**

The museum is located in North London beside the Lawson Iroquoian Village, a site occupied by the Neutral Iroquoians in the 16th century A.D. The MOA's collections reflect 13,000 years of human habitation in Southwestern Ontario.

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