

Camp: Summer 2020 March Break & Week 6

Dates: March 16-20 and August 10-14

Week Theme: Artifacts Adventure

Overview:

This camp week will explore Archaeology and the artifacts found in the ground today. What is an artifact? How does something become an artifact? And What information can an artifact tell us? Are all questions to be explored throughout the week.

Day Themes:

- **Monday – What are Artifacts?**
 - Begin the week with a hands-on introduction to artifacts! Campers will be able to interact with real artifacts and learn all about them.
 - **Example activity:** Campers will be introduced to artifact kits in the museum. As little archaeologists, it's up to them to use the kit and clues to discover what the artifact is, what it's made out of, and the purpose of the artifact.
- **Tuesday – Where are Artifacts found?**
 - After understanding what artifacts are, campers will then learn all about how archeologists find them through interactive activities.
 - **Example activity:** Campers will complete a series of four activities in our gallery space to discover the four stages of commercial Archaeology in Ontario to earn their certificate.
- **Wednesday – Water Day: Artifacts Edition**
 - Water day is here! Campers will discover how archeologists use water when finding artifacts, and what flotation can show archaeologists that they might otherwise miss.
 - **Example activity:** Our little archaeologists will do a case study to learn all about flotation and use tools that archaeologists may use out in the field!
- **Thursday – How did everyday things become artifacts?**
 - What makes something into an artifact? Does everything become an artifact? Campers will use their skills as detectives to figure out the answer to this question.
 - **Example activity:** They will then create their own “pre-artifact” pottery out of clay!
- **Friday – Make your own Artifact!**
 - Now that campers know what artifacts are and how they are made, they will use everything they've learned to make the ultimate artifact!
 - **Example activity:** Using craft materials, campers will construct their own artifact to inform future archaeologists about them – or to completely confuse them, whichever they decide.