



NORTH CAROLINA
MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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Summer Family Programs at the North Carolina Museum of History!

Are you ready for summer?

The museum offers free experiences for kids and families all summer long.

[Skip the Screen!](#)

July and August

In-person program at your state history museums*

FREE

Explore and connect with these family-friendly activities! Download a Time Travel Ticket from the museum's website—or get one at a state history museum.

Visit one of the museums and complete its Time Travel challenge, get your Ticket stamped, and collect your reward!

Complete an activity at:

one museum, and win a souvenir;

two museums, and win a souvenir and a museum store discount* on one item;

three or more museums, and win a souvenir and a museum store discount* on your total purchase!

* Mountain Gateway Museum, Old Fort; Museum of the Cape Fear, Fayetteville; NC Museum of History, Raleigh; Museum of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City; and the North Carolina Maritime Museums, Hatteras, Beaufort, and Southport.

[Take-it, Make-it Kits!](#)

Saturdays in July and August

1–3 p.m., while supplies last; one kit per family

In-person program

Kits are designed for families with elementary-age children.

Celebrate summer with safe (and FREE) hands-on crafts! Visit the museum to pick up a craft bag—complete supplies and instructions—and tour an exhibit with the included self-guided gallery hunt. Then, take the bag home to share the craft, extra activities, and North Carolina history tidbits with family and friends!

Topics and gallery hunts:

July 10: Corn husk doll

Toy Boom! Toys from the 1950s and '60s

July 24: Mini time capsule

History in Every Direction: Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Discovery Gallery

August 14: Bead basketball and cup

North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame

August 28: Paper canoe and glider

The Story of North Carolina

[Take a Look!](#)

Weekdays and weekends, as available

10-2:30 p.m., when docents are on duty

In-person drop in opportunity

Learn how to start a fire without a match, make a silly face to match our face jug, or hear the origins of the nickname “tar heel.” Engage with museum docents, as available, to explore the galleries in a meaningful way.

[Saturdays in the Garden](#)

Saturday, July 17

Saturday, August 21

10 a.m.

In-person program

Register in advance at NCMOH-programs.com

What’s growing in the garden? Enjoy a FREE informal tour of the museum’s *History of the Harvest* exhibit along Bicentennial Plaza. Tour group limited in size—pre-registration is required.

[Summer Tar Heel Tales](#)

Wednesdays in July and August

1-1:30 p.m.

virtual program

Ages 5 and up; parents are encouraged to participate with their children

Register in advance at NCMOH-programs.com

Stories don’t go away during summer! Join us for a story and a bit of North Carolina history.

July 7: *How I Became a Pirate*

July 14: *T is for Tarheel*

July 21: *The Toy Farmer*

July 28: *Amazing Grace*

August 4: *Players in Pigtails*

August 11: *The Pottery Place*

August 18: *Wind Flyers*

August 25: *The Pig Who Went Home on Sunday: An Appalachian Folktale*