



PEABODY MUSEUM
of ARCHAEOLOGY & ETHNOLOGY

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October is Archaeology Month at the Peabody Museum

(Cambridge, August 31, 2009) Celebrate Archaeology Month in Massachusetts. The Peabody Museum is offering special events throughout October 2009.

Archaeology Month at the Peabody Museum

- October 12 **OPEN HOUSE at the Museum's Zooarchaeology Lab**, Noon–4:30 PM. Peabody Museum zooarchaeologists will demonstrate what animal bones can reveal using modern animal skeletons. This event is a favorite for children. Bring your own bone to get it identified. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Free with Museum admission.
- October 14 **LECTURE: From the Cave of Origins to the City of Sacrifice...and Beyond: A Mesoamerican Odyssey in a Recovered 16th-Century Mexican Codex**, 5:30 PM
Location: Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge. Free.
- October 17 **FAMILY PROGRAM: Archaeology of the Magnificent Maya**, 1:00–4:00 PM. Investigate how archaeologists are unraveling the mysteries of Classic Maya culture and people. Try your hand at deciphering Maya numbers. Make and take home images of bahlam (jaguar), chan (snake), and soz' (bat), complex Maya glyphs. Participate in a special gallery program at 2:00. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Free with Museum admission.
- October 24 **FAMILY PROGRAM: Harvard Yard Archaeology, 9:30 AM –12:30 PM**. Meet archaeologists and find out what lies beneath. (See Related Exhibition below.) Recommended for ages 8 and up. Location: Harvard Yard, free. *Rain location: Peabody Museum, free with Museum admission.*
- October 29 **Harvard Yard Excavation Closing Ceremony and Results Day**, 1:00–4:00 PM. See what the excavation found. Staff and students will be available to answer questions. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Harvard Yard, drizzle or shine. Free.

For more information call 617-496-1027 or visit www.peabody.harvard.edu/calendar.

[Related Harvard Yard Archaeology Exhibition](#)

The exhibition *Digging Veritas: The Archaeology and History of the Indian College and Student Life at Colonial Harvard* shows how today's Harvard students make sense of archaeological finds from Harvard Yard and historical documents. Student archaeologists unearthed evidence of colonial Harvard as a landscape shaped by social and religious tensions. As the students searched for meaning in the material remains of Harvard students of the past, three themes emerged: literacy and the Indian College; rule-breaking and religion; and negotiations of social status. The exhibition remains on view through January 2010.

About the Peabody Museum

The Peabody Museum is among the oldest archaeological and ethnographic museums in the world with one of the finest collections of human cultural history found anywhere. It is home to superb materials from Africa, ancient Europe, North America, Mesoamerica, Oceania, and South America in particular. In addition to its archaeological and ethnographic holdings, the Museum's photographic archives, one of the largest of its kind, hold more than 500,000 historical photographs, dating from the mid-nineteenth century to the present and chronicling anthropology, archaeology, and world culture.

Location: The Peabody Museum is at 11 Divinity Avenue in Cambridge, a short walk from the Harvard Square MBTA station. **Hours:** 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., seven days a week. **Admission** is \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, \$6 for children, 3–18. Free with Harvard ID or Museum membership. The Museum is free to Massachusetts residents Sundays, 9 A.M. to noon, year round, and Wednesdays from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. (September to May). Admission includes admission to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. For more information call 617-496-1027 or go online to: www.peabody.harvard.edu.

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