



PEABODY MUSEUM
of ARCHAEOLOGY & ETHNOLOGY

PRESS RELEASE

Maize at the Museum! A Day for Families



- What:** Free family activities with Museum admission
- Where:** Peabody Museum, 11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge
- When:** Wednesday, April 22, 2009 10 AM–4 PM
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(Cambridge, March 18, 2009) For thousands of years maize has been grown and consumed by peoples in the Americas. And for much of that time, people have revered and celebrated it.

The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology invites families to explore the importance of maize and corn throughout the Americas on Wednesday April 22, 2009 from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Enjoy light refreshments (corn will be a major ingredient) and take home corn stories, recipes, and “amaizing” corn facts. All activities are FREE with admission and are appropriate for grades K–6.

Crazy Corn Clues: find the answers to crazy corn clues to earn your corn god sticker

Corn Color Craft: celebrate corn's range of colors and make multi-color corn from beads

Hands-on Table: count the colors of corn, handle a digging stick, and touch corn grinding tools

Try It Yourself: ever try grinding corn with a *mano* and *metate*? Here's your chance!

Food Quiz: test your food I.Q. while learning about foods from the Americas

Special Story Times: enjoy stories that highlight the importance of corn to people

11:00 am in the *Hall of the North American Indian* (First Floor Gallery)

3:00 pm in *Encounters with the Americas* (Third Floor Gallery)

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 located at 11 Divinity Avenue in Cambridge. The Museum is a short walk from the Harvard Square MBTA station.

Hours: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., seven days a week. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. 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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