



PEABODY MUSEUM
of ARCHAEOLOGY & ETHNOLOGY

PRESS RELEASE

Free Smithsonian Museum Day at the Peabody Museum



Includes Maize at the Museum! For Families

What: Free admission all day for two with Smithsonian Museum Day Pass

Where: Peabody Museum, 11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge

When: Saturday, September 26, 2009 9:00–5:00 PM
Maize at the Museum 1:00–4:00 PM

Information: 617-496-1027 or www.peabody.harvard.edu

(Cambridge, August 19, 2009) Encounter three continents of world culture in a single day at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology—for free. All day admission to the Museum for two people is free with a Smithsonian Museum Day Pass (download at www.peabody.harvard.edu/calendar) on Saturday, September 26, 2009.

Maize at the Museum!

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 from 1:00–4:00 PM. 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

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, 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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