



PEABODY MUSEUM
of ARCHAEOLOGY & ETHNOLOGY

PRESS RELEASE

A Rare Opportunity to Visit Behind-the-Scenes

- What:** Zooarchaeology Lab Open House, Free with Museum Admission
- Where:** Peabody Museum, 11 Divinity Ave.
- When:** Monday, October 13, 2008 (Columbus Day) Noon–4:30 PM
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(Cambridge, 6 October 2008) The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology swings open the doors to the Zooarchaeology Lab, where experts work with archaeologists to identify animal bones from excavations all over the world. The bones from archaeological digs can reveal what people ate, what animals they hunted, and what animals lived around them.



Zooarchaeology Lab Associate
Peter Burns

Peabody Museum zooarchaeologists will demonstrate what the bones reveal using modern animal skeletons. “We have everything from mice to mountain lions,” says Zooarchaeology Lab Associate Peter Burns. The museum’s collection of over 900 specimens includes a large number of domestic animals like

sheep, goats, cattle, horses, dogs, cats, snakes, and turtles. Visitors are encouraged to compare modern animal bones from the Museum's collection to bones from the prehistoric predecessors of today's animals. This event is a favorite for children. Bring your own bone to get it identified!

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-19th 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 AM to 5 PM, 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Admission is \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students and seniors, \$6.00 for children, 3-18. Free with Harvard ID or Museum membership. The museum is free to Massachusetts residents Sundays, 9 AM to noon, year round, and Wednesdays from 3 PM to 5 PM (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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