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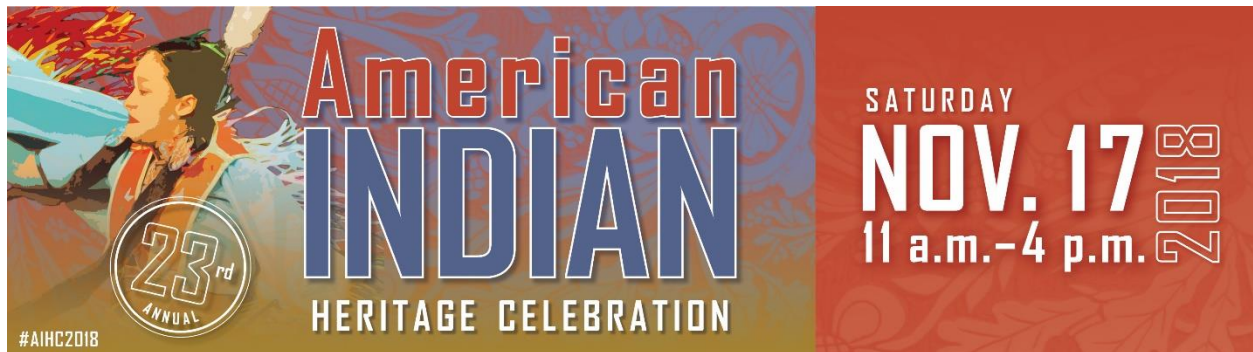
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**News Release**



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**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration**

*Celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month at the NC Museum of History*

RALEIGH, N.C. – For the 23<sup>rd</sup> year, people of all ages will attend the [American Indian Heritage Celebration](#) at the North Carolina Museum of History in downtown Raleigh. The state’s featured event for recognizing National American Indian Heritage Month will be held on Sat., November 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members of all eight state-recognized tribes\* will share their history and culture during this

popular festival, named a “Top 20 Event” in 2017 by the Southeast Tourism Society. **Admission is free.**

Over 100 presenters will fill the museum and Bicentennial Plaza throughout the day, including drum groups, dancers, craftspeople, storytellers, scholars, and artists. There will be plenty of hands-on activities for children, such as the bow-and-arrow shooting range, finger weaving, and corn cob darts. Food and beverages from American Indian owned businesses and organizations will be available. There will also be opportunities to take home souvenirs from select artists and vendors.

“Each year’s celebration brings something familiar and something new,” says Emily Grant, Youth Programs Coordinator. “From demonstrations of centuries-old crafts to discussions of current issues and what it means to be American Indian in 2018, the event will be part family reunion, part pageantry and performance, and part celebration of the resiliency and energy of community.”

During the day, there will be many opportunities to learn about the [eight state-recognized tribes](#) in North Carolina. **Attendees can:**

- Attend the Grand Entry, the roll call of NC’s tribes and organizations, which will be accompanied by drum groups and hundreds of dancers dressed in colorful regalia.
- Dive into hands-on activities, such as shooting bows-and-arrows, participating in archaeology digs, and imprinting designs onto pottery.
- Take in a fashion show and see how clothing designer Tabatha Jacobs Polanco incorporates traditional native elements into everyday fashion for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Engage with authors and educators, including Lena Epps Brooker (*Hot Dogs on the Road: An American Indian Girl’s Reflections on Growing Up in a Black and White World*) and Dr. Malinda Maynor Lowery (*The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle*).
- Discover UNC Chapel Hill’s virtual museum, a collection of 3D models of archaeological artifacts, and learn about the NC Archives and State Library’s efforts to digitize documents relating to American Indian communities.
- Watch a short film that documents the efforts of Robeson County residents who oppose the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Afterwards, you will have the chance to talk with the creators of the film about the project.
- Observe exciting demonstrations of weapon making and dugout canoe burning.
- Attend an informative talk with Dr. Vibrina Coronado on how Indians in Robeson County confronted Ku Klux Klan members in 1958 and thwarted their plans to rally.
- Learn how to make cough syrup using the medicinal and nutritious elderberry with Ricky Bratz of the Conservation Fund.

For an exciting and educational experience, bring the entire family to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Indian Heritage. For a **full schedule** of all performances and presentations, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/events](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/events) or call 919-814-7900.

Sponsored in part by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs; the City of Raleigh, based on recommendation of the Raleigh Arts Commission; the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County; IBM; Food Lion; Locklear Roofing; Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and MOHA (North Carolina Museum of History Associates).

### **Special Programming**

Be sure to join us throughout the month of November for our American Indian-related educational programming:

#### **History Corner: American Indians, Past and Present**

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 6–9 (may be accompanied by an adult)

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-814-7046.

Explore American Indian tribal communities, their histories and cultures, from centuries ago to present-day.

#### **History Hunters: First Peoples**

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Ages 10–13

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-814-7046.

Separate fact from fiction as you learn about NC’s eight state-recognized American Indian tribes.

#### **History à la Carte: Water**

Wednesday, Nov. 14, noon–1 p.m.

Register at [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com) to reserve a seat. Bring your own lunch; some beverages provided. For information, call 919-814-7032.

*Speaker: [Ryan E. Emanuel](#), College of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University; Member, Lumbee Tribe*

The Lumbee and the Coharie draw their tribal names from local rivers; the Meherrin call themselves “people of the water” about the rivers, wetlands, and sounds of their home; the Waccamaw Siouan creation story features a lake. North Carolina tribes

identify themselves by the landscapes and sacred places where they live, or once lived.

### **Annual American Indian Education Day**

Friday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Grades K–12, led by teacher or another adult. \$5 per student.

For information or to register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com) or call 919-814-7058.

Register by Nov. 2 to bring your school groups to a special day just for them! Students will have an interactive experience that brings American Indian history and culture to life. Visit teaching stations on storytelling, crafts, games, foodways, dancing, and music.

*Teachers:* If you can't be at the museum for Education Day, join us via *LIVE!* to hear music and see dances performed by North Carolina American Indian groups in Daniels Auditorium. Register before the show [here](#).

This *LIVE!* program is sponsored by BlueCross and BlueShield of North Carolina.

### **23rd Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration**

Saturday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

For information, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com) or call 919-814-7058.

Watch artists, dancers, and performers; participate in workshops and craft activities; and learn about NC's American Indian population. This event offers something for all ages and gives a firsthand opportunity to learn about the state's American Indian culture, past and present.

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\*The eight state-recognized tribes are Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony and Waccamaw Siouan. For further information about the tribes, go to <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/CIA/>.

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**About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian affiliate**

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

**About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit [www.ncdcr.gov](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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