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Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Offers Family Fun with Kid's Craft Weekends This Fall

Sept 3, 2014—The Mitchell Museum of The American Indian announces its fall activities for families this September- December. Families can stop by the museum on Saturdays and Sundays to make a Native American inspired craft. They are free with regular admission.

Mitchell Museum staff and volunteers lead kids DIY projects to make simple versions of traditional Native American items including Northwest Coast Masks, Dream Catchers, Lakota Star Quilts and more. Kid's crafts are offered Saturdays 11:00 am-noon and Sundays 12:30-1:30 pm. During the month of December, families can choose from three craft activities each weekend that make great gifts. The museum will also host school's out DIY all day craft days during Winter Break.

The complete fall Craft Program Schedule is as follows. Please see the Mitchell Museum Fall 2014 Craft Guide for a detailed description of the cultural significance of each craft listed below.

September:

6-7 Plains Shields

13-14 Loom Weaving

20-21 Northwest Coast Masks

27-28 Beaded Key Chains

October:

4-5 Cherokee Book of Words

11-12 Lakota Star Quilts

18-19 Button Blanket

25-26 Dream Catchers

November:

1-2 Talking Sticks

8-9 Northwest Coat Rattle

15-16 Canoes

22-23 Woven Baskets

29-30: Loom Beading

December:

Special holiday crafts for your children to make as great gifts!

Choose from three craft activities each weekend including Corn Husk Dolls, Concho Belts and Bolo Ties.

School's Out: All Day DIY Crafts:

Dec 23, 26, 30 and January 2.

Concho Belts, Bolo Ties, God's Eyes and Beaded Key Chains

Kid's craft activities are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary.

The Mitchell Museum is one of only a handful of museums in the country that focuses exclusively on the art, history and culture of American Indian and First Nation peoples throughout the United States and Canada. In 2012, The Mitchell Museum was named "Best Museum of The North Shore: Up and Comer" by *Make it Better* magazine, won the Superior award by the Illinois Association of Museums and was named an national finalist by the American Association of State and Local History award program.

For more information about The Mitchell Museum of The American Indian, visit www.mitchellmuseum.org or call 847-475-1030. The museum is open Tuesday-Wednesday 10 am- 5 pm, Thursday 10 am-8 pm, Friday- Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sunday noon to 4 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and children and FREE for Mitchell Museum members and Tribal members.

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