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Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Offers Family Fun with DIY Kid's Crafts this Winter Break

December 9, 2014—For a fun and educational experience this Winter Break, families can visit the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian to make a Native American inspired craft. While the kids are out of school, the museum has expanded its weekend craft program to every day, all day long during the weekdays the museum is open. The crafts are free with regular admission.

In addition to regular weekend crafts (Saturdays, 11:00-noon and Sundays, 12:30-1:30pm) on Dec. 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2, the entire family can make and take home simple versions of traditional Native American items that also make great gifts including:

- Concho Belts- Unique to the Zuni and the Diné (Navajo) tribes indigenous to the Southwestern United States. They are both functional and a work of art, and are typically constructed of braided leather and silver embellished with gemstones.
- Bolo Ties-A popular type of neckwear among tribes of the Southwest region including the Hopi, Zuni, Navajo and Pueblo tribes, but have been adopted by other native and non-native peoples.
- God's eyes- An ancient spiritual practice believed to come from Pueblo tribes of the Southwest region and into Mexico. The spiritual eye has power to see things that the physical eye cannot.
- Beaded Keychains- A fun way to display beadwork that is very popular among many Native American tribes throughout North America.

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 a 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 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday- Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and children and Free for Mitchell Museum members and Tribal members. The museum is CLOSED Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

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