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## **Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Offers**

### **Family Fun with Kid's Craft Weekends This Spring & Summer**

**May 2, 2014**—The Mitchell Museum of The American Indian announces its spring and summer activities for families this May, June, July and August. Families can stop by the museum on Saturdays and Sundays to make a Native American inspired craft.

Mitchell Museum staff and volunteers lead kids in hour-long DIY projects to make simple versions of traditional Native American items including Northwest Coast Rattles, God's Eyes, Bolo Ties and more. Kid's crafts are offered Saturdays 11:00 am-noon and Sundays 12:30-1:30 pm. The crafts are free with regular admission.

The complete spring/summer Craft Program Schedule is as follows. Please see the Mitchell Museum Spring/Summer 2014 Craft Guide for a detailed description of the cultural significance of each craft listed below.

#### **May:**

**3-4 Northwest Coast Talking Rattles**

**10-11 Talking Feathers**

**17-18 Canoes**

**24-25 God's Eyes**

**31 Bolo Ties**

#### **June:**

**1 Bolo Ties**

**7-8 Mini Tipis**

**14-15 Woven Baskets**

**21-22 Loom Beading**

**28-29 Paper Moccasins**

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**July:**

**5-6 Cherokee Syllabary**

**12-13 Plains Shields**

**19-20 Loom Weaving**

**26-27 Corn Husk Dolls**

**August:**

**2-3 Northwest Coast Masks**

**9-10 Quill Boxes**

**16-17 Lakota Star Quilts**

**23-24 Dreamcatchers**

**30-31 Beaded Keychains**

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](http://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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