

## The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Announces Virtual Field Trip and Private Tour Options

Virtual and Private Tours are a Safe and Engaging Way to Experience Native American Culture at the Mitchell

Museum Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Evanston, IL., January 27, 2022** –The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian announces virtual and in-person tours for visitors of all ages to learn about and experience Native American culture. Schools and families can now take a virtual field trip through our permanent exhibit, "A Regional Tour of American Indian Cultures," in the safety of the classroom or home. For visitors and groups looking for an onsite experience, the Mitchell Museum offers weekly private tour experiences on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide safe access to our exhibits, activities, and gift shop.

#### **Virtual Tour**

Our 30-minute field trip led by the Mitchell Museum's expert guides will take students through the major regions (Woodlands, Plains, Southwest, Northwest Coast/California, and Arctic/Subarctic) of the United States and Canada. Students will learn and experience the art and cultures of the tribal nations throughout each region. This interactive virtual tour, developed in partnership with Tri-Braining, Inc., and Redshade Productions, includes a curriculum guide and lessons for students, schools, and families to follow along and use during the video. As viewers learn and explore with our guides, we also offer regional crafts and recipes for students to create in the classroom or at home.

The virtual tour provides the same experience as the in-person tour. It consists of one week of unlimited video access, worksheets, and an optional docent Q&A to stream in the classroom or home. *A Regional Tour of American Indian Cultures* virtual tour and corresponding curriculum guides are available to purchase and view on Eventive.

# **Private Museum Experiences**

The Mitchell Museum is now offering visitors the option to schedule a two-hour private, onsite tour. Guests can discover the Museum with a self-guided or docent-led tour on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For the safety of our guests and staff, the Mitchell Museum can accommodate private tours for classes or groups ranging from 10-25 people. Reservations are required and must be made in advance.

## **Self-Guided Tours**

Private tour groups will have two hours to view the Mitchell Museum's exhibits at their leisure. During this time, visitors will receive a museum guide for our permanent exhibit and have the opportunity to explore the newest exhibition, *Reclaiming Cultural Treasures*.

# **Docent-led Tours**

Private tour groups will be led on a 90-minute tour of our permanent exhibit by one of our highly trained docents. During the tour, docents will take visitors on tour through the major regions of the US and Canada and learn about the histories, cultures, and traditions of the tribes in each area. The tour also includes time in



the teaching lodge, which houses our life-size hunting wigwam and traditional games. Participants will also get to pick a hands-on craft activity to take home at the end of the tour.

For more information regarding tour options, reservations, pricing, and the Museum's COVID safety protocols, please visit <a href="https://mitchellmuseum.org/tours/">https://mitchellmuseum.org/tours/</a>.

#### About the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian is one of only a handful of museums across the country that focuses exclusively on the art, history, and culture of American Indian and First Nation peoples from throughout the United States and Canada. The Museum was founded by John and Betty Seabury-Mitchell, who donated their personal collection to Kendall College in 1977.

#### **Tour Information**

Virtual Tour Pricing Information: \$50 on Eventive for 7 days. \$25 Docent Q&A via Zoom for 20 minutes

Self-Guided Tour Price Per Person: Seniors (65+), Youth/Teens (3-17), Students and Teachers/Professors with ID – \$5.00, Adults (18-64) – \$7.00

Docent-led Tours Price Per Person: Seniors (65+), Youth/Teens (3-17), Students and Teachers/Professors with ID – \$7.00, Adults (18-64) – \$9.00

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