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Join us for Summer Camp at the National Hellenic Museum

Archaeology, Greek culture, games, crafts and more

CHICAGO, IL - Get ready for a summer full of games, crafts, dance, food and fun at the National Hellenic Museum's 2015 Summer Camp.

Children and teens, ages 4 to 14, can experience the rich history of ancient Greece and learn the traditions that have been handed down through the generations through guided exploration of art, history, culture, language and food.

"It will be a unique cultural experience," says Dimitra Georgouses, education coordinator for the National Hellenic Museum. "We have two camps to choose from. One is focused on archaeology and one is focused on Greek culture and customs."

Both camps will offer a variety of activities from ancient history and civilization, mock archaeological digs, creating papier-mâché pots, decorating pottery, learning to bake Greek treats and learning to Greek dance.

"Everything will be very hands-on," says Georgouses.

Greek Customs & Culture Camp

Learn about the people, geography, and culture of Greece by creating a bouzouki (Greek guitar), baking Koulourakia (Greek pastry), and learning the Kalamatiano and Xasaposerivko (Greek dances). During the week, learn basic Greek phrases and greetings, and how to say certain foods in Greek. The week ends with Panagiri, a Greek festival.

Available Dates

June 29 – July 3 July 6 – July 10

Ancient Greece Camp

Learn what it means to be an archaeologist in Greece by grid mapping, learning about architecture, and analyzing artifacts from what would have been ancient burial tombs. During the week, learn basic Greek phrases and greetings, and how to say numbers in Greek. At the end of the week, design your own piece of Greek pottery to take home.

Available Dates

June 8 – June 12 June 22 – June 26 July 27 – July 31

The sessions are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with extended hours available both mornings and afternoons for an additional \$8 per hour. Morning care begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Curbside drop off and pick up is available during camp times. For more information or to register, visit www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org.

Download Registration Form

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Located in Chicago's Greektown, the sleek 40,000-square-foot National Hellenic Museum at 333. S. Halsted St. is both contemporary and timeless, connecting all generations—past, present and future—to the rich heritage of Greek history, culture, art and the Greek American experience. The National Hellenic Museum, previously known as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, has been fulfilling this mission since 1983.

For more information, visit <u>http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org</u> or call 312-655-1234. Follow NHM on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>!