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Kids can travel through time

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Juneau youth will have an opportunity to travel through time at the Archaeology Fair being held Saturday, March 29, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center (formerly the National Guard Armory) downtown at Egan Drive and Whittier Street.

Archaeology is the study of past human cultures and their activities through the examination of physical materials. At the fair, guest experts will present activity stations for youth to learn about all aspects of archaeology through demonstrations and hands-on activities. The event is free and is designed for families with students in grades K–8.

Participants will make stone tools and petroglyphs, learn about ancient technologies for gathering food, map a mock archaeological site, decode a trash heap, and much more.

Approximately a dozen activity areas will be hosted by archaeologists and other history professionals from the USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Admiralty National Monument, Alaska State Museum, Alutiiq Museum (Kodiak), and the University of Alaska Southeast.

Experts who will be on hand include: Amy Steffian, Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository; Myra Gilliam and Nicole Lantz, Admiralty National Monument; Mark MacCallum, Tongass National Forest; Dan Monteith, University of Alaska Southeast; Andy Higgs, Klondike National Gold Rush National Park; Yarrow Vaara, Sealaska; Jon Loring, and Shauna McMahon.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of the Alaska State Museum, with partial funding from the citizens of the City and Borough of Juneau through sales tax revenue.

Pre-registration is not needed. For further information contact the Alaska State Museum at 465-2901.

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