



A CULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE
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Mound House Field Trip Student Programs

Calusa Indian Pottery

Students will try their hand at making a Calusa-inspired pinch pot out of clay while learning about pottery techniques used by Florida's early inhabitants. Students will also get the opportunity to see actual pottery sherds from the mound and explore the importance of ceramics in the field of archaeology. *An additional materials fee of \$1/student is incurred for this program.*

Calusa Indian Cordage

The Calusa Indians gathered and prepared natural fibers to make rope to tie together canoes, make tools, and weave baskets. Participants will learn about natural fibers that were utilized by the Calusa for cordage and will learn this ancient craft to make their very own bracelet.

Calusa Indian Tools

The Calusa utilized natural resources for tools to gather food and water and to build shelters. Students will learn how tools were made and used by the Calusa and how these tools helped that culture rise to power as a dominant force in the Florida's history. Participants will observe a demonstration of spear throwing and be given the opportunity to use the atlatl to throw a spear.

Archaeology of the Mound House

Students will learn about the science behind archaeology and the techniques and tools used to uncover clues about the culture of the Calusa Indians. Participants will carefully sort through materials from the shell mound to discover what the Calusa used to build the mound, what kinds of fish and shellfish they ate, and what objects they made.