



2015

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*From the Streets of Old Milwaukee to the polar ice caps, MPM's Summer Camps take you to extraordinary places. You can become anything from a junior astronomer to a dinosaur hunter through exhibit exploration, music, creative art projects, and even behind-the-scenes activities with real artifacts.*

## **Ages 4-5**

Choose from fourteen single-day camps available between June 24 - August 13.

**Cost per camp session:** \$25 non-members, \$15 members

**When:** 9:30-11:00 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays

**Campers ages 4-5 will:**

- experience age appropriate exhibit discussions.
- engage in hands-on activities stimulating all of their senses.
- use literature and song to explore camp topics.



## **Ages 6-8**

Choose from six two-day camp sessions available between June 24 - August 13.

**Cost per camp session:** \$125 non-members, \$100 members

**When:** 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Extended care available!

**Campers ages 6-8 will:**

- learn about their camp topic in museum exhibits.
- engage in hands-on activities and handle real artifacts.
- enjoy a dome theater show.

**REGISTER OR LEARN MORE:  
(414) 278-2728**



## CAMP SESSIONS AGES 4 & 5

**Cost:** \$15 members, \$25 non-members for each camp. Fee covers both child and adult, and includes general museum admission for the entire day.

**Time:** 9:30-11:00 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**What to bring:** Please bring a bag in which campers can carry home their completed projects.

**Who can come:** Parents or adult chaperones are welcome, but not required, to join their child for these sessions at no additional cost. Unregistered children are not allowed to attend, including siblings and infants.

MPM's camps for kids ages 4 & 5 begin with a group-time discussion of the day's topic and introductions. Educators from Early Learning department use authentic artifacts and objects from our collections to make the experience real for the children. After spending quality time exploring the exhibits and learning about cultures and concepts, the children return to the classroom for hands-on creative experiences. Camps include at least three activities to make and take home related to the day's theme, and all themes are supported through literacy, science, culture and creative expression.

**NOTE:** *Camps are structured specifically for stated age ranges. Campers must be age 4 or 5 at the time of their registered camp. No exceptions allowed.*

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## AGES 4 & 5

**Wednesday, June 24**

### Building an Exhibit

*Registration deadline: June 3*

Come learn how MPM's awesome exhibits are built! You'll find out how curators decide which objects to display in an exhibit and where some of the artifacts come from. Next, you can create your own shadow box exhibit to take home -- a one-of-a-kind exhibit about a one-of-a-kind person: you!

**Thursday, June 25**

### Discoveries of a Paleontologist

*Registration deadline: June 4*

Paleontologists, the scientists who study dinosaurs, put together an almost impossible puzzle: what was life like for dinosaurs? Learn how paleontologists put together this amazing puzzle, and then step backwards in time to meet these dinosaurs in their habitats! You will also get the chance to touch real dinosaur fossils, as well as the tools that paleontologists keep in their field kit.

**Wednesday, July 8**

### Life in the Arctic

*Registration deadline: June 17*

Visit the "roof of the world" and meet the animals that live there by feeling the furs and skins that keep them warm. You'll also meet the people of the Arctic, the Inuit, by dropping in on an Inuit family in their snow-home, the igloo! Bring your imagination, and we'll provide snow goggles and make mukluks and have some frosty fun.

**Thursday, July 9** (also offered August 6)

### Junior Astronomy

*Registration deadline: June 18*

3...2...1...BLAST OFF! Create your own solar system during this stellar camp. You'll see moons and constellations and learn about what makes our Earth special and different. Afterwards, travel to other parts of the world to hear the stories different cultures passed down about the constellations they saw in the sky.

**Wednesday, July 15**

### Geology Rock Stars

*Registration deadline: June 24*

Get ready for a rockin' good time! Unearth some amazing facts about what's under our feet...and how it changes! Handle ancient rocks and go deeper and deeper under the earth's crust as you hear the stories these rocks tell about thousands of years of change on earth. You can even take home a collection of rocks to examine and enjoy.

**Thursday, July 16**

### Walk in the Woods

*Registration deadline: June 25*

Our Wisconsin woodlands have so much to show us! Visit a broadleaf forest and meet the different animals that live there. These animals will give you all kinds of clues, and through examination of furs, skeletons and habitats we will learn how they stay safe, warm, and fed. Put on your hiking boots and prepare to be amazed by the animals here in Wisconsin!

**Wednesday, July 22**

## **Butterfly Science**

*Registration deadline: July 1*

You can see that butterflies are beautiful – but did you know there’s science behind those beautiful wings? Visit our butterfly habitat and learn how butterflies use their pretty wings to keep themselves safe. You’ll also learn about metamorphosis – the way butterflies make more butterflies! Get ready to flit, flutter, and hover around the museum learning that butterflies aren’t just stunning; they’re scientific!

**Thursday, July 23**

## **Cultural Mask Making**

*Registration deadline: July 2*

Masks can turn us into something else or help us tell a story. Sometimes people use masks as part of a celebration! People from lots of cultures use masks in different ways, and during this camp you’ll visit different cultures to understand what their masks are telling us. Finally you will make your own masks and decide what story you want to tell with it.

**Wednesday, July 29**

## **King’s Bling**

*Registration deadline: July 8*

How do you know that someone is royalty? By their “bling,” of course! Archaeologists use the things left behind, like jewelry, to learn more about people who lived a long time ago. You’ll meet King Tut and learn about how archaeologists figured out he was a king, as well as what they’ve learned about people from many other cultures. You’ll even make some bling of your own, so come ready to be creative: It’s going to be a glittery, bedazzled kind of day!

**Thursday, July 30**

## **Streets Schoolhouse**

*Registration deadline: July 9*

Step back in time to attend a day of school in “Old Milwaukee,” where you will learn about what has and hasn’t changed about going to class. Make some of the tools children used, try some of the things kids did for fun and learn a little bit about their lives before and after school. Get ready to think about school in a whole new way.

**Wednesday, August 5**

## **Creepy Crawlies**

*Registration deadline: July 15*

Insects and bugs do a lot of important things in our world, like helping us get rid of garbage and helping our food grow. In this camp, you’ll meet some live insects and learn about the parts of the world that they come from. You’ll understand your world in a whole new way when you look at it through the (compound) eyes of an insect!

**Thursday, August 6** (also offered July 9)

## **Junior Astronomy**

*Registration deadline: July 16*

3...2...1...BLAST OFF! Create your own solar system during this stellar camp. You’ll see moons and constellations and learn about what makes our Earth special and different. Afterwards, travel to other parts of the world to hear the stories different cultures passed down about the constellations they saw in the sky.

**Wednesday, August 12**

## **Going on a Dino Hunt**

*Registration deadline: July 22*

Come along on a hunt for dinosaurs! In this camp, you’ll figure out the differences between meat-eaters and plant-eaters and then visit the dinosaurs in our exhibits to see what their homes were like. You’ll handle real dinosaur bones and learn about some of the ancient critters that lived right here in Wisconsin. You can even create your own dinosaurs to take home!

**Thursday, August 13**

## **European Village Traditions**

*Registration deadline: July 23*

Traditions help us understand what’s important to a group of people. Visit old-time Europe to learn about the way people of that time lived and what they cared about. Learn about how they got the things they needed, like food, clothing and a warm home, and what has changed over time. You will even recreate some original folk art techniques. Pack your bags for a trip back in time!

4-5

## CAMP SESSIONS AGES 6-8

**Cost:** \$100 members, \$125 non-members per each two-day camp. Campers must bring their own lunch and drink.

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Extended care available!

**What to bring:** Please provide your child’s lunch each day in an insulated bag labeled with their name.

**Who can come:** Camps for kids ages 6-8 can be attended by registered campers only. Chaperones or unregistered siblings or friends are not allowed to attend.

MPM’s summer campers get to experience the Museum in a very special way. Not only do they get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the inner-workings of the Museum, but they get to explore the theme of their camp right in the Museum galleries. Campers even get to handle real artifacts!

Each camp will include ice-breakers, team building exercises, and exhibit exploration and activities, especially in the areas that relate to the camp’s theme. Lunch is scheduled around noon, followed by outside playtime (weather permitting).

## AGES 6-8

Wednesday June 24 & Thursday, June 25

### Amazing Butterflies

*Registration deadline June 3*

Butterflies are amazing creatures. Their colors, lifestyles, and journeys have inspired generations of artists, storytellers and scientists. In this camp, you’ll travel the museum to address questions such as: How does a butterfly gets it beautiful patterns and coloration? What do butterflies do when it rains? How fast can butterflies fly? Take a trip through our live butterfly habitat, and then go behind the scenes to visit the staff who care for our butterflies from chrysalis through adulthood.

Wednesday, July 8 & Thursday, July 9

### Dinosaurs: Land of the Lost

*Registration deadline: June 17*

Are dinosaurs truly lost in time? They’re all extinct, right? Not exactly. MPM’s exhibits set the stage for learning how the science of paleontology reveals the relationship between today’s birds and reptiles and the dinosaurs. Go behind the scenes in our geology department for a close up look at fossils dating back millions of years. Dig into a paleontologist’s tool kit. Conduct hands-on examination of real fossils, and take the Museum’s legendary “Dinosaur Challenge.”

Wednesday, July 15 & Thursday, July 16

### Cream City Camp

*Registration deadline: June 24*

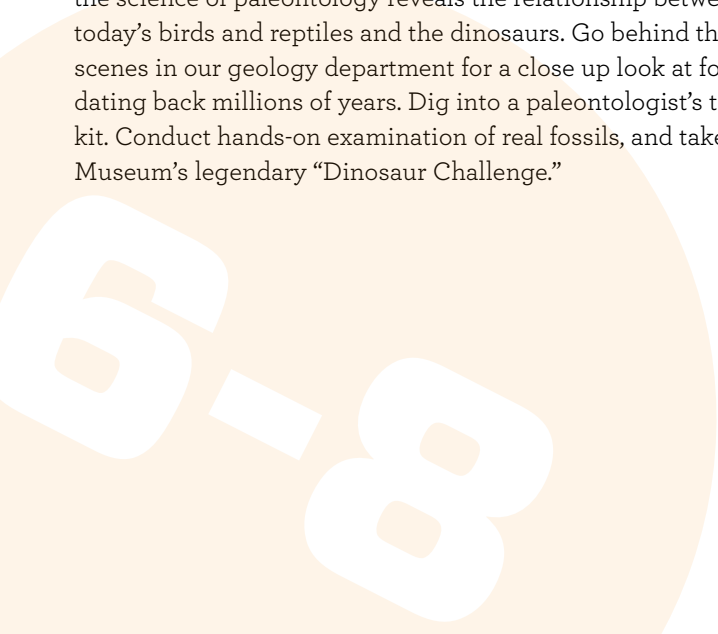
Ever wonder what life was like in Milwaukee 100 years ago? What did people do for fun? How did they spend their time? Where did the name Cream City come from? The *Streets of Old Milwaukee* will transport you back to this time where you can experience first-hand the sights, sounds, and feel of the city. Toy stores, a bakery, candy shop, doctor office, a general store and a local nickel theater are just a few of the places to visit in search of answers. Hands-on activities, games, and crafts will all be part of this journey back in time.

Wednesday, July 22 & Thursday, July 23

### King Tut and Other Mummies

*Registration deadline: July 1*

King Tut is the world’s most famous mummy. But, what do we really know about him and how do we know it? Search for answers using the Museum’s new exhibit *Crossroads of Civilization: Ancient Worlds of the Near East and Mediterranean* as a research lab. Investigate the science and culture of mummies by wrapping a replica mummy. Examine the lives of people of the ancient world through writing practice in hieroglyphics and cuneiform. Raise a model obelisk to learn how they created many of their incredible structures, and test your wits with the Museum’s Mummy Trivia Quiz.



## AGES 6-8

Wednesday, July 29 & Thursday, July 30

### Raiders of the Lost Artifact

Registration deadline: July 8

Missing: A valuable, prehistoric artifact has been lost somewhere in the Museum. But where is it? And what is it? Go behind-the-scenes to tour the pathways and chambers that hold the millions of objects in our collections. Along the way, you'll search for clues as we meet with archaeologists, scientists, historians and curators. Keep careful notes in your Archaeology logbook as we go, and create maps to track clues and chart our progress on our hunt for the Lost Artifact.

Wednesday, August 5 & Thursday, August 6

### Geology Rock Stars

Registration deadline: July 15

Do rocks tell stories? You bet they do! See rocks in a whole new light as you learn to describe a rock by its properties like color, luster, texture and hardness. Explore Museum exhibits to see how geologists and other scientists study rocks to learn about what our planet was like millions and billions of years ago. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Museum's Geology Lab with Geologist P.J. Burke to discover how rocks have been used by humans through time, and even whether there are rocks inside you. Gather, collect, compare, contrast and create an amazing "Rock Star" story collection of your own!

Wednesday, August 12 & Thursday, August 13

### Astronomy

Registration deadline July 22

Blast off into outer space as you peer deep into the mysteries of our solar system, the Milky Way Galaxy and the universe beyond. Build your own tools for exploring space, create models of the solar system and moon phases, and share ancient myths and legends inspired by the constellations. Learn how to read a star map, find and identify the constellations and other wonders of the summer sky. Meet the museum's astronomer as you undertake a voyage into the planetarium for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour.



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## How Do I Register?

### Step 1: Call Us

Registration must be completed three weeks prior to the desired camp's start date. Register by calling our reservations office at (414) 278-2728. You will be given a confirmation number.

### Step 2: Complete the online Health Form

The health form must be submitted three weeks prior to the desired camp's start date. To begin, go to [www.mpm.edu/user](http://www.mpm.edu/user) to set up a user account. After you have a user account, sign in and choose the tab labeled "camp forms." Next choose the option "Submit Health Form" and fill in the appropriate information. Finally, select the "Submit Health Form" button, and you are finished!

### Returning camper?

If your child attended camp last year, they are currently in our system and you simply need to update their old form with new information. To begin, go to [www.mpm.edu/user](http://www.mpm.edu/user) to access your user account. Next choose the option "Completed Health Form," choose the form you'd like to resubmit and edit any information that has changed. Finally, select the "Submit Health Form" button, and you are finished!

### No internet access?

Call (414) 278-2728 if you are unable to fill out the form online, and we will mail you a copy of the form to fill out and return. Registration deadline is three weeks prior to the first date of each session.



## Camp Timelines

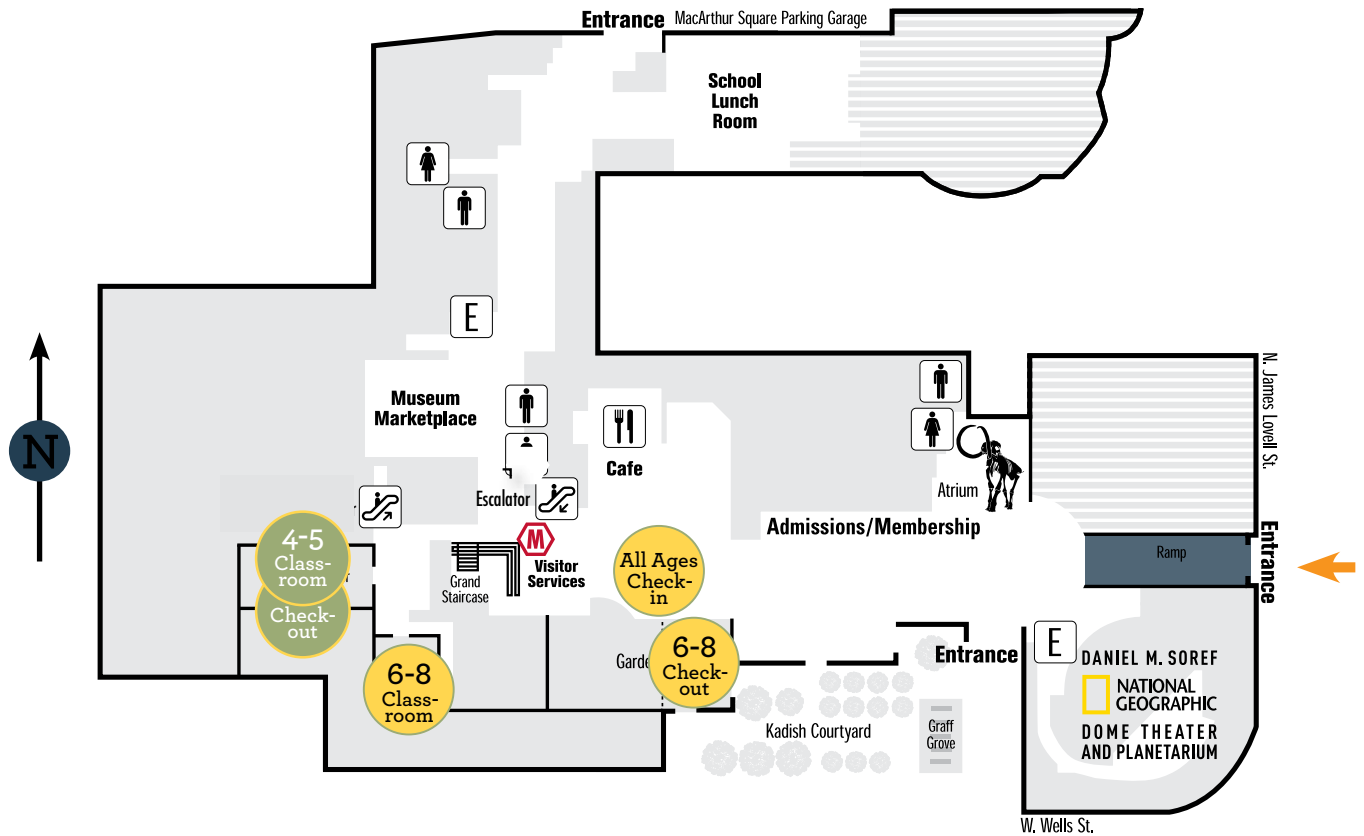
### Ages 4 - 5

- 9 a.m. check-in begins at check-in table
- 9:30 a.m. camp begins in 4 - 5 classroom
- 11 a.m. pick-up time in 4 - 5 classroom

### Ages 6-8

- 8 a.m. paid extended care session begins
- 9:15 a.m. check-in begins
- 9:30 a.m. camp begins in 6 - 8 classroom
- 12 p.m. lunch
- 12:30 p.m. outdoor recess (weather permitting)
- 3:30 p.m. pick-up begins in 6 - 8 check-out room
- 3:30 p.m. paid extended care session begins
- 5 p.m. extended care session ends, Museum closes for the day

# DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES



## AGES 4 - 5

### Where and when do I check in?

Please come to the check-in area near the MPM café (see map). Check-in begins at 9 a.m., but please be prepared to stay with your child until camp begins at 9:30 a.m. Activities will be provided during this time, and it is also an ideal time to tend to bathroom needs. If you are late, please check in regardless so we can issue your wristbands and account for your arrival. At 9:30 a.m. the group will proceed to the 4-5 classroom. You may stay and participate at no additional cost, or leave and return. Unregistered children are not allowed to attend camp (including siblings).

### Where do I pick up my child(ren)?

Please come to the 4-5 classroom to pick up your child at 11 a.m. There is no early drop-off or late pick-up for the 4-5-year-old campers.

## AGES 6 - 8

### Where and when do I check in?

Please come to the check-in area near the MPM café (see map). Extended care check-in begins at 8 a.m., and regular check-in begins at 9:15 a.m. You must accompany your child into the building and check in with camp staff by 9:25 a.m. During check-in, we will need you to verify emergency contact information and any health or medical instructions.

### Where do I pick up my child(ren)?

Please come to the check-out area (see map) to pick up your child at 3:30 p.m. Notify the camp teacher and sign the child out. Camp teachers will wait with children until 3:35 p.m. Those arriving late for pick-up will be charged \$5 (cash) per every 5 minutes they are late. Anyone picking up your child must present an ID and must be listed on your camp registration forms.

### How do I sign up for extended care?

Please sign up for extended care when you register, and note your arrival and pick-up times. The cost is \$20 for two days of morning extended care, and \$20 for two days of afternoon extended care. If you take advantage of extended care on each day of a two-day camp, the total cost will be \$40.



## CAMP FAQs

### *Do you offer refunds or exchanges?*

Camp reservations are non-refundable and non-exchangeable, except in the following situations:

- If arrangements are made three weeks prior to your original program date, enrollment may be transferred to a new date and time if there is room in that program.
- If we cancel the camp due to low enrollment, you will receive a full refund.

### *What if more than one of my children is registering, or my child wants to attend with a friend?*

Please submit one form per child. Friends or siblings who wish to attend camp together:

- must both fall within the age requirements of the session they plan to attend together.
- should both submit a separate form.

### *What is included with camp fees?*

Drawstring bags are given to all two-day campers in the 6-8 age group. If your child is signed up for multiple camps, he/she will receive one bag.

### *Who teaches the camps?*

Our camp staff is comprised of museum educators who plan and deliver interactive learning that will interest campers of all ages.

### *What if my child requires medication?*

The museum is not permitted to administer medication to any children at camp. Please make arrangements to administer medication during the day, such as at lunch time (around noon).

### *Can I bring my child early, or pick them up late?*

Yes. Extended care sessions are available for campers ages 6-8.

### *Do you offer scholarships?*

We do not offer camp scholarships, but members receive a discount on camp registration.

### *Do you provide snacks and lunch?*

We provide a morning snack for campers ages 6-8. You must send your child with a lunch, in a lunch bag labeled with their name. Campers ages 4-5 will not have snacks or lunch.

### *What are behavioral expectations?*

To ensure an appropriate learning environment, MPM reserves the right, upon notification of parents, to dismiss any student during any session for conduct that camp administrative staff deems detrimental to the well-being of other students, staff, or to the overall operation of the camp.

### *Can I become an MPM member to receive a discount when I register?*

Yes! Members receive a \$25 member discount on two-day camps for ages 6-8 or a \$10 discount on camps for ages 4-5.

## Camp Policies and Procedures

- Bathroom behavior: Children attending our 6-8 year old camps must be fully bathroom trained.
- Sunscreen: Kids must be wearing sunscreen and lip balm when they arrive at camp, even on rainy or cloudy days. If a reapplication is needed, they must be able to do this themselves, as our camp teachers are not permitted to apply sunscreen to children. Waterproof and sweat proof sunscreens are recommended. Please send your camper with sunscreen labeled with his or her name each day, and our staff will remind campers to reapply it before heading outside.
- Lost or stolen items: MPM is not liable for lost or stolen items. The museum will keep lost and found items for 3 business days from the end of each week of camp, and then dispose of it. Check with the Public Programs Coordinator if you have lost something.

### **What to Bring – Please Label All Items with Camper’s Name**

- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Snacks & lunch
- Sunscreen

### **What to Wear**

- Comfortable and light colored clothing
- Close-toed shoes
- Light sweatshirt (education classroom and museum are air conditioned)
- Sunscreen

### **What not to bring**

- cell phones, iPods, or other electronic devices
- toys or trading cards
- artifacts or specimens

### **Sick child or running late?**

If your child will not be attending camp for any reason, please call our Public Programs Coordinator at (414) 278-2715, or MPM reservations at (414) 278-2728, prior to 9 a.m.

## Contacts

For specific, non-registration questions contact:

- Ages 4-5: Early Childhood Coordinator at (414) 278-6943
- Ages 6-8: Public Programs Coordinator (414) 278-2715 or [summercamps@mpm.edu](mailto:summercamps@mpm.edu)

# MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

## SUMMER CAMPS FOR AGES 4-8

Age	June 24-25	July 8-9	July 15-16	July 22-23	July 29-30	August 5-6	August 12-13
4-5	<p>June 24: Building an Exhibit</p> <p>June 25: Discoveries of a Paleontologist</p>	<p>July 8: Life in the Arctic</p> <p>July 9: Junior Astronomy</p>	<p>July 15: Geology Rock Stars</p> <p>July 16: Walk in the Woods</p>	<p>July 22: Butterfly Science</p> <p>July 23: Cultural Mask Making</p>	<p>July 29: King's Bling</p> <p>July 30: Streets Schoolhouse</p>	<p>August 5: Creepy Crawlies</p> <p>August 6: Junior Astronomy</p>	<p>August 12: Going on a Dino Hunt</p> <p>August 13: European Village Traditions</p>
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