

**Activity name:**

This activity is a **activity/educational** part of the **PREHISTORIC TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM FOR EDUCATIONAL GROUP TOURS**

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**Key messages of the activity:**

- Children will learn:
- Four cultural periods: Paleo-Indean, Desert (Archaic) Basketmaker II and III, and ancestral Pueblan
- Various tools and technology used for survival during those four periods
- Types of animals hunted during those periods
- The significance of the atlatl
- The significance of the bow and arrow

**Intended audiences:** (list age ranges)

- Fourth grade is the youngest (approximately age 9)

**Props or articles needed:** (complete list of all things needed to do this activity)

- A thrusting spear
- Atlatl
- The Hunter's Kit box which contains tools, photos
- The map/outline on how to lay out the tools from the Hunter's Kit box
- A table to be set up prior to the program activity by Visitor Services
- (Optional) Box of rabbit sticks and metal rabbits

**Where props are located in the museum**

**Set up instructions:** (list complete instructions in detail, so that a docent new to this activity understands how to prepare)

- At least one day prior, request a table from Visitor Services. This activity is generally done in the Archeology Gallery
- Put the map/outline on the table top
- Arrange the tools from the Hunter's Kit box on this map as outlined by cultural period

**Set up time:** (approximate minutes to complete the set up as per instructions above)

- 15-20 minutes

**Minimum number of docents:** (state the number of docents needed; this may be based on age group, number of parents or adults accompanying children, type of group, amount of time the group will spend at the museum)

- One docent per 12 students

**Best places within the museum to hold the activity:** (are there certain galleries that lend themselves better to this activity)

- Archeology Gallery

**Activity time:**

- 30 minutes

**Activity details:** (This is an outline of how to facilitate the activity; it should be complete enough to allow any docent to execute it. Provide hints, alternative ways of doing the activity, how to alter the activity for different age groups. The activity should be repeatable and trainable and not dependent on certain docents to run it.)

- Introduce yourself and any other docent assisting you
- Ask some general questions what pre-historic means, how people survived then, how did they spend their day, who did the hunting, who did the gathering, etc.
- Refer to the panels in the Archeology Gallery. Point out the seeds, the split twig figurine, the types of shelters
- Ask how people knew what and how to hunt and gather. Nothing was written. All knowledge was learned orally.
- Refer to the tools and the cultural periods
- With the thrusting spear, they had to get close to the animal. This was dangerous.
- Show the tools used to cut the animal. Ask them how various animal parts were used—the bladder, the skin, the sinew, etc
- Show how the projectile points were smaller after the mega fauna were gone. Ask how they make the points. What rock was used?
- What types of game were killed with the atlatl?
- What types of animals were killed with the bow and arrow?
- How did the people follow the seasons and move with the weather changes in order to survive?
- **The Extension of this activity**
  - If time and weather permit, take the group outside to throw the rabbit sticks. If the group is large, some of them can be doing this activity, while the others are inside with the Hunter's Kit and then switch the groups.
  - Make sure no one throws a stick until all persons are out of the way of the next thrower.

**Short cuts:** (state what areas can be eliminated or shortened & still keep the key message if the docent is pressed for time)

**Cultural sensitivities to consider:**

**Clean up of props, etc.:** (Provide precise instructions for how to dismantle displays, how to clean and store s materials)

- Put all Hunter's Kit objects in their correct leather bags. Ensure all objects and photos are place carefully in the box.
- Return all metal rabbits and rabbit sticks in the plastic tub.

***As a courtesy to other docents, please put all props and articles exactly where you found them.***

**Estimated time to clean up:**

- 15 minutes