

Adventures in History Summer Camp at the *Atwood Museum!*

Lesson Plan

Session 1: July 5, 12, 19 and 26

Session 2: August 2, 9, 16 and 23

Lesson 1: “Mapping Cape Cod”

Let’s go on an adventure, but how will we navigate our way to the treasure? Compare the maps of old and new Cape Cod, seek out treasure using a compass and other navigational tools, and even make your own map and compass. With this lesson you will learn about map features, practice using a map, and create your own map that incorporates your newly acquired cartography skills.

Lesson 2: “The Wetu”

Come and explore everything there is to know about the newly built wetu at the Atwood Museum. With expertise and guidance, participants will learn about the design and construction of this structure and even try to build one using the same tools and materials. Students will also have the opportunity to create their own smaller scale wetu.

Lesson 3: “Ocean Rescues Past and Present”

Sadly, Cape Cod has endured storms and shipwrecks over the centuries; however, our life saving techniques have saved countless lives. Learn about how lives were saved in the past and how the Coast Guard’s methods have evolved over time. Participants will meet a U.S. Coast Guardsman and bring home not only stories of ocean rescues, but also a safety guide that will help us understand our sometimes perilous waters.

Lesson 4: “The History of Fishing on Cape Cod”



Our ocean has provided us with a bounty of food since the beginning of time, but we need to learn how to harvest it safely and effectively. Learn about the history of fishing on Cape Cod, the many varieties of fish, and the techniques used from raking shellfish to trolling. We will even have an opportunity to learn about the fish weir from a local expert and create our own model of one.