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CALLING ALL KIDS FOR MUSEUM'S HISTORY CAMP

KENNEBUNK, MAINE – Spend a day at The Brick Store Museum with “History Camp: Paddles, Printing & Pathways” to be held on Saturday, July 17, from 9:45 AM to 2:30 PM. This program marks the Museum’s seventh annual History Camp for kids entering third through sixth grades.

Space is limited with pre-registration required by July 10. The registration fee of \$30 per camper (\$25 for Museum members) includes a snack and all supplies. Campers are to bring their own lunch. Registration forms are available at www.brickstoremuseum.org or by contacting the Museum at 207-985-4802.

This year’s History Camp features special activities to tie in with the Museum’s current and upcoming exhibitions, including: *In the Maine Stream*, *Learning is an Ornament*, and *Windows on the Past*. With the museum’s circa 1899 Wabanaki birch bark canoe and a collection of vintage canoe paddles serving as their inspiration, campers will learn the history of Kennebunkport’s early 1900s Indian Village and canoeing traditions on the Kennebunk River. They will then decorate souvenir paddles in the folk art tradition of those displayed as part of *In the Maine Stream*. The kids’ wooden paddles are handmade by Shaw & Tenney, the Orono, Maine-based marine hardware manufacturer that has been in business since 1858. Next up is hearing about the early schools in Kennebunk and replicating some of the tools and games used in the 1800s. Kids will craft a hornbook and shuttlecock for trying their hands at “Battledore” and will even get in a round of “Nine Man Morris.” Finally, the kids will pair technology with their creativity and a bit of Kennebunk history. The Museum is in the midst of a creating a cell phone-based audio tour of the museum’s highlights with Guide by Cell® Inc., and camp participants get to select, research, and record a real stop on the tour. The camp concludes with family members and the general public invited to the Museum from 2:00 to 2:30PM to view the campers’ projects and to tour the current exhibitions. As lasting memories of the day, campers take home everything they have created.

History Camp is developed by the Museum’s Education Committee and is made possible by the Dorothy Fish Fund for Furthering Edith Barry’s Legacy.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in the midst of Kennebunk’s historic district. For more than 70 years, the Museum has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region’s rich cultural and artistic heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays – Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1 (closed holidays). Admission is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207-985-4802 for further information.

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