



It All STEMS From Here:

Free Early Tech Day is Part of Museum's "Passport to the Queen City" Program

WHAT The Charlotte Museum of History offers a special program for children and families on Sunday, Nov. 18, to explore early technologies in the Carolina Backcountry.

The word "technology" conjures up images of space-age rockets, robots and voice recognition devices, but humans have used technologies to survive and thrive in the Carolina Piedmont for thousands of years. The early people of the Queen City—including the Native American peoples that were her first residents—had a number of amazing innovations.

Join the museum and special guests to explore Native American textiles and pottery, the chemistry of cooking, the power of fire and more.

Visitors can:

- Take a special tour of the 1774 Rock House, focused on how the home was constructed.
- Explore the science of archaeology with the curator of Archeology & Collections at the Lincoln County Historical Association.
- Learn more about prehistoric textile technologies with The Charlotte Museum of History's president & CEO.
- Learn about the pottery and craftsmanship of the Catawba people with the USC Lancaster Native American Studies Center.
- Practice the chemistry of cooking and see how Backcountry residents made and preserved their foods, including the many uses of gourds.
- Watch a Backcountry blacksmith harness the power of fire to make important tools.

The event is part of the museum's year-long "Passport to the Queen City" program for children. The [Passport to the Queen City](#) program offers children the chance to learn about the many peoples that make up Charlotte's unique cultural landscape. The program is designed to develop courage, compassion and critical thinking. Children get a free museum "passport" and receive a stamp for each program they attend. When they complete 75% of the passport, kids receive a

museum prize celebrating our diverse, global city. The year-long program culminates in July with an Independence Day celebration and Naturalization Ceremony for new U.S. citizens.

WHEN Sunday, Nov. 18

Noon-4 p.m.

HOW TO GO Early Tech Day activities are free and include admission to the museum. [Registration is requested](#), though not required.

The Charlotte Museum of History is just minutes from uptown, at 3500 Shamrock Drive.

More information is at charlottemuseum.org or by calling 704.568.1774.