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### **Children unearth history at Living Heritage Museum Archeology Camp**

ATHENS, Tenn. (June 18, 2010)—Rising fourth and fifth graders sifted through layers of dirt—and history—on Thursday, June 17, at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum’s Archeology Camp.

Under the supervision of Lisa Chastain, curator of exhibits, children used trowels, brushes, and screens to uncover and examine “artifacts,” including pottery shards and arrow heads, in a specially prepared dig pit outside the Museum. Then, camp participants made their own clay pots and arrow-head jewelry.

“The children were able to connect with Native American history in a personal, hands-on way,” said Chastain. “They really enjoyed imagining what life would have been like for this region’s first inhabitants. And they all asked if they could visit the Museum again this summer!”

Funding for the archeology camp was donated by Crescent, Inc., which produces high quality socks in Niota, Tenn., in the oldest operating hosiery mill in the United States.

Founded in 1982, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is a private, nonprofit organization housing more than 7,000 artifacts in 30 permanent exhibits that represent the culture and history of Southeast Tennessee from the 1700s to 1940s. The Museum also offers several changing exhibits as well as numerous special events and programs throughout the year and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.livingheritagemuseum.com](http://www.livingheritagemuseum.com).

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