Museum Lab 2019: Exploring Collections
Aug 5-9, 10am-3pm
At the Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum

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Calling all history and museum-lovers for a one-week, hands on workshop!

Under the direction of a professional archaeologist, an archivist, and a published history author, participants will learn about what sorts of historical items museums collect, how we learn from them, and how we can preserve them - using actual historical materials that are hundreds of years old!

During this week-long program, we will:

- Unbox stores of archaeological artifacts dug up on the grounds, and learn how you can help the museum preserve and understand them.
- Examine hand-written records older than the Declaration of Independence, and try to read them ourselves, while also learning how to take care of very old documents.
- Take a walk through the historic Rahway Cemetery, and find out what we can learn from old gravestones, and how American's relationship to death has changed from the Colonial days to now.

ELIGIBILITY
Children and teens of middle- and high-school age with interest in the subject matter. Previous experience is not required - just enthusiasm for history and museums!

FEES
Free to youth whose families are members of the museum. (Non-member families can join the museum and camp for the cost of a $25 family membership.) All supplies are provided, but participants are asked to pack their own lunch every day.
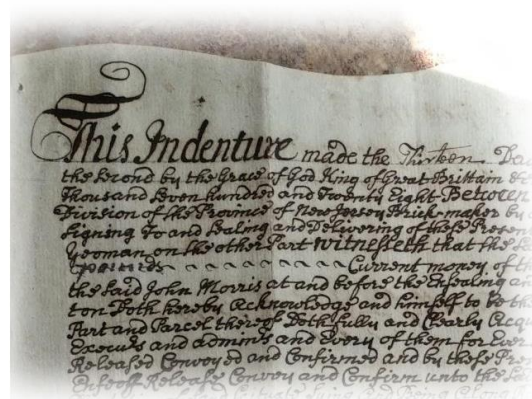

REGISTRATION
Registration will be done in-person. Young people interested in registering for the program should call 732-381-0041 and arrange to stop by the museum with a parent or guardian during open hours (Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 10AM-4PM, and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month 12PM-4PM).

The program will be run by a professor of archaeology, with help from a library archivist and schoolteachers, and successful completion can potentially be counted as internship experience.

Visit us online at www.merchantsanddrovers.org!

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