



Museum of the Cherokee People

MOTCP Scavenger Hunt – Evergreen Version

Walk through the exhibit to find all the clues below. Each clue will be marked by an evergreen-colored water spider. Once you find the clue, take some time to complete each activity.

Look for a blue case filled with ceramic bowls. These bowls were created by an EBCI artist. Bowls can be made in lots of different ways. How were these bowls in the case made?

Location: Near the beginning of the exhibit after the video screening and the prehistoric archeology. The ceramic bowls are located in a small blue exhibit case within the curved wall.

Answer: These bowls were made with a coiling method and then fired in a fire which helps create the unique coloring.

Find the masks that represent the seven clans. What are the names of the seven clans?

Pick your favorite mask and learn more about it from the side panel. What does your favorite clan mask represent?

Location: The seven clan masks are in a large blue exhibit case next to the large basket that you can weave. A sign describing the seven clans is located next to the large blue case and above a bench.

Answer: The seven clans are wolf, bird, deer, blue, long hair, paint, and wild potato. Clans are passed down through the mother because the Cherokee are a matrilineal society. Learn more about each clan on the large sign next to the exhibit case.

Look for the traditional Cherokee games. What games did you find? Who is in the black and white photo playing the bean game?

Location: Cherokee games can be found across from the houselike structure in the large room that also displays the canoe.

Answer: Some of the games that are shown are stickball, chunky, and the bean game. The black and white photo of the bean game depicts two Cherokee people.

Look for the large printing press. What was the name of the first Cherokee newspaper? What languages were used in the newspaper? Write a headline about your day today:

Location: Information about the newspaper can be found near the printing press (which is in a large clear box/exhibit) next to the tree with leaf buttons showcasing Sequoyah's syllabary.

Answer: The first Cherokee newspaper was the Cherokee Phoenix which was published in Cherokee and English. It is the first newspaper published by Native Americans and in an Indigenous language. Headlines about your day could be something like, "5th grade class goes to Museum of the Cherokee People" or "Family visits Cherokee, NC for first time" or something concise and factual.

Find the picture of the future museum building and collections space. These buildings will hold important objects for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. What 3 things would you choose to tell your story? (Hint: What about your clothes? Or the movies you like?)

Location: these photos are on the last wall of the exhibit in the alcove next to where you exit the exhibit.

Answer: there is no correct answer! Students/children can choose any objects (or stories) that they believe represent part of them. Examples of answers: medals/trophies awarded to them, their favorite pair of shoes, a poem they wrote for class, a family tree, their favorite book, etc.

Time to go outside! Who is on the large statue in front of the museum? What did he create?



Location: In front of the museum by the main road.

Answer: This is Sequoyah and he created the Cherokee syllabary which is how Cherokee is written.

Once you finish your scavenger hunt: Turn it in at the front of the museum for a prize!