

# Tidewater Lifeways

## Grades 3 through 5

### 1-2 Hours



Come explore how early European settlers and Native Americans lived side by side in colonial Maryland! Learn how customs, traditions, foodways, clothing, and day-to-day life compared between the two very different cultures.

#### Activities Available:

- Compare the similarities and differences between what the European settlers and Native American ate, how they farmed, what their clothes were like, and what kinds of tools they used. Students will have the opportunity to touch, feel and smell artifacts and objects associated with both groups who lived along the Patuxent River.
- Learn how Native Americans made nets and bags out of cordage. Learn from park staff how to make cordage out of raffia, dogbane, or other natural material to create your own bracelet!
- Learn how the Patuxent people made pots and bowls out of natural clays! Create your own pinch pot using Native techniques and decorative styles.
- Learn how the different groups created fire! Native Americans created fire using natural materials, and European settlers used flint and steel. Watch park staff demonstrate how to gather tinder, create charcoal, and start a fire! Try to make charcoal of your own using different techniques!
- Learn how both groups preserved the stories of their ancestors through storytelling.
- Discover how Native American and European children spent their leisure time. Learn Play some of those games with your classmates!

**For more information on this program and fees, contact the Education Coordinator at (410) 586-8504, or [julie.hall@maryland.gov](mailto:julie.hall@maryland.gov).**