



Image caption: Museum Educator Paul Best tells a story about the crystal sphere (Object: C681A) on display in the center of the Asia Galleries at the Penn Museum. High-resolution images related to summertime at the Penn Museum are available for download [here](#).

This Summer at the Penn Museum Free Admission Days and Happy Hour Concerts in the Gardens

PHILADELPHIA, May 2, 2024—This summer, the Penn Museum is opening its doors to everyone with **free admission days in June**; live concerts during happy hour at *Garden Jams* on Wednesdays in July; and *Summer Wonder*, family zones offering hands-on educational activities with a museum visit.

Free admission

As a [2024 Blue Star Museum](#), the Penn Museum offers **free admission to military personnel and their families all summer**—from Armed Forces Day (May 18) through Labor Day. **Military veterans and teachers** (with ID) **receive free admission** to the Penn Museum **all year long**.

In advance of the official holiday, the Penn Museum will host an **inaugural [Juneteenth Festival](#)** on **Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 am—4:00 pm with free admission**. Featuring local performance artists and a community marketplace spotlighting **Black-owned businesses**, the daylong festival concludes with **Forum Philly's Juneteenth Honors Program**. Additional information, including a line-up of events and a link to register, is available [here](#).

As part of the annual [Wawa Welcome America Festival](#), the Penn Museum will offer **free admission on Friday, June 28**. Registration is required. Registration is available [here](#).

Garden Jams: Live concerts and cocktails in the historic courtyard

The Penn Museum's **outdoor summer concert series returns July 10** with the **West Philadelphia Orchestra**. Other bands include **Zydeco-a-Go-Go** on July 17, **Glenn Bryan and Friends** on July 24, and **Guachinangos** on July 31. *Garden Jams* features **happy hour in the gardens with food trucks** Wednesday evenings, and the galleries are open until 8:00 pm.

\$15 general admission; \$5 PennCard holders; free for Penn Museum members.

For the kids

Beginning June 25, families can embark on an interactive adventure in the [Summer Wonder](#) family zones. Featuring an exciting array of art-making opportunities, a reading nook filled with children's books, daily story time at 11:30 am, and an engineering space with building challenges each day, it is a chance for kids of all ages to explore the incredible world of archaeology (the study of objects people left behind) and anthropology (the study of what makes us human). *Summer Wonder* runs daily through August 18 and is **included with Museum admission**.

[Penn Museum's Anthropology Camp](#) **has a few spots left**. Now in its 26th year, this summer camp makes archaeology and anthropology accessible with hands-on workshops, educational talks, and immersive gallery exploration for ages 6-13. Diverse weekly themes include ancient fashion and how it inspires today's trends, ancient writing systems, and how music is used in celebrations for cultures around the world. More information is available [here](#).

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ABOUT THE PENN MUSEUM

The Penn Museum's mission is to be a center for inquiry and the ongoing exploration of humanity for our University of Pennsylvania, regional, national, and global communities, following ethical standards and practices.

Through conducting research, stewarding collections, creating learning opportunities, sharing stories, and creating experiences that expand access to archaeology and anthropology, the Museum builds empathy and connections across diverse cultures.

The Penn Museum is open Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. It is open until 8:00 pm on first Wednesdays of the month. The Café is open Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. On Sundays, the Café is open 10:30 am-2:30 pm. For information, visit www.penn.museum, call [215.898.4000](tel:215.898.4000), or follow @PennMuseum on social media.