

Welcome

Mission of the Center

The Aurora University Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures serves as a setting for research and teaching related to the study of cultural artifacts and related texts. With a primary focus to enrich the teaching and learning experience of AU students and faculty, the center also serves as an important resource for area schools and colleges, researchers, Native American groups, and the general public. The center is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professional, scholarly and ethical excellence in its museum and educational work.



EXPLORE AND CELEBRATE THE MANY CULTURES OF NATIVE AMERICA



Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures
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The Schingoethe Center includes the only museum in the western Chicago suburbs dedicated solely to the history, culture and art of Native Americans.

Educational Programs

Every year groups of all ages, from preschoolers to senior citizens and corporate groups, visit the Schingoethe Center to learn more about Native American cultures. In addition, dozens of college classes — from Aurora University and neighboring institutions — conduct sessions at the center.

The center is a rich resource for teachers, professors, youth leaders and parents. Discovery boxes containing artifacts, instructional materials and lesson plans may be borrowed for a nominal fee. The boxes cover a wide range of topics about Native American cultures, tailored to various age groups from young children through adults. Audio Visual materials on Native American topics are also available.



Public Programs

Each year the museum hosts prominent Native American elders, artists, lecturers, guest curators and authors in programs that coincide with the opening of new museum exhibits. A list of free public events is available at www.aurora.edu/museum.

Children's Activities

Children are invited to investigate many hands-on experiences, such as grinding corn with a real mono and metate; building a full-size wigwam and Navajo weaving.

Reference Library

The Schingoethe Library holds more than 2,000 volumes related to Native American cultures — one of the most complete reference libraries on this topic in Illinois. In addition, scholars can access a rare book collection (by appointment only) related to Native Americans and the westward expansion. Visit our website at www.aurora.edu/museum to access some rare books and the Montgomery Archive.

History of the Schingoethe Center

Martha and Herbert Schingoethe long believed it an important educational and cultural resource for the study and celebration of Native American cultures at Aurora University.

Museum Store

The museum store offers a wide variety of authentic Native American jewelry and other artifacts, as well as an extensive selection of children's items. When possible, merchandise is bought directly from Native American sources.

Membership

Schingoethe Center members receive a discount at the museum store, periodic newsletters and other mailings about center events, and free admission to the museum. For information, call 630-844-7843.

Hours

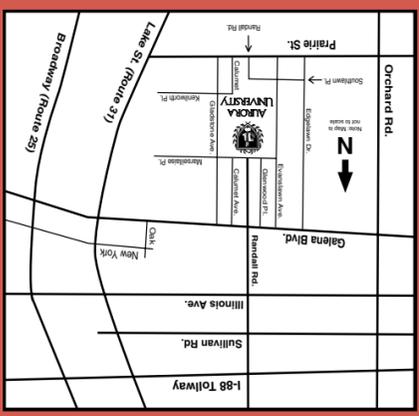
Tuesday 10 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
 Sunday 1–4 p.m.
 (during the academic year only)

Admission

There is no fixed admission charge, but a donation from public visitors is requested to help defray museum expenses. Suggested donation: \$3 per adult, \$2 per child or senior, with a maximum of \$7 per family.

Location

Aurora University
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The Schingoethe Center is located at the intersection of Randall Road and Marseillaise Place. From the East-West Tollway (I-88), exit at Orchard Road. Turn left (south) on Orchard Road and go two miles to Galena Boulevard. Turn left (east) right (south) on Randall and go five blocks to the T-intersection with Marseillaise Place. You are now facing Dunham Hall; the parking lot is located west of the building. On-street parking is also available.

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Collection

The Schingoethe Center houses more than 5,000 ethnographic and archaeological objects from more than 400 cultures in North, Central and South America. The collection spans prehistory through the work of contemporary Native American artists, and was started by Herb and Martha Schingoethe, reflecting a lifetime of collecting. It continues to grow through generous gifts from collectors, as well as exchanges and acquisitions. The museum is committed to the preservation and display of these remarkable artifacts for all to learn about the contributions of America's first inhabitants.

