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See a display of toys found on archaeological sites. Play with modern examples. Presented by Misty Jackson of Arbre Croche Cultural Resources.

Coloring and Games
Coloring pages, word games and other fun for kids of all ages. Take a few home with you!

Archaic Hunting Skills
Practice shooting at a deer target using an atlatl (spear thrower), the weapon of choice for Michigan hunters thousands of years ago. Give it a try! Presented by Ron Burk and Mike Mauer of the Michigan Archaeological Society.