

Education Programs

Tours, programs, and special events

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Guided Tours

Deep Time in Texas Tour

Discover meteorites, dinosaurs, ice-age mammals and more on this guided tour of the Hall of Geology. Students will discover how prehistoric creatures interacted with their environments, and how species arise and go extinct. They will see and touch real fossils, and visit with a paleontologist in a working lab.

Natural Wonders Tour

See fossils from the Texas pterosaur and a steppe bison, exquisite gemstones, and amazing insects! Learn why Texas Natural Science Center collects these specimens, and the lessons they reveal about the natural world around us. Students will learn about the Earth's past and present, and will be asked to consider scientific challenges of the future.

Texas Wildlife Tour

Discover the diversity of Texas wildlife in native habitats on the Museum's third floor. Students are introduced to animal adaptations, animal classification, habitats, and predator and prey relationships. Students also learn about nocturnal animals and their special adaptations.

Scheduling

Guided tours for Spring 2008 are offered from Jan. 14 through May 2. Guided tours are scheduled Mon.- Fri. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., with the last tour of the day scheduled at 1 p.m. Tours last 30-45 minutes, according to grade level. Call 512-471-3551 to schedule your group visit or request a time and date with our online tour request form at:

www.utexas.edu/tmm/visiting/registration.html

Ages/Grade levels

Tours are scheduled for Pre-K groups, K-12 classes, and community groups. School tours are based on multiple themes from the Science TEKS.

Fees

Cost is \$1 per student for guided tours, with accompanying adults free. Self-guided groups and general museum admission are free of charge.

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Scheduling

Museum Express programs are available to any school or youth group within a 35 mile radius of the Museum. Spring 2008 programs are offered from Jan. 15 through May 14. *Central Texas Snakes* is available beginning in March. When choosing a program, please note the days and times each is offered. Programs last 30-45 min. according to grade level. To schedule a program, call

512-232-5509 or visit

www.utexas.edu/tmm/education/programs/museumexpress

Fees

Programs are limited to a maximum of 50 students in one room per program.

Small groups (1-25) \$30.00

Large groups (26-50) \$50.00

Mileage (\$.45/mile) Varies; max. \$32.00

(Ask us about scholarships!)



Museum Express

Museum Express is a series of outreach education programs for grades K-8 from the Museum. In each program, a Texas Natural Science Center scientist visits a class and offers students the chance to see and touch scientific specimens. Discover mammals and fossils, hear the tales fish tell, or visit with a snake in your classroom! Each program is correlated with the Science TEKS. Thanks to Temple-Inland and ConocoPhillips, free program scholarships are available for qualifying schools and youth organizations. Ask us about a free program for your class!

Bones, Teeth, Horns, and Antlers K-7th; Tues., Wed. mornings

Central Texas Snakes 3rd-8th; Tues. mornings

Fabulous Fossils 3rd-6th; Tues., Wed. mornings

Fish Tales K-4th; to be announced

What's in My Backpack? K-4th; Tues. mornings

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Sea Monsters Professional Development

Texas Natural Science Center, in conjunction with The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, will host a FREE, two part professional development series for K-8th grade teachers focused on National Geographic's new IMAX film *Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure*. Participants will work with scientists and museum educators to learn how to integrate this film into their curriculum.

Dates:

Workshop 1: Oct. 16th (5:30-9:00pm) and Oct. 18th (6:00-8:30pm)

Workshop 2: Nov. 6th (5:30-9:00pm) and Nov. 8th (6:00-8:30pm)

Each participant will receive a curriculum guide, viewing of *Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure*, Texas Memorial Museum tour, TEKS alignment, 6 hours CPE credit, refreshments, parking, and much more.

To register, call 512.936.4649.

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Explore UT March 1, 2008

Explore UT is a campus-wide event described as the "Biggest Open House in Texas!" Visitors of all ages have the opportunity to experience a variety of programs that are engaging and inspiring. For this event Texas Natural Science Center scientists present special lectures on exciting topics such as saber-toothed cats, meteorites, and snakes. Paleontologists in the Paleo Lab are on hand to provide fossil identifications for visitors. For more information and a complete schedule visit: www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut



Waller Creek Clean-up

Texas Natural Science Center and Environmental Health and Safety sponsor Waller Creek Clean-up twice a year. Waller Creek is an urban watershed that runs from North Austin through the city and campus into Town Lake. Being an urban watershed, Waller Creek suffers many pollution problems. Trash from the streets washes down storm drains and into the creek. This pollution can adversely affect the wildlife, water quality, and beauty of Waller Creek. For more information about how to help, visit: www.wallercreek.org



Identification Day

Have you ever wondered about a fossil you've found? Then bring it with you to Identification Day. At this event, scientists and experts from all over Central Texas are on hand to look at and identify natural objects (fossils, rocks, insects, etc.). Texas Natural Science Center scientists from our Non-vertebrate Paleontology Laboratory, Vertebrate Paleontology Laboratory, and Texas Natural History Collections are present at each ID Day, along with a variety of special guest experts from The University of Texas at Austin and Central Texas. Visit www.utexas.edu/tmm/events for more information.



Family Fossil Fun Day

Held several times each year, this event features free activities about fossils and the amazing creatures from Texas' prehistoric past. Meet a paleontologist, make crafts and see and touch real fossils. Dig in the mini Dino Pit and learn what it is like to be a paleontologist searching for fossils. It's free fun for the entire family! For more information, visit: www.utexas.edu/tmm/events

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