

Special Exhibitions



Exploring Trees, Inside and Out

October 23, 2010 – January 30, 2011

Exploring Trees will help students discover nature through multiple perspectives and will inspire them to get outdoors, explore the wonders, and develop connections with the natural world. Students can experience a glimpse of the wonders that await them in their own backyards and neighborhoods. This interactive exhibition, developed by the Arbor Day Foundation, will provide a visual-spatial experience designed for whole body, open ended participation to raise the awareness and understanding of trees.

Nature's Architects

March 19, 2011 – August 6, 2011

This exhibition, developed by Nature Museum staff, investigates the fascinating world of animal architects. The exhibition features live animals, including Chicago's Monk Parakeets and an active bee hive, interactive elements, and engaging audiovisual footage exploring the complex, effective, and beautiful creations of animal builders.

Special Exhibition Workshops

Hands-on workshops connected to our special exhibitions.

Tree Exploration

October 25, 2010 – January 28, 2011

45 minutes | \$115/class of 30 students | Grades 3-5

Theme: Importance of Trees | ILS: 12A

What goes on inside a tree? Students will discover the importance of trees, and the amazing world hidden behind the tree's bark.

Animal Architects

March 21, 2011 – August 5, 2011

45 minutes | \$115/class of 30 students | Grades 3-5

Theme: Animal Needs | ILS: 12A

Animals have many different kinds of homes, and each is a wonder. Students will discover that animals use their homes for different purposes, such as sleeping, shelter from predators, food storage, and raising young.

Special pricing for workshops scheduled in July, August, September, January, February, and March.
Book your workshop during one of these months and save \$25.

Science and Nature Workshops

Hands-on workshops taught by Museum educators in our classrooms and in the native landscape surrounding the Museum.

45 minutes | \$115/class of 30 students (minimum of 10)

Outdoor workshops are available September 1 through October 29, 2010 and April 18 through June 17, 2011.

Early Childhood

Babies and Growth

Theme: Growth, Animal Needs | ILS: 12B

Discover how baby animals change and what they learn as they grow into adulthood. By engaging the students in activities such as searching for food and shelter, they become aware of what animal parents teach their young to survive in the wild.

Lunchtime for Ladybug - NEW!

Theme: Animal Needs | ILS: 12A

What do ladybugs need to help them grow? Aphids, and lots of them! Students will discover what it takes to become a ladybug, and then help the ladybugs find the food they need in order to grow.

Kindergarten

"5, 6 What is This?"

Theme: Animal Needs | ILS: 12A, 12B

Do you know who looks like a tree, lives in a tree, and moves like a tree? Students will meet a live mystery animal and discover the many characteristics of Illinois animals in this workshop.

Teenie-Greenies

Theme: Nature Appreciation | ILS: 12B

Develop a love for nature, start planting the seeds to be green. Discover through hands-on activities how if we take a little care of the earth, we'll all have a healthy, beautiful planet to enjoy!

Wild Discovery Safari – Outdoor Workshop

Theme: Sensory Experience | ILS: 23A

Awaken your senses and join us for an outdoor adventure! A Safari Guide leads us to our senses, while we explore the great outdoors surrounding the Museum. Students discover nature's wild sights, sounds, touches, tickles, and sniffs. Dress for the weather!

Book your workshop for July, August, September, January, February, or March and save \$25 off the regular price of the workshop.