



**THE PEGGY NOTEBAERT  
NATURE MUSEUM**

*The Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences*

## **Workshops On-Demand**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**Please share this information with your group's chaperones.**

#### **Where is the Notebaert Nature Museum located?**

The Museum is located on the northwest corner of Fullerton and Cannon Drive. Cannon Drive is the first street west of Lake Shore Drive at the Fullerton exit.

#### **Where can I park?**

Street parking is available on Cannon Drive. Please read signs carefully for any parking restrictions. Paid parking is available across the street from the Museum on Cannon Drive, at the Diversey Harbor Lot, which is metered by the city. (Please note this parking lot is only open mid-October through mid-May.) Additional paid parking can be found at the Conservatory's Parking Lot on Stockton Drive, just south of Fullerton Ave., or at the Lincoln Park Zoo lot, which on Cannon Drive south of Fullerton Ave. Please make sure to give yourself enough travel time as parking can sometimes be difficult near the Museum, especially during nice weather days.

#### **What if I'm arriving by school bus?**

Your bus may drop-off and pick-up your group in our turnaround on Cannon Drive north of the Museum's main entrance. Please make your bus driver aware that this turnaround also serves as a CTA bus stop for the #77 Belmont route, and can be used for unloading and loading passengers only. There is a 20-minute time limit for buses waiting on Cannon Drive for pick-ups. Double-parked buses and buses exceeding the time limit can be ticketed by the Chicago Police Department. **FREE** bus parking is available at Montrose Harbor.

#### **Will we visit the Nature Museum exhibits?**

All workshops include activities in specific Museum exhibits; however, none of the workshops visits all of the exhibits. General admission is included in the workshop fee for your registered participants and the required number of chaperones for your group. If your group is interested in visiting the exhibits, please plan to stay at the Museum before or after your workshop. Museum exhibits are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

#### **Will we eat lunch?**

We do not eat lunch during the workshop; unless you have pre-arranged for a planned snack/lunch break with the Scout and Youth Programs Coordinator. Your group can bring a sack lunch to eat before or after the workshop depending on your workshop's start and end time. Sack lunches should be eaten in our School Group Lunchroom, where vending machines are also available. You can also bring money to buy food from our Museum Store and Café (approx. \$5-8 per meal). If you would like to schedule a snack/lunch break during your

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workshop or book a lunch time in our School Group Lunch Room please call the Scout and Youth Programs Coordinator at 773-755-5177.

**What if I have to cancel?**

All cancellations must be in writing. Please fax 773-549-0607 or email [cancel@naturemuseum.org](mailto:cancel@naturemuseum.org). Refunds will only be granted if cancellation is made two weeks before your event, and may be subject to a \$5 administrative fee.

**How should workshop participants dress?**

We recommend that all workshop participants dress in clothes that can get dirty, as some activities are a bit messy. Also some workshops require time outside; please make sure that everyone in your group dresses for the weather. Scout uniforms are not required.

**Can I collect badges or patches for participants who do not come to the workshop?**

Badges and patches are included in the price of the workshop; therefore if a child is unable to attend but has paid for the workshop you may collect a badge or patch for them. However, please remember that some workshops have official badge requirements that have to be completed to earn that award, and will have to be completed at another time.

**What if we are late?**

If your group is more than 15 minutes late for their workshop activities will have to be shortened or dropped from the workshop itself, which may mean not completing all of the official badge requirements. Please try to make sure your group arrives at the Museum in time for the start of your workshop.

**Can I bring my child's sibling?**

Please do not bring siblings to the workshops. We prepare for the number of participants registered for the workshop so do not have additional supplies for siblings. Siblings can participate if they are within the suggested age range for the workshop and have pre-registered and paid the workshop fee.

**Any additional questions can be directed to [youthprograms@naturemuseum.org](mailto:youthprograms@naturemuseum.org).**