

2023-2024

# Educator's Guide



Cincinnati Museum Center

## Dear colleagues,

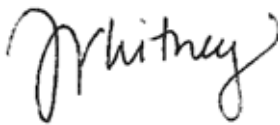
Things are always busy at Cincinnati Museum Center. As I write this, summer campers are conducting science experiments, new teen volunteers are training in our museums and our School & Teacher Partnerships team is launching into a new school year. Welcome back!

This year, CMC welcomes exciting new exhibitions and films, including *Serengeti: Journey to the Heart of Africa* in the Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater and *Girlhood (It's Complicated)* from Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Plus, we'll open the brand-new permanent gallery *Ancient Worlds Hiding in Plain Sight*, a project 450 million years in the making. *Ancient Worlds* shares CMC's world-class collection of trilobites and other Late Ordovician fossils in fun, unique ways.

During your field trip, book a classroom program or Conversation with an Expert to make the most of your experience. And check out one of our FREE Virtual Field Trips to help your class prepare for and follow up on your field trip or Program-on-Wheels. Speaking of which...last year was our busiest yet for Programs-on-Wheels outreach and reached 40,000 minds! These interactive, hands-on programs cover 50+ topics and book fast – call us now to reserve your spot.

Thank you for all the ways you teach, guide and care for our kids. We love being your partner in education and look forward to another year together!

Kind regards,



**Whitney Owens**  
Chief Learning Officer

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# Field Trip Planning Guide

## How to Schedule an Experience

Submit an online reservation request form at [cincymuseum.org/educators](http://cincymuseum.org/educators) or call (513) 287-7021 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Requests are tentative until you receive confirmation by email. PTO members, curriculum coordinators and other support staff, please be prepared to share the contact information of the educator who will be present on the day of the experience.

## Payment

We accept credit card, check or Purchase Order. Payment is due no later than one week before your experience.

## Funding Opportunities

Funds may be available to cover field trip admission costs for schools that have 60% or more of their students enrolled in free and reduced-price meal programs. To register for funding eligibility, please submit a letter on school/district/agency letterhead, signed by an administrator, noting the group's percentage of students enrolled in free and reduced-price meal programs. Please inquire about funding availability and confirm your school's letter is on file before scheduling a visit by calling (513) 287-7021.

## Cancellation

Please submit cancellations no later than two business days before the experience. Cancellations within two business days will pay 50% of the reservation. No-shows will pay 100% of the reservation. If your cancellation is due to weather, please call (513) 287-7021 as soon as possible to cancel without penalty.

## Chaperones

The chaperone ratio for preschool through grade 1 is 1:5; grades 2 through 8 is 1:10; grades 9 through 12 is 1:15. Groups must maintain their chaperone ratio at all times, including during classroom programs. One school caregiver or aide per Student with Disabilities may receive one free, complimentary Museum Admission ticket for the purpose of providing care to the student with disabilities. The number of caregivers/aides must be provided when submitting the reservation request. Groups will need to purchase lunch table seating and admission to visit OMNIMAX® and Featured Exhibitions.

## Arrival and Parking

Please arrive 15-30 minutes early so the group's primary representative can check in with completed paperwork, including number of students and chaperones. Vehicles should pull up to the front entrance door to unload. School buses and marked passenger vans may park for free in our parking lot. Additional vehicles are \$6 each.

## Lunches

All groups planning to eat must reserve a half-hour time slot at the lunch tables for \$.50 per individual. Reservations must be made in advance (day-of requests cannot be accommodated). Tables are limited and should be booked at the time of your reservation. Pre-ordered box lunches are available for groups. Email [groupmenu@cincymuseum.org](mailto:groupmenu@cincymuseum.org) for details. Please pay for box lunches separately from museum reservations.

## TIPS FOR TEACHERS

- Please prepare your chaperones! Provide trip information, a schedule for the day from your confirmation letter and a list of students who will be in their group. Talk with them about active chaperoning, which includes engaging with the students and the exhibits and keeping the students together throughout the visit.
- Make the most of your experience by providing guided questions for students to further engage their learning.
- Complete your check-in slip before you arrive.
- Ensure students are easily identifiable to your chaperones and our staff. If possible, have them wear the same color shirts.
- Assign students to a chaperone they will remain with throughout the visit before you leave school. Make sure students know to look for a staff person if they get lost or separated from the group.
- Leave as much as you can in the bins provided at check-in to avoid lost coats, bags, etc.
- Look for Expert Eye labels in certain galleries for videos you can access on your phone that provide more content.

## RESERVATION SUMMARY

School name \_\_\_\_\_  
School address \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher name \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher email \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher day-of phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Form of payment \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of visit \_\_\_\_\_  
Backup date \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of departure \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of students \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of chaperones \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade level \_\_\_\_\_  
Any special accommodations \_\_\_\_\_  
Area of study inspiring the field trip \_\_\_\_\_

# Museums at Union Terminal

## The Children's Museum

At The Children's Museum, we know play is critical to the development of social-emotional skills, motor skills and cognitive growth. Discover interactive fun for kids ages 10 and younger in our hands-on exhibit areas.

### Animal Spot

Study specimens from CMC's collections, learn about the needs of living creatures and discover how each living organism is connected to its environment. Complete a three-layer fish puzzle, observe collection pieces and explore how animals move, live and eat.

### Energy Zone

Have a blast with ball-propelling stations that highlight cause-and-effect relationships, energy forces and simple and complex machines. Analyze which path a ball must take to reach its destination and determine which machines or forces can get it there.

### Inside the Grin

Step inside a giant mouth to learn about oral health and polish your dental "chops." Practice proper technique with giant floss and a toothbrush. Encounter oral healthcare in a positive way to ease fears and misconceptions about visiting the dentist and caring for your smile.

### Kids at Work

Step into a construction site that provides spaces to design and build. Work cooperatively to move rocks and build with a variety of materials. Put simple shapes together to produce more complex structures that make work easier.

### Kids' Town

Explore a busy town that includes a Kroger grocery store, post office, diner, veterinarian's office and other places to imagine and pretend. Try out roles such as shopping for groceries, delivering mail and cooking meals.



### KidSPACE

Science. Play. Art. Creativity. Exploration. That's what KidSPACE, supported by the Dorsey Family Foundation, is all about. Confront challenges and explore new opportunities while you use your hands and your mind to encourage invention.

### The Woods (ages 5 and up)

Hike into the wilderness and explore our indoor treehouse, caves and crawling tubes that challenge your physical abilities and spark your imagination! Climb a rock wall and discover hidden treasures buried deep within Earth's layers.

### Water Works

Observe floodplains and control a river's flow! Interact with hydraulic learning stations that demonstrate water as a force of nature and source of energy. Use the power of water to set machines in motion that encourage cooperation and problem-solving.

### Nature's Trading Post

Explore and care for the natural world by respectfully observing and collecting. Look, touch and ask questions about museum collections and things from the natural world that other traders have found.



# Museums at Union Terminal

## Cincinnati History Museum



### *Cincinnati in Motion*

Explore the city's urban development through a scale model of downtown Cincinnati during different decades. Identify landmarks still in existence today.



### *Shaping Our City*

See how Cincinnatians developed and used steamboats, canals, inclines, streetcars and automobiles. Explore shifting regional transportation, from Indigenous riverways to steam power, from the internal combustion engine to the Hyperloop. Ponder how the transportation we choose shapes our communities in the future.



### *Made in Cincinnati*

From Porkopolis to tomorrow's modern tech hub, discover how innovation is, and always has been, in Cincinnati's DNA. Stories of businesses built on artisanal, handcrafted goods and household names powered by mass-market appeal and industrial power come to life in beautiful object displays, personal narratives and interactive opportunities. Meet the next generation of entrepreneurs and celebrate our region's innovative and industrious spirit.



### *You are Here*

Discover Cincinnati's unique features, diverse population and rich cultural traditions. Connect with our region's history, present and future by exploring "only in Cincy" traditions and investigating what it means to live, work and play in the Queen City.



### *Public Landing*

Take a trip down the Ohio River to the Public Landing and experience Cincinnati as it appeared during the mid-19th century. Investigate storefronts representing the city's busy commercial and industrial center through interactive displays, while learning about those who immigrated here and helped make Cincinnati one of the largest western cities in the growing United States.



### **Virtual Field Trips**

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See page 19 for more information.

# Museums at Union Terminal

## Museum of Natural History & Science

### **NEW** *Ancient Worlds Hiding in Plain Sight* (opening September 29, 2023)

Built on the strength of our world-renowned fossil collection, explore Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky's exciting geologic past by traveling back over 450 million years.

### *The Cave*

Investigate the world beneath us through 500 feet of darkened passageways inside our replica limestone cave. Experience a waterfall, underground streams, a formation chamber and the bat enclosure, home to CMC's own big brown bat colony!

### *Dinosaur Hall*

Meet *Galeamopus* and *Torvosaurus*, two huge dinosaurs new to science. Learn about the Jurassic environment and how dinosaurs and other plants and animals adapted to thrive. Measure yourself against an *Apatosaurus* leg bone and discover how scientists find and study fossils.

### *Ice Age Gallery*

Journey back in time to see what the region looked like more than 23,000 years ago. Stand face-to-tusk with a mastodon skeleton and learn more about the salt deposits that drew these incredible beasts and their hunters to the region. Discover the impact of humans on our environment and climate change, and how ecosystems, biodiversity and landscapes change over time.

### **NEW** *John A. and Judy Ruthven Get into Nature Gallery*

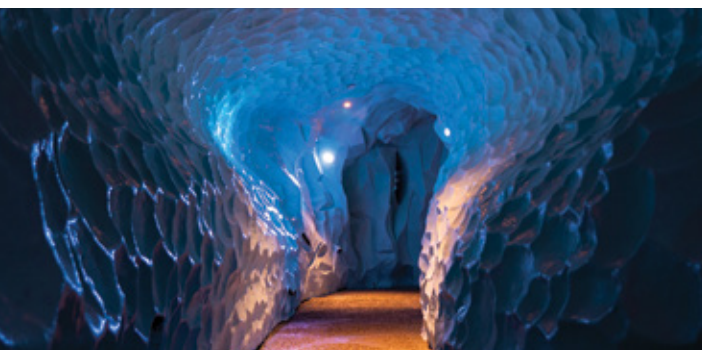
Walk through the four seasons and get to know the plants and animals in the Eastern Forest. Mimic insect sounds, smell decomposing leaves and get a feel for adaptations that help animals survive freezing conditions. Meet live animals and plants you can look for in your environment, whether you live near the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, the city of Cincinnati or anywhere else in this region.

### *Neil Armstrong Space Exploration Gallery, presented by the Harold C. Schott Foundation*

Appreciate Ohio's proud aviation heritage. Follow in the small steps and giant leaps of Neil Armstrong and see if you have the right stuff to explore Mars and beyond. Experience a 360° theater and artifacts that can only be seen in Cincinnati — including a moon rock presented to CMC by Armstrong himself.

### *Science Interactives Gallery, sponsored by Procter & Gamble*

Power a giant science playscape! Hoist yourself up with pulleys, watch clouds form and use physics to your advantage in a tug-of-war. Watch a tornado form in a 13-foot vortex chamber, customize your own rocket cone to test its aerodynamics and see your body in a whole new way with our infrared camera.



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# Robert D. Linder Family OMNIMAX® Theater



The Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater takes you to places you can only imagine. Immerse yourself in epic adventures in our five-story domed theater, from the untamed beauty of our natural parks, to the surface of the Moon with Neil Armstrong, to the deep blue sea alongside humpback whales. Each film is approximately 50 minutes long.

## Feature Films



### ***Serengeti: Journey to the Heart of Africa***

Join us on an incredible journey, through the untouched serenity and untamed wilds of Africa, where lions roar and wildebeests thunder. See stunning cinematography that takes you closer to iconic animals than ever before and proves that the circle of life is timeless.

[Serengeti: Journey to the Heart of Africa Education Materials](#)



### ***Jane Goodall: Reasons for Hope***

**Opens October 27, 2023**

Drawing on decades of work by the world's most famous living ethologist and environmentalist, join this uplifting journey around the globe to highlight good news stories that will inspire people to make a difference in the world around them. Jane Goodall revolutionized how we view the world around us. Join her on this adventure of inspiration and hope.

[Jane Goodall: Reasons for Hope Education Materials](#)

# Robert D. Linder Family OMNIMAX® Theater

## Custom Films

Choose from our feature OMNIMAX® films or a suite of classics you can reserve at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Minimum 30 individuals.

### **Ancient Caves**

Follow paleoclimatologists on a mission to unlock the secrets of Earth's climate in the most unlikely of places: caves.

[Ancient Caves Education Materials](#)

### **Backyard Wilderness**

Spanning a full year of seasons, revel in the wild that surrounds even our suburban homes and discover that Wi-Fi is not the only connection that matters.

[Backyard Wilderness Education Materials](#)

### **Dinosaurs of Antarctica**

Journey to the polar landscapes of Antarctica hundreds of millions of years ago to roam the primitive forests and thick swamps with bizarre dinosaurs and colossal amphibians. Join intrepid Antarctic scientists on a quest to understand the ice continent's profound transformation—and to predict the future as humans drive dramatic change.

[Dinosaurs of Antarctica Education Materials](#)

### **Great Bear Rainforest**

Set in one of the planet's most exquisite and secluded wildernesses on Canada's rugged Pacific coast, experience this story of wilderness and balance, belief and preservation.

[Great Bear Rainforest Education Materials](#)

### **Into America's Wild**

Journey on a cross-country adventure via kayak, bike, train, hot air balloon, zipline and more across some of the most beautiful but little-known landscapes of North America.

[Into America's Wild Education Materials](#)

### **National Parks Adventure**

Get ready for the ultimate off-trail adventure into the nation's awe-inspiring great outdoors and untamed wilderness in an action-packed expedition that inspires the adventurer in us all.

[National Parks Adventure Education Materials](#)

### **Secrets of the Sea**

An underwater world surrounds you as you meet some of the ocean's strangest and most spectacular creatures.

[Secrets of the Sea Education Materials](#)

### **Superpower Dogs**

Marvel at the lifesaving superpowers and extraordinary bravery of some of the world's most amazing dogs, revealing the astonishing science behind their extraordinary abilities.

[Superpower Dogs Education Materials](#)

### **Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation**

Journey across the globe to see the archaeological ghost town of Pompeii, hydrothermal vents at the bottom of the ocean and the lengthy eruption and aftermath of the devastating 2018 Kilauea outburst in Hawaii.

[Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation Education Materials](#)



Photo: Ancient Caves

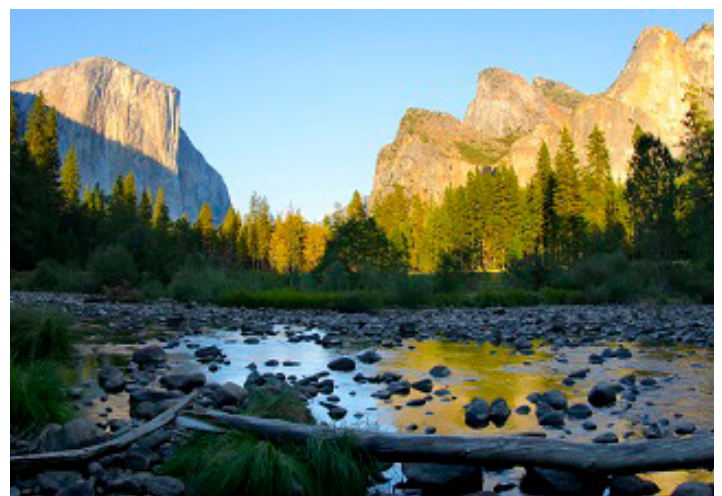


Photo: National Parks Adventure



# Featured Exhibitions at Union Terminal



## **Bricktionary: The ultimate LEGO® A-Z**

**Open through October 15, 2023**

Filled with more than 150 custom-built models, the exhibition includes some of the most mind-boggling LEGO® models, from a life-sized orca whale to a massive Saturn V rocket, along with more than 45 models from the imaginations of the world's greatest LEGO® builders – the Brickman team.

Help build a giant LEGO® mosaic, test your building skills and put your models through their paces on the earthquake simulator, build a spaceship to take us to Mars and even build animals to add to the giant LEGO® brick garden.

*Bricktionary: The ultimate LEGO® A-Z* has something to spark everyone's creativity and inspire them to build their imaginations.

[cincymuseum.org/bricktionary](http://cincymuseum.org/bricktionary)



## **Girlhood (It's Complicated)**

**October 14, 2023 to January 14, 2024**

Explore the diversity of girls' experiences over more than 200 years. Discover the stories of the Girl Scout experience, skateboarder Cindy Whitehead and the impact of Title IX on girls' athletics.

Examine the ways American girls, from Minnijean Brown to Naomi Wadler, have spoken up, challenged expectations and used their voices to effect change. By examining, preserving and sharing the complexity of our past, we can empower people to create a more just and compassionate future.

Admission to *Girlhood (It's Complicated)* is free with Museum Admission.

[Girlhood \(It's Complicated\) Educator Materials](#)

[cincymuseum.org/girlhood](http://cincymuseum.org/girlhood)

# Featured Exhibitions at Union Terminal



## *Holiday Junction featuring the Duke Energy Holiday Trains*

**November 10, 2023 to January 8, 2024**

Enter a winter wonderland for a trip through time. Get track-level and birds-eye views of model trains from 1904, the 1930s, 1950s and more. A holiday staple since 1946, the Duke Energy Holiday Trains feature more than 60 locomotives and 300 rail cars on 1,000 feet of track.

[cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction](http://cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction)



# Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center



## Engage with History by Booking a Field Trip

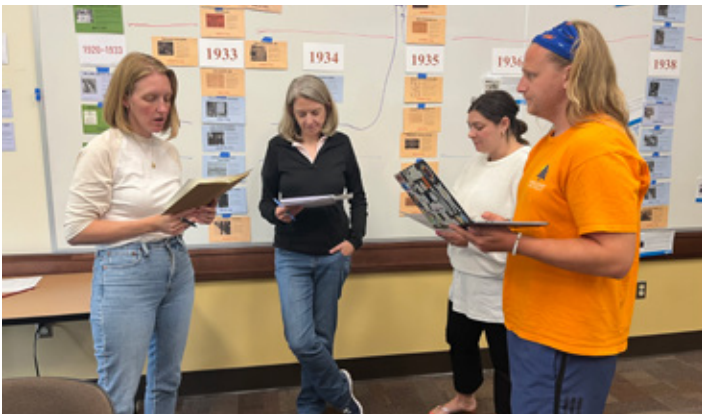
Explore the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center's interactive, award-winning museum through the voices of those who witnessed the history. Take a journey with local survivor stories featuring artifacts, photographs, quotes and video testimony. Learn about upstanders in the Humanity Gallery and leave feeling inspired to be the best of humanity today.

## Inspire Future Leaders

**Jacob G. Schmidlapp Bystander to Upstander: Youth Leadership Day**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders)**  
**9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Inspire students to be changemakers and learn about what it means to be an *upstander*. This one-day workshop for middle school and high school students features interactive hands-on sessions with historical examples. Students dialogue with their peers from different schools and backgrounds during the sessions. Nominate your students for this impactful experience starting in early December 2023.



## Learn with Us

Continue to learn and grow as an educator with the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center's professional development workshops. The center's workshops offer practical, research-based ideas for classroom implementation. Enjoy access to cutting edge scholarship, primary sources and testimony from local survivors, and curricular support from museum staff. Workshops can be tailored to meet each school district's unique initiatives and are delivered both at Union Terminal and at school sites.

## Teach Complex History

Help students make local connections to content, develop empathy, and think critically with the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center's dynamic curricular resources. Designed with secondary students in mind, the museum's curricular resources make complex history accessible to young learners and inspire future upstanders. From interactive digital choice boards to primary source inquiry lessons, the museum's classroom activities can be easily integrated into any existing ELA and social studies curriculum.

For more information, please visit [holocaustandhumanity.org](https://holocaustandhumanity.org).

# Group Educational Programs

Immerse your students in educational and entertaining topics such as dinosaurs, world cultures, archaeology, local history and animals with hands-on programs that meet state and national standards. Enhance your students' visit to CMC with any of our Programs at Union Terminal, or let us pack up the car and bring them to you as Programs-on-Wheels! You can even stream select programs digitally into your classroom. See pricing information by location on page 25.

## Early Childhood Programs (PreK-K)

- Minimum age requirement: 3 years
- Program length: 45 minutes
- Maximum 25 students per program

## Primary and Secondary Programs (1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- See program description for topic-specific grade levels
- Program length: 60 minutes
- Maximum 30 students per program

## Exploration Stations

- Hands-on, informal learning perfect for family nights, field days or other events where guests are "on the move"
- Designed to entertain guests of many ages and interests as they explore at their own pace
- Single stations can accommodate a maximum of 25 people at a time; please book multiple stations or host additional activities to accommodate larger audiences.
- Look for the **ES** designation below for available topics

## Virtual Programs

- In-person connections not an option? Bring CMC's vibrant programs live to your classroom (or class-ZOOM) via virtual connection. CMC can supply the connection or present on a variety of platforms.
- Early Childhood Program length is 30 minutes. Primary and Secondary Program length is 45 minutes. Maximum number of students per session is the same as in-person programs.

## Scheduling Information

Group Educational Programs are available as Programs at Union Terminal Mondays through Fridays. Programs-on-Wheels are available at your location on any day or time, pending staff availability. Multi-session discounts are available, and seasonal value pricing applies. To schedule, call (513) 287-7021 or visit [cincymuseum.org/educators](http://cincymuseum.org/educators) to fill out a program request form.

## Programs-on-Wheels Presenting Sponsor



### KEY

- ES** Available as Exploration Station
- V** Available to be presented virtually
- \*** Requires large open space such as muscle room or small gym

### STANDARDS KEY

#### Science Standards

- ESS** Earth and Space Science
- PS** Physical Science
- LS** Life Science
- ED** Engineering Design
- Sci** Early Education Science (KY only)
- SI** Science Inquiry (OH only)
- B** Biology (OH only)

#### Social Studies Standards

- H** History
- G** Geography
- Gov** Government
- E** Economics
- C** Civics
- SS** Early Education Social Studies (KY only)

# Group Educational Programs

## Early Childhood Programs (PreK-K)

### 3... 2... 1... Blast Off! \* ES V

Build the solar system in your classroom, then blast off with radio-controlled space shuttles to explore what's beyond our planet. View photos and learn about gravity, asteroids, orbits and more.

**OH ESS:** P, K; **PS:** K; **SI:** P  
**KY Sci:** P; **PS:** K

### A Cultural Experience

Use music, toys, colorful clothing and role playing to explore cultures from Peru, Japan and Mali.

**OH PS:** P, K; **SI:** P; **H:** P, K; **G:** P, K  
**KY H:** K; **G:** K; **SS:** P

### Coral: A Colorful Community ES

Learn what coral is, where it lives, what it eats and how it protects itself. Explore real coral skeletons, role play a coral polyp and view pictures of some of the creatures that live in a coral reef. Make a coral reef habitat come to life with beautiful puppets.

**OH ESS:** P; **LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

### Dino Dig \* ES V

Growl, claw and walk like a dinosaur! Dig up fossils and identify which dinosaurs they came from. Learn about different kinds of dinosaurs, including what they looked like, what they ate and how they protected themselves.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

### “Egg”-cellent Eggs

Explore bird eggs and learn about their shapes, sizes, colors and nests through hands-on activities. Learn about the other animals that lay eggs, and crack open an egg to find out what's inside.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## From the Backyard to the Barnyard

Use puppets to investigate animals that live in backyard or barnyard habitats. Meet one of our resident animals, investigate what this animal eats and discover how it finds food by echolocation.

**OH ESS:** P; **PS:** K; **LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

Gain an introduction to the diverse world of plants! Learn what they need to grow, what parts they have and the stages of the plant life cycle. Investigate the differences between fruits and vegetables. Then spend some time digging in the dirt and plant your own seed to take home.

**OH ESS:** P; **LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## Our Five Senses

It takes a nose to know - or maybe hands, ears, eyes or a tongue! Explore the magic of your senses through fun, hands-on activities and interact with a live animal.

**OH PS:** P, K; **LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY Sci:** P

## Rainforest Adventure

Take an imaginary tour of the rainforest to learn about the diverse animals and plants that live there. Meet several animals that call the rainforest home.

**OH ESS:** P, K; **LS:** P; **SI:** P  
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# Group Educational Programs

## Snug as a Bug ES

Build a bug, see through the eyes of a fly and learn the life cycle of a caterpillar. Explore how insects protect themselves by playing a game of hide-and-seek with a very hungry frog. Meet and touch live insects and marvel at incredible mounted bugs from around the world.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K, **Sci:** P

## Stuffee, the Amazing Anatomy Doll V

Meet Stuffee, a seven-foot-tall, blue-haired, smiling anatomy doll that unzips to show what's inside all of us. Feed Stuffee lunch and use stethoscopes to listen to your own beating heart.

**OH LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY Sci:** P; **LS:** K

## Tall Tails

Hop, prop and crawl your way to learning about animal adaptations. Try on larger-than-life costume tails, morph into different animals, then hear a tall tale about two unique local animals.

**OH LS:** P, K; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## Wild About Animals \* ES

From Africa to Antarctica, become part of the wild animal kingdom. Take an imaginary safari across Africa and look through binoculars to see zebras, lions and more! Waddle like a penguin in the coldest place on Earth, then hop on over to a continent with some unusual Down Under residents.

**OH LS:** P, K; **SI:** P; **G:** K  
**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P; **SS:** P

## Wonders of Weather

Investigate seasonal weather patterns, complete the water cycle, make some snow and race clouds. Have a hair-raising experience with lightning and take home jewelry with sun-sensing abilities.

**OH ESS:** P, K; **PS:** P; **SI:** P  
**KY ESS:** K; **Sci:** P; **PS:** K

## Primary and Secondary Science Programs

(Grade levels vary; organized by grade range, starting with younger grades)

## Awesome Animal Adaptations 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES V

Explore animal habitats and adaptations. Meet and touch live animals that may include a bat, snake, box turtle, lizard, frog and/or hissing cockroaches. Learn about and handle unique items from our collections like baleen, caribou fur and armadillo armor.

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8

## Bats 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES V

Walk like a bat! Fly like a bat! Meet a live native bat! Explore echolocation to understand how it works and hear what it sounds like. Learn about these truly amazing, yet misunderstood animals through a slide presentation, game, specimens and more.

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

## Coral: A Colorful Community 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> ES

Biodiversity is the name of the game when it comes to the coral reef – the “rainforest of the sea!” Learn all about the organisms that build the reef. Touch real coral skeletons and learn how coral polyps feed and protect themselves. Explore the interconnectedness of the many organisms who make up the coral reef community through puppet play time and a symbiosis puzzle!

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3  
**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3

## Digging for Dinosaurs 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> \* ES

Uncover fossils on a mock paleontological dinosaur dig. Discuss Cincinnati's world-famous Ordovician fossils, learn how fossils are formed and unearth how to differentiate them from rocks. Touch fossils from dinosaurs including *Allosaurus*, *Triceratops*, *Iguanodon* and more – a junior paleontologist's dream!

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4  
**KY LS:** 1, 3, 4

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# Group Educational Programs

## Engineer it! 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Explore engineering using step-by-step instructions and colorful construction kits. Solve problems by building working belt-driven machines. Utilizing the engineering design process, improve your inventions by conquering friction and making tension work for you!

**OH PS:** 1, 2

**KY PS:** 2, 3; **ED:** K-2, 3-5

## Fantastic Flora 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Animals aren't the only ones with amazing adaptations; plants are masters of survival as well! Tour the plant life cycle with posters and hands-on activities, focusing on the unique ways plants disperse their seeds, attract pollinators and manufacture food. Topics covered include parts of a plant, photosynthesis, germination, pollination and more! Each student will leave with a planted seed of their own.

**OH ESS:** 1; **LS:** 1, 2, 3

**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3; **PS:** 1

## Forces of Nature 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ES

Investigate weather patterns and natural phenomena through activities that shake, shock and erupt! Review the steps of the water cycle, learn about tectonic plates and model the power of earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanos and lightning. Use teamwork to attempt to build a house that is unshakeable!

**OH ESS:** 1, 2, 4; **PS:** 2

**KY ESS:** 2, 3, 4; **ED:** K-2, 3-5; **PS:** 1, 4

## Incredible Insects 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> ES V

Get up close and personal with the creatures that make up Earth's largest group of animals! Learn the characteristics of insects, see the world through the eyes of a fly and learn amazing facts about insect defense, including camouflage and mimicry. Meet live insects and view mounted insect specimens from across the globe.

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

## Rainforest Adventure 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Take an imaginary tour of the rainforest to learn about the diversity of animals and plants that live there. Explore the layers that make up this unique and important habitat and meet several animals that call the rainforest home.

**OH LS:** 1

**KY LS:** 1, 2

## Reasons for the Seasons 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> ES

Using globes, rotate and revolve your way to learning about the seasons and understanding why summer is warmer and winter is colder. Create the sounds of spring and explore seasonal camouflage with mounted animal specimens from our collections. Win a wintry prize if you can identify animal visitors from their scat and tracks left behind.

**OH ESS:** 1, 2, 5; **LS:** 1, 3

**KY ESS:** 1, 2; **LS:** 1, 3, 4, 5; **PS:** 1

## What's the (State of) Matter? 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Learn about solids, liquids, gases and plasma through fun, bubbly, sticky and electrifying experiments. Mix different states of matter to create something that isn't quite a solid, liquid, gas or plasma and learn where it fits in the world of matter.

**OH PS:** 1, 3

**KY PS:** 2

## Your Heart, Your Blood, Your Health 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Learn how the heart is packaged, the way it works, how it sounds, which system it's part of and what it pumps. Get a closer look at capillaries, run a little race, test your food group knowledge and identify some giant microbes.

**OH LS:** 6

**KY LS:** 4



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# Group Educational Programs

## Dinosaur Discovery 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

**\*Available at Union Terminal ONLY\***

Step into the role of a paleontologist and work with your team to unwrap fossils from a variety of dinosaurs. Practice your paleontological skills by handling real and cast fossils, conducting research and presenting findings. Discover what adaptations dinosaurs had to survive in their habitats, and how scientists learn about them using fossils from *Tyrannosaurus*, *Stegosaurus*, *Velociraptor* and more!

**OH LS:** 3, 4

**KY LS:** 3, 4; **ESS:** 4

## Evolution of Diversity: A History of Earth's Changes 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES

Investigate how land masses have moved and shifted through time. Explore a timeline of major species evolution and extinction events. Learn about local ancient creatures, the habitat in which they lived and their adaptations. Program includes an Ordovician period diorama and fossil specimens from museum collections.

**OH ESS:** 8; **LS:** 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

**KY ESS:** 4, 6, 8; **LS:** 3, 4, 8

## Experimenting with Physical Science 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> ES

What shapes do bubbles take? Does sound vibrate? Explore bubbles, sound, electricity, magnets, motion, light, color, mirrors and optical illusions in this inquiry-based program. Create hypotheses, perform experiments, draw conclusions and share your discoveries.

**OH PS:** 3, 4, 5, 6

**KY PS:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; **ED:** 3-5

## Geology Rocks 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> ES

Transform into a geologist for the day! Learn about rocks and minerals while viewing and handling impressive rocks from our collections. Examine and classify specimens to learn their true identity, then test your knowledge of everyday uses of minerals.

**OH ESS:** 3, 4, 6; **PS:** 7

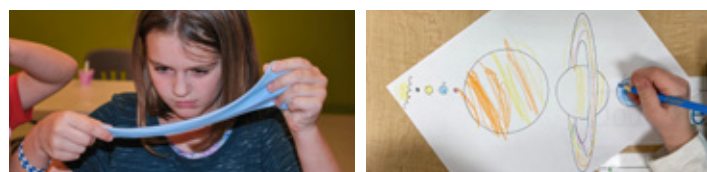
**KY ESS:** 4, 6; **PS:** 5

## Tour the Solar System 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> ES V

Soar through the solar system with recent slide images from Mercury, Neptune and beyond. Touch real meteorites and rocks like the ones found on our Moon and learn about why the gas giants are so colorful. Figure out your galactic address, visualize the distance between planets and observe the crushing effects of air pressure!

**OH ESS:** 4, 5; **PS:** 3

**KY ESS:** 5, 6; **PS:** 4, 5



## Animal Identification: The Science of Skulls 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES

Who's there? Use clues such as skull size and shape, type and number of teeth and eye placement to identify a variety of Ohio mammals using their skulls and a dichotomous key. Gain a great introduction to the science of classification. Strong reading skills are necessary for this program.

**OH LS:** 5, 6

**KY LS:** 4

## Chemistry in Your Hands 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Heat it up and cool it down! See and feel the evidence of physical versus chemical change. Watch your experiments change color as you create acids and bases. Learn chemistry basics and practice lab safety. Beware — the results you take home may be slimy!

**OH PS:** 4, 6, 7

**KY PS:** 4, 5, 6, 7

## Exploring Nano Science 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

From clothing to household products and computers, nanotechnology is all around us. But what is nano science? It's science on the scale of the nanometer, which is just one billionth of a meter! Perform up to six experiments to explore the unique behavior of atoms and molecules on the nano scale. Strong reading skills are necessary for this program.

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## ABC: Arches, Bridges & Construction 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Work in teams to build arches, a suspension bridge and a truss bridge you can actually crawl across. Learn what makes bridges work – anchors, beams and compression. Explore the concepts of live load, dead load and environmental stress.

**OH PS:** 8  
**KY ED:** 3-5, 6-8

## Forensics: The Science of Crime 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES

Analyze human skull replicas to determine the sex and ethnicity of a fictional victim. Combine clues from the skull with crime scene evidence to determine the identity of a missing person and speculate as to the cause of death. Program can be expanded to include human evolution. Call for details.

**OH LS:** 8  
**KY LS:** 8

## Superheroes of STEMville 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> ES

Calling all science heroes! The citizens of STEMville need your engineering and math skills to solve a series of challenges and save the community. Use the engineering design process to define the problems; then imagine, create and test solutions. Improve as needed until the city is saved!

**OH PS:** 5, 6  
**KY PS:** 7; **ED:** 3-5, 6-8

## Best of Biology 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> V

Apply the concepts of adaptation, taxonomy and genetics to the natural world. Gain hands-on practice interpreting and creating phylogenetic trees or cladograms. Then, investigate phenotypes and genotypes of an assortment of bird specimens from museum collections.

**OH LS:** 6, 8; **B:** 9-12  
**KY LS:** 8, 9-12

## Primary and Secondary Social Studies Programs

(Grade levels vary; organized by grade range, starting with younger grades)

### Impact of Inventions 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> V

Many inventors, including Thomas Edison, Lewis Howard Latimer, Garrett Morgan, Eli Whitney, George Washington Carver and Patricia Bath, have created items that change our daily lives. Use a timeline, experiments, hands-on activities and role playing to investigate the impact of their inventions and others on the past, present and future of our world.

**OH H:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **G:** 2, 3, 5; **Gov:** 2, 3; **E:** 2, 4, 5, 6  
**KY H:** 1, 2, 3, 5

## One World, Many Cultures 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ES V

Take a trip around the world using maps and travel buddies to navigate your way. Explore cultures from Africa, Asia, Australia and South and North America through clothing, crafts, games, celebrations, music and photographs.

**OH G:** 1, 2, 3  
**KY H:** 3; **G:** 1, 3

## Transportation Transformations 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Learn how canals, streetcars and inclines impacted the growth of Cincinnati from the 1820s through the 1950s. Hear a period folksong, load goods on a mock canal boat, experience one of Cincinnati's five inclines and view local historical photographs of these forms of transportation.

**OH H:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **G:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; **E:** 1, 2, 3, 5  
**KY G:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; **E:** 1, 2

## Uncovering Egypt 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Calling all Egyptologists! Explore archaeology, the science that unlocks the secrets of past civilizations. Excavate and analyze artifacts from a replica burial site to deduce their owner's identity and expand your knowledge of Egyptian culture. Immerse yourself in this world of hieroglyphs, pharaohs and gods and goddesses galore!

**OH H:** 6, 7; **G:** 6; **Gov:** 6  
**KY H:** 6; **G:** 6; **C:** 6

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# Group Educational Programs

## Archaeology of Ohio Valley Native Peoples 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Gain an introduction to the major cultural groups of the Ohio valley's prehistory and discover the tools, natural resources and skills that allowed them to survive. Using a timeline, view these local cultures within the context of civilizations around the world. Learn about two techniques that archaeologists use to gather information and make inferences about people of the past. Use artifacts to experience quadrant mapping and create an example of stratigraphy for your group to keep.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 5, 6; **G:** 3, 4, 5  
**KY H:** 3, 4, 6, 7; **G:** 3, 5; **E:** 4, 6

## Business Beginnings 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Investigate soap and candle-making, meatpacking, furniture-making and brewing in 19th-century Cincinnati. Review period business records, illustrations and historical artifacts. Learn how productive resources were used in these industries and how they impacted production and consumption. Get to know economic terms such as opportunity cost, scarcity, profit and loss. Strong reading skills are necessary for this program.

**OH H:** 3, 4; **G:** 3, 4, 6; **Gov:** 3; **E:** 3, 4, 5, 6  
**KY E:** 3, 4, 5

## Liberty on the Border 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Imagine life as a Civil War soldier and interact with hardtack, period ammunition and a haversack containing personal supplies and historical letters written during the war. Learn about Civil War causes, economic effects, important figures and territorial expansion through photographs, prints, maps, replicas and other period materials.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 8; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; **Gov:** 6, 8; **E:** 7, 8  
**KY H:** 5, 8; **G:** 3, 8; **C:** 8

## Lotions, Potions & Strange Notions 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> V

Learn about cholera, the disease at the root of multiple Cincinnati epidemics in the 1800s. Investigate the difference between a pandemic and an epidemic while matching "giant microbes" with the diseases they cause. Then, use mortars and pestles to roll herbal pills like those dispensed by 19th-century apothecaries.

**OH H:** 3, 4; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6  
**KY G:** 3

## On the Trail with Lewis & Clark 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES

Take an imaginary trip with Lewis and Clark to explore President Jefferson's recent acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase. Why were they going? What did they pack? Answer these questions and more as we head out on our adventure. Use a choose-your-own-adventure game, maps, historical artifacts and primary source material to study the wildlife, unknown lands and people that the Corps of Discovery encountered on their journey. Primary source material includes an 1803 Meriwether Lewis letter.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 7, 8; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; **Gov:** 6  
**KY H:** 8; **G:** 3, 5; **E:** 4, 5

## The Underground Railroad: Its History, People & Glory 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Recreate elements of the Underground Railroad through photographs, maps, navigational tools, replica shackles and true stories of historical figures. Discover the resourcefulness, courage and determination of freedom-seeking enslaved people and abolitionists.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 5, 7, 8; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; **Gov:** 3, 4; **E:** 5, 6  
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## Walking City 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES

Explore how geographic factors kept Cincinnatians confined to the downtown basin and learn why our city remained a walking city longer than most. Use a giant authentic 1863 urban map, its key, advertisements from the city directory and illustrations to perform a series of tasks that help you understand what life was like then in downtown Cincinnati. Strong reading skills are necessary for this program.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 8; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
**KY G:** 3, 4, 5, 8

## When Two Worlds Met 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

The North American fur trade connected people from two different worlds. Exchange furs and coins for replica goods from a late 18th-century trading post. Learn about the Battle of Fallen Timbers by stepping into roles as the signers of the Treaty of Greenville. Experience a period beaver felt hat, wampum and a calumet.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 5; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6; **Gov:** 6; **E:** 5  
**KY H:** 4; **G:** 3; **E:** 4, 6

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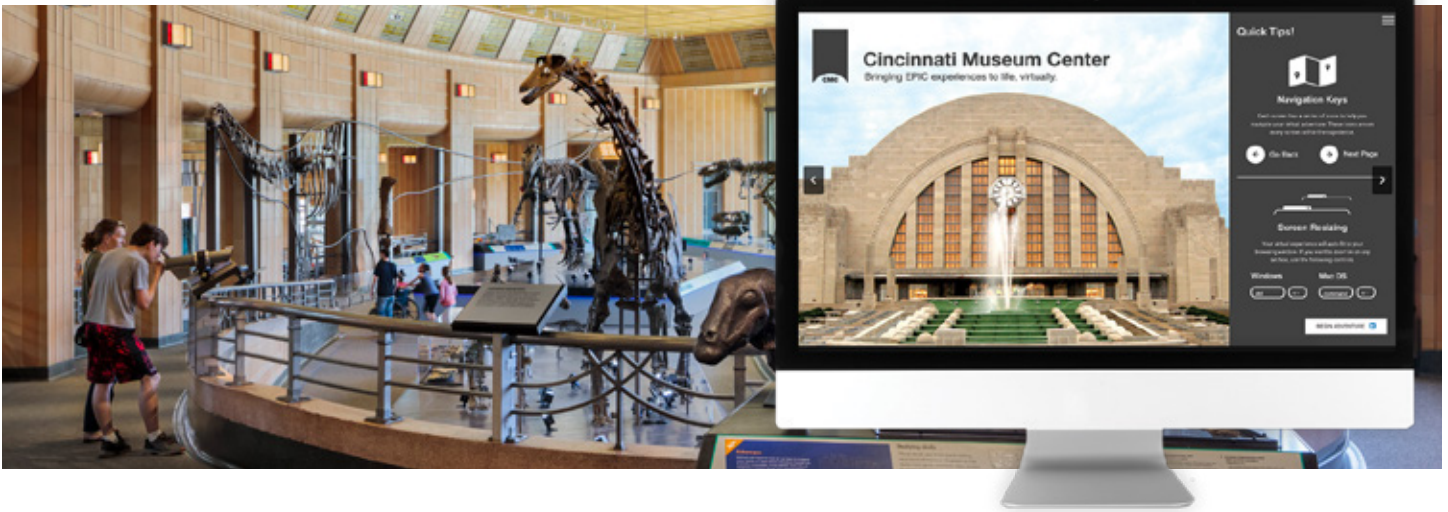
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# Connecting with Classrooms Virtually



## Virtual Field Trips

Ready to explore our exhibits from school or home? Our virtual field trips are in-depth tours of exhibits through video walkthroughs, expert interviews and immersive content, all aligned with OH and KY content standards. Virtual field trips are free to access and provide fantastic opportunities to prepare for in-person field trips or explore additional content afterward.

[cincymuseum.org/virtual-field-trips](http://cincymuseum.org/virtual-field-trips)

## Available Now

### ***The Cave***

From waterfalls and stalactites to fossils and troglobites, discover all the features in the Cave's twists and turns. Designed for grades 2-7 but contains engaging content for grades 8-12 and adults.

### ***Dinosaur Hall***

Meet huge dinosaurs and learn what we know about the Jurassic environment from other animals and plants. Experience how dinosaurs adapted to thrive. Designed for grades 4-8 but contains engaging content for grades 2-3, high school and adults.

### ***Made in Cincinnati***

From Porkopolis to tomorrow's modern tech hub, discover how innovation is, and always has been, in Cincinnati's DNA.

### ***Maya: Daily Life & New Discoveries***

Learn about Maya daily life and agriculture, the rise and fall of the Maya people, breakthrough discoveries from the University of Cincinnati and Maya culture today. Designed for grades 5-7 but contains engaging content for grades 3-4, high school and adults.

### ***Maya: Royalty, Art & Cosmic Balance***

Learn about the Maya people; cosmic balance, gods, goddesses and divine kingship; art; writing; timekeeping; and Maya culture today. Designed for grades 5-7 but contains engaging content for grades 3-4, high school and adults.

### ***Neil Armstrong Space Exploration Gallery, presented by the Harold C. Schott Foundation***

Follow in the small steps and giant leaps of Neil Armstrong and see if you have the right stuff to explore Mars and beyond.

### ***Public Landing***

Learn how Cincinnati is a city of immigrants and transplants, a city whose defining features are inspired by the diverse population who have called it home. Designed for grades 5-7, but contains engaging content for grades 3-4, high school and adults.

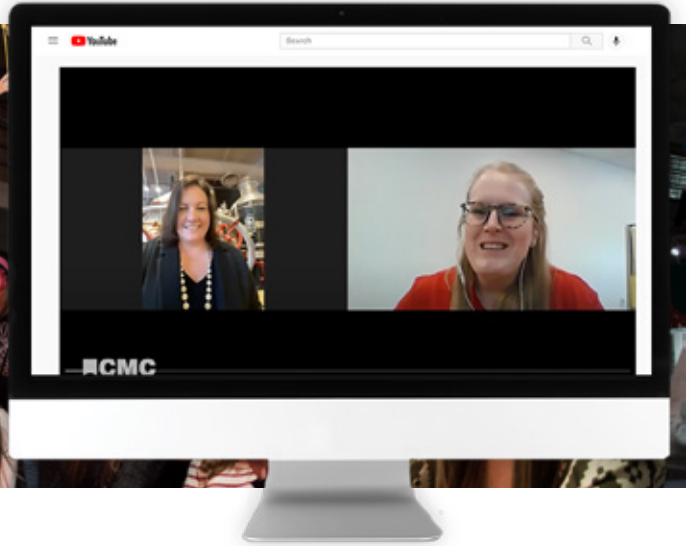
### ***Shaping Our City Part I: First Settlement to 1920***

Venture through time to explore the Cincinnati region from before the 1700s to 1920. From canoes and steamboats, to inclines and streetcars, discover how Cincinnati's transportation story has changed. Designed for grades 3-8 but contains engaging content for high school and adults.

### ***Shaping Our City Part II: 1920 to Today***

Venture through time to explore the Cincinnati region from 1920 to the present. From trains and cars, to hyperloops and rideshare systems, Cincinnati's transportation story is still being written. Designed for grades 3-8 but contains engaging content for high school and adults.

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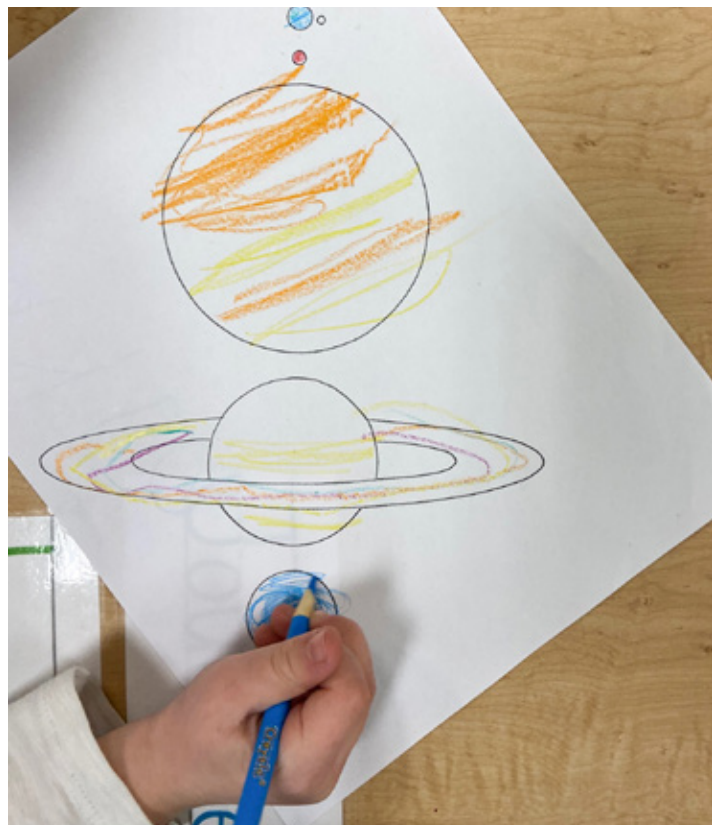


## Conversations with an Expert

Invite a CMC science or history curator, a librarian from the Cincinnati History Library & Archives, an exhibit designer or fabricator or other expert to a live, virtual conversation with your students! Learn about their background, explore their research and learn about their day-to-day responsibilities. Contact [tlawson@cincymuseum.org](mailto:tlawson@cincymuseum.org) for a list of experts and topics.

## Virtual Group Educational Programs

In-person connections not an option? Bring CMC's vibrant programs live to your classroom (or class-ZOOM) via virtual connection. CMC can supply the connection or present on a variety of platforms. See pages 12-18 for details.



# Local History and Ohio History Day



## Cincinnati History Library and Archives

The Cincinnati History Library & Archives have been collecting and preserving materials related to Greater Cincinnati, Ohio and the Old Northwest Territory since 1831, housing one of the most significant regional history collections in the United States with thousands of books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts, photographs and films. The Library & Archives house collections relating to the social, political, economic and cultural history of Cincinnati and the surrounding area. Along with our manuscript collection, the library also has photos, maps, early newspapers and printed works covering a vast array of topics, from abolitionism to wartime recipes.

Use the Library & Archives' extensive collection of primary and secondary source documents to examine events from Cincinnati's past from multiple perspectives. Contact [library@cincymuseum.org](mailto:library@cincymuseum.org) to schedule a group visit. We can accommodate up to 20 students at one time. Visit [cincymuseum.org/cincinnati-history-library-archives](http://cincymuseum.org/cincinnati-history-library-archives) for access to digital journals, online exhibits and other primary and secondary source material.

## Ohio History Day

Ohio History Day asks students to be creative and collaborative and think critically about history. By engaging students in grades 4-12 in research, this year-long program provides an opportunity for students to practice cross-curricular learning and practical application, while developing public speaking skills. Students choose to write an **essay**, create a **documentary**, build and display an **exhibit**, write and **perform** a song or play or create a **website** to be shared with an authentic audience of local historians and community partners.

Led by Ohio History Connection and coordinated regionally by CMC, Ohio History Day is an affiliate of the award-winning National History Day program. We are proud to co-host Ohio History Day's Region 8 competition for Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties. It's not just a day, it's an experience!

**To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National History Day, the theme for 2024 is *Turning Points in History*.**

Find additional details at [ohiohistory.org/learn/education-and-outreach/ohio-history-day](http://ohiohistory.org/learn/education-and-outreach/ohio-history-day).

## Ohio History Day Region 8 Contest

March 16, 2024  
Cincinnati Museum Center



# Youth Program and Educator Resources



## Cincinnati Museum Center Youth Programs

Cincinnati Museum Center's Youth Programs is a developmental program for youth between the ages of 13 and 18 focusing on four missions: Career Development, Leadership Development, College Preparation and Diversity Exposure. We offer a wide array of educational, career and leadership development opportunities along with important life skills, experiences and the chance to earn a paid Cincinnati Museum Center position.

Recruiting starts at the beginning of each calendar year, and we rely on educators to help identify young individuals that show a pattern of high academic achievement but could use a boost in support to enhance their chances of future success. Examples of youth who could benefit from this program might fall under the following identifiers, although we welcome youth from all backgrounds: lower family-income brackets, first-generation college-bound students and students enrolled in free or reduced-price meal plans.

[cincymuseum.org/youth-programs](http://cincymuseum.org/youth-programs)

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## Just for Educators

### Educator eNewsletter

Sign up at [cincymuseum.org/educators](http://cincymuseum.org/educators) to receive the latest information about upcoming special exhibitions, discounts, preview nights and much more.

### Exhibit-Related Resources

Enhance your field trip by using scavenger hunts and exhibit guides. Discover more at [cincymuseum.org/educators](http://cincymuseum.org/educators).

### Discounted Membership

Receive a \$20 discount on a CMC Membership by showing your school ID. Memberships are not valid on group visits. Find the Educator Membership form at [cincymuseum.org/join](http://cincymuseum.org/join).

### Preview and Prep

Have you booked a field trip to CMC and want to visit to prepare? Educators may visit any museum for free one time before their scheduled field trip. Simply bring your confirmation letter and ID to verify you are the booking teacher.

### Teacher Preview Nights

Preview our new featured exhibitions or OMNIMAX® films and see if they're a good fit for your classroom. Talk with our team to get more information about related programming. Sign up for the Educator eNewsletter to receive dates.

# Teacher Education

## ECSITE

### Early Childhood Science Inquiry Teacher Education

CMC's ECSITE program helps early childhood educators create and implement inquiry-based science activities for their students. Participating educators complete the program with greater understanding of different approaches to teaching science and the skills students develop through science activities that will help them become successful learners.

ECSITE is an Ohio Approved Professional Development Training and a Kentucky Approved Early Care and Education Training.

### Comparing Approaches to Hands-On Science

Children approach learning about science in different ways. Educators should be able to vary their approaches to meet the needs of every student. Experience three approaches to teaching science in your classroom.

### Experiments

Children young and old use the same process skills when learning science. Experience them in this hands-on workshop that will foster students' interest and success in science.

### Process Skills

In order to help learners develop the process skills needed for science exploration and inquiry, teachers need to gradually shift to giving learners more responsibility for using these skills in science activities. Practice making small shifts in existing activities to help learners strengthen the process skills needed for scientific inquiry.

### Science Skills with Light and Shadows

Utilize the six science process skills through an inquiry-based investigation of light and shadows.

### Raising Questions

Students discover science through questions grounded in their own curiosity. Discover ways to stimulate curiosity and elicit student questions that ultimately lead to investigations.

Contact Tony Lawson at [tlawson@cincymuseum.org](mailto:tlawson@cincymuseum.org) for more details.



# Richard & Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System

The Richard and Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System, located in Adams County, Ohio, is a 21,000-acre nature preserve owned and managed by CMC and The Nature Conservancy in Ohio. The Edge is widely known for its xeric limestone prairies, dolostone outcrops, high quality streams and rare plants and animals, making it a perfect outdoor learning lab. Professional development opportunities are open to both formal and non-formal educators.

## Educators' Week 2024

**June 2 – 7, 2024**

**Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center in Portsmouth, Ohio**

Join formal and non-formal educators during Educators' Week in beautiful Adams and Scioto Counties, Ohio. Educators' Week provides opportunities to gain an understanding of topics related to state academic standards by being immersed in a natural setting and creating a supportive learning environment. Learn from top experts on a wide range of cross curricular topics and explore new methods that will enhance your skills as an educator. By the conclusion of this unique, retreat-like conference, you will come away with a renewed sense of wonder, a feeling of community and kinship and the confidence to share your new knowledge with others.

Hosted by Cincinnati Museum Center's Edge of Appalachia Preserve System and supported by the Miami County Park District, Educators' Week will celebrate its 15th year at Shawnee State Forest, located in the rugged and rolling foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, approximately 15 miles west of Portsmouth, Ohio. The registration cost includes lodging and meals, as well as electronic copies of all materials, a set of ODNR Field Guides, T-shirt, notebook and other helpful items.

Visit [educatorsweek.com](https://educatorsweek.com) for more information

## Educators at the Edge Series 8

Hosted by CMC's Edge of Appalachia Preserve System, the Educators at the Edge workshops provide participants with field-based, experiential learning opportunities. Explore natural history topics while gaining new skills to use in the classroom. These exciting classes are open to classroom teachers, naturalists and other non-traditional educators. Graduate credit through Ashland University is available, as well as up to 45 contact hours.

For a list of classes and registration information, visit [cincymuseum.org/educator-workshops](https://cincymuseum.org/educator-workshops)





# Pricing Guide

Experience		Cost		
<b>Admission</b> School groups with a minimum of 15 individuals	Museum Admission (Children's, History, Science Museums) per individual	\$12		
	Museum Admission with OMNIMAX® per individual	\$14.50		
	Museum Admission with <i>Holiday Junction Featuring the Duke Energy Holiday Trains</i> per individual	\$14.50		
	Museum Admission with Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center per adult/student	\$17/\$14.50		
	Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater per individual	\$6.50		
	<i>Holiday Junction Featuring the Duke Energy Holiday Trains</i> per individual	\$8		
	Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center per adult/student	\$7.50/\$5		
	Reserved seating at lunch tables per individual	\$0.50		
<b>Group Educational Programs</b>	<b>Programs At Union Terminal</b> (Learning Labs)	<b>Early Childhood</b>	Single August 16 – January	\$130
			Single February – August 15	\$145
			2 sessions *	\$215
			3 sessions *	\$300
		4 sessions *	\$385	
		<b>Elementary/Secondary Science and Social Studies</b>	Single August 16 – January	\$155
			Single February – August 15	\$175
			2 sessions *	\$255
	3 sessions *		\$360	
	4 sessions *	\$460		
	<b>Programs at Your Location</b> (Programs-on-Wheels)	<b>Early Childhood</b>	Single August 16 – January	\$165
			Single February – August 15	\$180
			2 sessions *	\$300
			3 sessions *	\$420
			4 sessions *	\$520
			5 sessions *	\$600
		6 sessions *	\$690	
		<b>Elementary/Secondary Science and Social Studies</b>	Single August 16 – January	\$180
			Single February – August 15	\$205
			2 sessions *	\$340
			3 sessions *	\$480
			4 sessions *	\$600
	5 sessions *		\$700	
	6 sessions *	\$810		
	<b>Exploration Stations</b>	Single Station – per hour (2-hour minimum)	\$175	
	<b>Travel fees for Programs at Your Location/Exploration Stations</b>	0-35 miles	\$0	
		36-55 miles	\$50	
		56-75 miles (minimum of two sessions required)	\$65	
76-100 miles (minimum of three sessions required)		\$80		
101-125 miles (minimum of four sessions required)		\$90		
Beyond 125 miles (minimum of four sessions required)		Call for price		
<b>Virtual Programs</b>	Early Childhood Group Educational Program	\$125		
	Primary/Secondary Science/Social Studies Group Educational Program	\$140		
	Virtual Field Trip – single exhibit (price per exhibit)	Free		
	Virtual Field Trip – multiple exhibits (price per exhibit)	Free		
	Virtual Field Trip – in combination with Field Trip Museum Admission	Free		
	Conversation with an Expert (price per conversation)	\$75		
<b>Additional Presenter Fee</b>	If needed	\$35		

\* Same program, same day, same location



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Cincinnati Museum Center Educator Resource Pages

[cincymuseum.org](http://cincymuseum.org)

[cincymuseum.org/educators](http://cincymuseum.org/educators)

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