



ADVENTURES IN NATURE

June 17 – July 26, 2019

Natural History Museum

June 29 – August 2, 2019

La Brea Tar Pits and Museum



This summer, join us for Adventures in Nature Summer Day Camp! Whether it's becoming a dinosaur or engaging with nature in new ways, NHM has dedicated three decades of hands-on experiences and behind-the-scenes tours to campers – giving them access to 4.5 billion years of life on Earth. With so much adventure, your child's camp memories will surely last a lifetime!



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SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

	6/17 – 6/21	6/24 – 6/28	7/1 – 7/3	7/8 – 7/12	7/15 – 7/19	7/22 – 7/26	7/29 – 8/2
	Antarctic Dinosaurs!	For the Birds	Marvelous Minerals!*	L.A. Stories	Paleo Quest	The Great Outdoors	L.A.'s Tar Trap
Kindergarten	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
1st & 2nd	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3rd & 4th	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5th & 6th	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x
7th & 8th	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓

ANTARCTIC DINOSAURS!

June 17 – 21

DINOSAUR, BRRRR!

Kindergarten

In celebration of the traveling exhibit *Antarctic Dinosaurs*, we will throw on our snow suits and explore the dinosaurs found in places as far away as Antarctica and as close as our backyard! Stomp, chomp, and roar like a different dinosaur each day as we look back in time to when the dinosaurs ruled the Earth!

ANTARCTIC ADAPTATIONS

Grades 3 – 4

Since the beginning of time, animals have been adapting to their environments. Compare the dinosaur life that lived in Antarctica when it was a lush forest to the animals that now occupy the frozen landscape. Find out how dinosaurs and present day animals have evolved to survive!

ANCIENT ANTARCTICA

Grades 1 – 2

Antarctica wasn't always frozen, and we've got the fossils to prove it! Help piece together the past like a true paleontologist, and explore the fossil evidence that lets us go back in time to look up, down, and all around in the world of the dinosaurs in the Antarctic!

DINO LAB-ANTARCTICA UNEARTHED

Grades 7 – 8

Explore the work of paleontologists near and far by meeting Antarctic paleontologists and working with our own NHM scientists on a real fossil jacket. This week you'll get a close-up look at how fossils are excavated from extreme environments and then are prepared in our behind-the-scenes lab.

Includes additional cost of \$35 for lab supplies.

FOR THE BIRDS

June 24 – 28

EGGCELLENT ADVENTURES

Kindergarten

This camp is for the birds! From foraging for food to building nests, let your imagination fly as we discover what it's like to live like a bird.

AVIAN INVESTIGATORS

Grades 3 – 4

Whether it's flying high or diving deep, examine how scientists understand the world with a birds-eye-view! Through focusing binoculars and picking through pellets, experience what it's like to study birds and learn how to use the tools of the trade.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Grades 1 – 2

We may not have beaks or feathers, but this week we'll flock together with our favorite avian pals. Come get a little bird-brained with us and explore how people and birds share some surprising similarities!

MARVELOUS MINERALS!

July 1 – 3

BACKYARD GEOLOGISTS

Kindergarten

Rocks are all around us, and plants, animals, and people need them to survive! Come join us to play, create, and learn with rocks as we explore why rocks are important!

LOS ANGELES ROCKS!

Grades 1 – 2

Start your first rock collection this week! Become a Junior Geologist by taking a closer look at what's in the ground of L.A. and learn how rocks can tell us stories about the past and help us build our futures!

MOUNTAIN MAKERS

Grades 3 – 4

From the high mountain peaks to the deep ocean canyons, California is groovy! Join us to explore the forces of nature that have sculpted the surface of California, and examine how these changing landscapes have shaped life as we know it!

L.A. STORIES

July 8 – 12

OUR ANIMALS

Kindergarten

Many would say L.A. is a city built by people, but animals have had a huge role in life as we know it in the big city! This week at camp, we will meet some of the animals that have made L.A. history!

EXHIBIT EXPEDITION

Grades 3 – 4

This week experience the Museum in a whole new way. Become a scientist, architect, exhibit designer, and artist, working with NHM curators and educators to create a walk-through exhibit of the story you think should be told!

PALEO QUEST!

July 15 – 19

PREHISTORIC PALS

Kindergarten

What makes a fossil a fossil? Learn about and touch specimens straight from the Museum's very own collections. From casts to molds, this week uncover the different kinds of fossils that paleontologists dig up every day!

FOSSIL DETECTIVES

Grades 3 – 4

Meet a real paleontologist and learn the techniques they use for identifying fossils. Find out for yourselves how organisms alive today can help us in learning more about the past and what it looked like. Excavate and evaluate this week at camp!

L.A. WATER WORKS

Grades 1 – 2

It's no secret that water drives all life on this planet. A long time ago, Los Angeles was completely submerged and today we have to transport water from over 200 miles away. It's wet and wild at summer camp this week as we explore through the changes that have occurred in L.A. because of water!

JUNIOR PALEONTOLOGIST

Grades 1 – 2

Wear the hat of an excavator, biologist, curator, and researcher as you become a Junior Paleontologist this week at camp! Create your own fossil collection and learn all the ways in which fossilization can occur. Grab your shovel and start digging up the past.

PALEO SAFARI

Grades 5 – 6

From Antarctica to right here in California, the Museum collects specimens from all around the globe! Each day, campers will travel to a different country by going behind the scenes and examining some of our most exotic collections!

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

July 22 – 26

BACKYARD BUDDIES

Kindergarten

Learn about the animals that make Los Angeles their home! Where do they sleep? What do they eat and how do they move? Each day we'll meet a new backyard buddy and become them by building a bird's nest, eating like a butterfly, and hopping like a frog!

JUNIOR NATURALIST

Grades 3 – 4

Become a naturalist by getting outside and experiencing urban wilderness! Join us on our expedition through Exposition Park to discover the plants and animals that live here. Using the same tools that the Museum's scientists use, we'll explore everything from birds with binoculars to bugs with microscopes!

HIDDEN NATURE

Grades 1 – 2

Sometimes animals hide in the most unexpected places! From the ground to the sky, find out who makes their home in the natural habitat around Exposition Park and discover their special hiding places.

NATURE EXPLORATION

Grades 5 – 6

Although we live in a bustling city of buildings and people, there is a lot of natural plant and animal wildlife here too. As an elite team of explorers, you'll get to choose and plan your own adventure to investigate the wilder side of Los Angeles. You'll see first-hand the natural wonders that our city has to offer. This class includes an offsite field trip that the students will help plan.

Includes additional cost of \$35 for a field trip.

LA BREA TAR PITS: L.A.'S TAR TRAP

July 29 – August 2, at La Brea Tar Pits and Museum

TRACKING THE ICE AGE

Grades 1 – 2

Travel back in time and track the sloths, cats, and bears of the past. How did they move? What did they hunt? Why did they get trapped in the tar? Campers will use games, movements, and crafts to get to the answers of these Ice Age questions.

INSIDE THE FOSSIL LAB!

Grades 7 – 8

Go behind the scenes to sort real microfossils from Project 23 and contribute valuable data to active research at La Brea Tar Pits! Get one-on-one time with Museum paleontologists and learn how fossils are excavated, prepared and curated. This is one camp week you cannot afford to miss!

Includes additional cost of \$35 for lab supplies.

MAMMOTH MODELS AND SABER-TOOTHED CASTS

Grades 3 – 4

From models to molds to casts, this camp is all hands on! Spend the week learning about great Ice Age beasts and then take that knowledge to design your very own Ice Age creature. Some things don't fossilize so it is up to you to fill in the gaps of the Ice Age using your imagination!



CAMP STRUCTURE

- All camps are one week in length (with the exception of the 4th of July week), taking place 9 am to 3 pm daily.
- Camps for students entering Kindergarten include rest times.
- Lunch supervision is provided; all children must bring a lunch and snack each day.
- Extended care is offered beginning at 8 am and until 5 pm daily.

CAMP CONTENT

- Our camps use the research and collections of the Museum as a jumping off point for exploration and adventure.
- Our camps are designed to explore science and nature in ways that spark curiosity and are as fun as they are interesting.
- Each week, every camp explores the same theme, from bugs to dinosaurs, but all camps are created with developmentally appropriate and age-specific activities.

OUR STAFF

- We keep a low staff-to-child ratio, to provide the best experience to our campers. It ranges from 1:5 for our youngest campers to 1:10 for our older participants.
- Our instructors and counselors are professional educators and students, with interest and experience in teaching and science.
- All camp staff undergo extensive background checks and training.

Questions?

Your child's safety and well-being are our highest priority. Please contact us at 213.763.3499 if you have any questions.





HOW TO REGISTER

Register Online

Register and pay by credit card online at NHM.ORG/AINcamp

For Additional Information

Phone 213.763.3499

Fax 213.763.3550

E-mail educate@nhm.org

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Take advantage of discounts and free admission to the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County. For more information or to join, please call 213.763.3426 or e-mail members@nhm.org.

Registration fees

Non-members (per week): \$300

Members: 10% off non-member rate

Dinosaur Lab Camp: Add \$35 per week

Fossil Lab Camp: Add \$35 per week

* Special Discount for week of July 1 – 3

Non-members (per week): \$180

Members: 10% off non-member rate

Extended Care

Non-members: \$75 per week, Members: 10% off non-member rate. Offered for children from 8 – 9 am and 3 – 5 pm.

General Information

To ensure the best possible experience for all, your child must be currently enrolled in the appropriate grade level selected. If you have any questions about which camp is right for you, please call us at 213.763.3499.

Lunch

Campers must bring a packed lunch and enough for two snacks each day.

Scholarships

Scholarships are on a first-come, first-served basis for camp weeks we have available. A limited number of scholarships are available to families who qualify. Funding is provided by the generosity of Museum donors, members, employees and volunteers. Visit our NHM.ORG/AINcamp for an application and details.

Cancellations

Cancellations made 2 weeks prior to camp start date will receive a 100% refund. No refund will be given to cancellations made after this period.

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