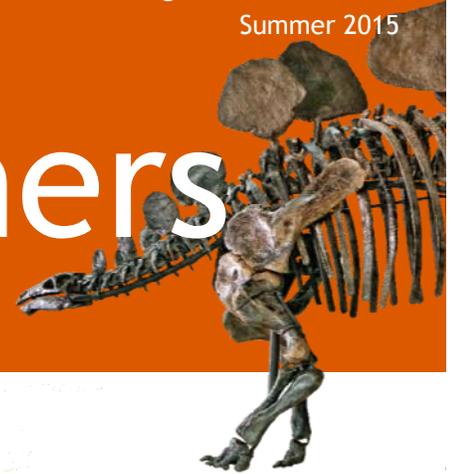


For Teachers



Coming Soon: Summer and Beyond!

Hello all!

I hope this finds you having a great summer and enjoying the time. We are all taking a bit of time off too, but don't worry, there are still educator workshops for you! **July 18**, learn what S.L.I.M.E. means to our museum scientists and how you can help us find it! (See the next page for more details...)

We're also already busily preparing for next school year. We're so excited to invite you to see *Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs*, an incredibly special temporary exhibit—coming to us from the Field Museum in Chicago. We'll have an educator workshop on **August 1** all about the exhibit to get you prepared, and our Annual Educator Open House on **September 26** will feature free access to the exhibit. Due to the age and fragility of these remarkable collections, we'll be doing something a bit different this time around and offering guided school tours for 3rd–12th graders, so we'll walk you through making exhibit reservations at these events.

Fall will also bring back our Guided Programs inside the galleries and outside in the Nature Gardens for PreK–12th graders, Dinosaur Encounters on Thursdays, and the Spider Pavilion! There's always something new to see and come visit the old favorites too.

See you at the NHM!

Molly Porter

Manager, School and Teacher Programs

Planning for Fall

Dear Teachers,

With the arrival of summer, the School Programs team starts to gear up and recharge for a brand new school year. But it's not just our team—the whole Museum is bustling around to prepare for another season with our new, highly anticipated exhibit, *Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs*. As Molly mentioned above, we will be offering a special experience for 3rd-12th grade levels. To make sure you don't miss out, we want to remind you that booking opens for the 2015-2016 school season on **August 15!**

When you make your online reservation, you will be offered a self-guided field trip but you can also request to add on special experiences such as guided programs in the Museum's permanent exhibit halls, performances, or a guided tour for the very popular *Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs* exhibit. To tailor your field trip, we have provided descriptions of each experience and listed which grades will be appropriate for each add-on. Our friendly staff at the Museum's Call Center can answer any of your questions when booking your school. They are available seven days a week from 9:30 am-5:00 pm, so you can call them when it is convenient for you! The School Programs will be working hard all summer to provide the best experience for you and your school. We are all looking forward to another exciting school season!

Margarete Villalobos

School Programs Coordinator



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Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs was developed by The Field Museum, Chicago. The picture above is a sneak peek of the newest temporary exhibit. Opens for schools on September 21!

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As you enter the Museum's magical Butterfly Pavilion, over 30 species of native North American butterflies flutter around in search of nectar or a spot to rest. Functioning as a living habitat, you might observe parts of a butterfly's lifecycle: butterflies laying tiny butterfly eggs, caterpillars munching on their host plant, and monarchs emerging from their chrysalises. You never know what part of the cycle will be inside! This very popular seasonal exhibit will be open until September 7, so get your visit in now before it closes. Booking for the next Butterfly Pavilion season (April-September 2016) opens **August 15, 2015**. We recommend to book in the Fall for this very popular exhibit!

Upcoming Educator Workshops

Looking for S.L.I.M.E.: Snails and Slugs Survey
Saturday, July 18, 2015. 9:00am - 1:00pm

Snails and slugs are a common and under-researched animal around Los Angeles! Join Dr. Jann Vendetti in discovering and collecting species living in Expo Park, and take back resources to the classroom to get your students involved in this new citizen science project.

Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs
Saturday, August 1, 2015. 9:00am - 12:00pm

Get ready for our exciting new temporary exhibition, *Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs*, by attending this workshop. Learn about Egyptian and Peruvian cultures and get priority booking for exhibit tours, which begin September 21st for your students.

Learn more and register for Educator Workshops at:
nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development

Please note registration for Educator Workshops opens three weeks prior to the date of the workshop. Workshop titles and topics are subject to change.

Annual Educator Open House
Saturday, September 26, 2015. 9:00am - 2:00pm

Join the NHM and the School Programs team to welcome you back to school! Enjoy a light breakfast, enter to win resources to discover nature with your students, and explore the Museum on your own. Throughout the day, join our education team for tours, a 101 Field Trip workshop, and activities.

Pair of Mallard Ducks >

Our Citizen Scientist Coordinator, Miguel Ordeñana, spotted the Museum's first pair of mallard ducks in our Nature Gardens. This duo took a dip in our pond and explored the Bird Viewing Platform. Put your nature eyes on while exploring the Museum's gardens and at your own school!

Submit your own sightings to inaturalist.org/projects/l-a-nature-map



Welcome, Margarete!

Please join us in welcoming our newest School Programs team member, Margarete Villalobos! A former NHM Gallery Interpreter team lead and Guest Relations associate, she'll be working with Hilary to coordinate school field trips, programming, and educator workshops, so look for her in her new role the next time you're at the Museum.

Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs



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This fall, see the world premiere of *Mummies: New Secrets from the Tombs* right here at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Get a rare, up-close look at a selection of over 20 mummies, many of which have never been on public display, originating from ancient Egypt and Peru. You will not want to miss this exhibit!

Request a Visit to the NHM!

Go to nhm.org/for-teachers and click on the [Visit the Museum](#) for instructions on how to plan your day and request a visit!