



# For Teachers



## New Year, New Opportunities

Dear Teachers,

Welcome back to the new school year! At the Natural History Museum, we're excited to have all of our new exhibits open, and this year we'll be focusing on offering a lot of new opportunities to you and your students.

In this issue, you'll see a long list of teacher programs coming up, as well as an awesome opportunity for your high school students. This fall, we're offering workshops on science notebooking and Common Core standards as well as lectures, trainings, and a "make and take" workshop to help get you and your students using your school (and the Museum) as a biological field site doing project-based learning.

We're also presenting at the CSTA conference in Palm Springs on Friday, October 25 at 11:00 am, visit [www.cascience.org/csta/csta.asp](http://www.cascience.org/csta/csta.asp) for more.

We'd love to see you there!

**Molly Porter**  
Manager, School and Teacher Programs

## Guided Programs & Required Reservations

Good news everyone, with all our new space, the Dinosaur Hall and Age of Mammals no longer require a reservation! However, due to small size and big popularity, schools will need reservations to see the Nature Lab, Spider and Butterfly Pavilion. Include these on your visit request if you would like to see them!

In addition to old favorites, we are offering three new Guided Programs this year. For PreK - grade 1 look at *Growing Home*, a hands-on exploration of home and habitat in our Edible Garden. For grades 2 - 5, consider signing up for *Pond Life*, where we take a look at the diversity of life supported by a pond. Finally, for grades 6 - 12 get to *Know Your Neighbors* - a program where we catch, observe and identify local bugs.

This year we are integrating the use of field journals in many of our programs, so if you use one in the classroom, bring it along! All of our Guided Programs run October 1 - January 31. For more visit [nhm.org/for-teachers/visit-the-museum/programming](http://nhm.org/for-teachers/visit-the-museum/programming).

Adventure awaits!

**Kristen Metzger**  
Coordinator, School Programs



Mission Door Lock  
On display in *Becoming L.A.*

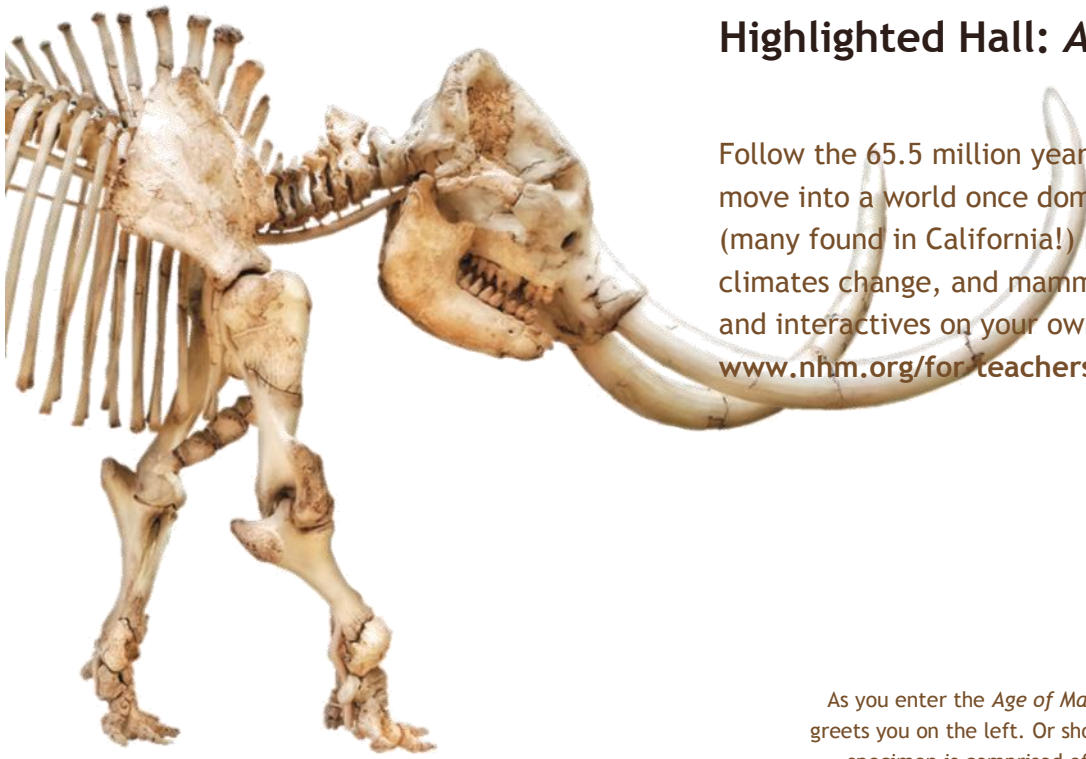
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## Highlighted Hall: *Age of Mammals*

Follow the 65.5 million year explosion of mammals as they move into a world once dominated by dinos. Unique fossils (many found in California!) reveal that continents move, climates change, and mammals evolve. Explore specimens and interactives on your own, or use a free lesson plan! [www.nhm.org/for-teachers/lessons-and-activities](http://www.nhm.org/for-teachers/lessons-and-activities).



### Feature Fact >

As you enter the *Age of Mammals*, say hello to the cheetah that greets you on the left. Or should we say *cheetahs*. This taxidermy specimen is comprised of two cheetah pelts that were in poor condition, and skillfully combined to create one complete mount!

## Upcoming Programs & Events

**Citizen Science and Cocktails Lectures**  
Thursdays, September 19 and 26, 5:00 pm

Learn how you and your students can be citizen scientists by helping to monitor reptiles, amphibians and pollinators in California. For more information and to RSVP visit [www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/lectures](http://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/lectures)

**Educator Open House**  
Saturday, September 28, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Enjoy a continental breakfast, explore new exhibits and enter to win resources for the classroom. RSVP online at [www.nhm.org/for-teachers](http://www.nhm.org/for-teachers) by September 22 to receive free parking! Stick around and participate in a Citizen Science workshop (see below).

**Reptiles and Amphibians of Southern California (RASCals) with Dr. Greg Pauly – Workshop**  
Saturday, September 28, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Be a Citizen Scientist and observe RASCals in your backyard, school yard or anywhere in Southern California! Lunch provided. RSVP with name, phone and e-mail at [info@nhm.org](mailto:info@nhm.org); subject line: RASCals Workshop Registration. One name per registration please.

**Science Notebooking with UCLA Center X**  
Saturday, October 5, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Learn how observing, writing and drawing can help incorporate and support Common Core Standards in your classroom! E-mail [info@nhm.org](mailto:info@nhm.org) for more on how to register.

**Schoolyard Wildlife: A Make and Take Workshop**  
Saturday, October 12, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hear about how our biologists study urban wildlife (mountain lions in Griffith Park? Bugs in our back yard?) and how they capture their data. Then learn to make and use tools to document wildlife at your school. RSVP with name, phone and e-mail at [info@nhm.org](mailto:info@nhm.org); subject line: Schoolyard Wildlife Registration. One name per registration please.

**iNaturalist Drop-In Training**  
Saturday, October 19, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Drop in anytime to get one-on-one training and help with our educators on how you and your students can contribute to existing research projects in iNaturalist, or create your very own! No registration required.

## Student Opportunity

**Our L.A. History**  
Saturdays, November 2, 9, 23 & December 7, 2013  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Where is your place in L.A.? This drawing course for grades 9-12 is based on our new exhibit, *Becoming Los Angeles* and students will create art that reflects both their personal history and the history of L.A. Taught in conjunction with Ryman Art ([www.rymanarts.org](http://www.rymanarts.org)) this opportunity is free and requires a commitment to attend all four classes. To register e-mail [rtuynman@ryman.org](mailto:rtuynman@ryman.org)