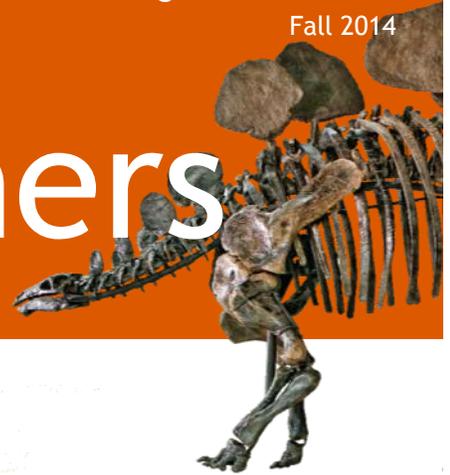




For Teachers



Guided Programs

Dear Teachers,

Another school year begins, and I hope it's off to a good start! We spent the summer offering outdoor Educator Workshops and training new Gallery Interpreters to lead Guided Programs for schools this fall and winter.

If you didn't make it to a Guided Program last year, we encourage you to reserve a spot early. Guided Programs run Monday through Friday, October through January. In these programs, PreK-Grade 1 students build homes for insects, Grades 2-5 discover a pond is teeming with life, and Grades 6-12 catch invertebrates to examine L.A.'s biodiversity (pictured left). Of course, our popular storytelling and fossil programs are available as well, so there's a lot to choose from! All Guided Programs are free, led by a Museum educator, and incorporate CCSS and NGSS skills and practices.

Preview some of these activities and learn everything else you need to know for the upcoming year at the annual NHM Educator Open House on Saturday, September 13, 2014.

Happy teaching!

Molly Porter
Manager, School and Teacher Programs



Students catch and identify insects in our Guided Program, Backyard Biodiversity.

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What's New

Welcome back to school—as you head into the classroom, we are busy gearing up for a new year of amazing Guided Programming and awesome Educator Workshops!

As you prepare for your field trip this year, please remember that we have a new chaperone policy in place. All chaperones over a 1:5 adult-to-student ratio will be asked to purchase a \$10 chaperone ticket on the day of the visit. This policy will be waived for Title I schools, and one-on-one aides for special needs students will not be counted towards the ratio.

By making this change, we expect to be able to accommodate up to two more classrooms *every day* at the NHM, so thanks for helping us reach more students!

For more info on how to make your trip a success, stop by our Field Trip 101 workshop at the Educator Open House on September 13.

Looking forward to seeing you this school year,

Hilary Gan
School Programs Coordinator



Souvenir Water Bottle >

Just Add Water and *Becoming Los Angeles* join art and artifact. Find the unmistakable relationship between Rob Reynolds' work depicting Mulholland's famous words "There it is, take it" to a souvenir bottle filled with the very water referenced (handed out at the grand celebration in Exposition Park for the opening of the L.A. Aqueduct 100 years ago). Discover more amazing connections (hints: think film, maps, models and more) on your next visit!



Highlighted Hall: *Just Add Water*

Exciting news, this exhibit has been extended through January 19, 2015! Visit the Rotunda Mezzanine to plunge into the history of Los Angeles's Aqueduct by peering into large-scale watercolors exploring its history. Local artist Rob Reynolds' original work like *Los Angeles Water Traveling over the Owens Valley* (right) explores the significance of

water in Southern California. For more, visit: nhm.org/explore-exhibits/upcoming-exhibits/just-add-water

Annual Educator Open Houses

Natural History Museum Educator Open House
September 13, 2014. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join the NHM to welcome you back to school! Enjoy a light breakfast, enter to win resources to discover nature with your students, then explore the Museum on your own or join our education team for activities and tours. Stay for a short afternoon workshop on how to plan and book a field trip to the NHM.

- **Breakfast and Raffle** 9:00 - 9:30 am
- **Nature Gardens Activities** 9:30 - 11:00 am
- **Highlight Tours** 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30 am
- **Field Trip 101 Workshop** 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Visit nhm.org/for-teachers/whats-new to RSVP. *The first 50 educators receive free parking in Lot 3!*

Page Museum Annual Educator Open House
September 20, 2014 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kick off your school year at the Tar Pits! Enjoy a light breakfast, enter to win some Ice Age resources for your classroom, then explore the Museum on your own or join us for tours of the La Brea Tar Pits. End your morning with a preview of our guided school programs and see what the Tar Pits can offer your students!

- **Breakfast and Raffle** 9:00 - 9:30 am
- **La Brea Tar Pits Tours** 9:30 and 10:15 am
- **School Guided Programs Previews** 11:00 am

Visit tarpits.org/for-teachers for more!

Upcoming Educator Workshops

From helping you explore nature and science with your students to forming connections with natural history through art, we've got you covered!

Practice science skills and get support with the Next Generations Science Standards and Common Core in our Educator Workshops this fall and winter.

Upcoming dates include:

- **Be Persnickety: The Importance of Word Choice and Definitions in Science Learning**
October 11, 2014. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Animal Care for the Classroom**
November 11, 2014. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Exploring *Grandes Maestros: Great Masters of Iberoamerican Folk Art the collection of fomento Cultural Banamex* with Students**
December 13, 2014. Time TBD

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.

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!