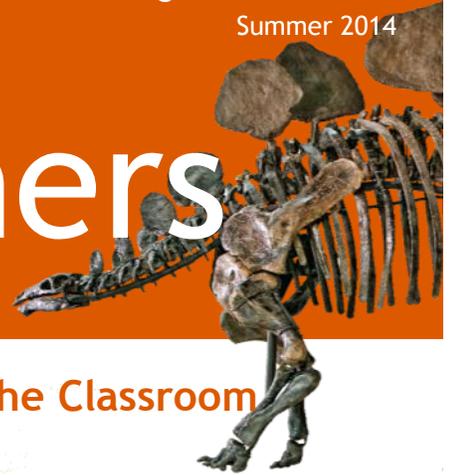




# For Teachers



## Bring Museum Research to the Classroom

Dear Teachers,

Happy summer vacation! Thank you for sharing another fabulous year with us.

In case you haven't heard, our Citizen Science team, Richard and Lila (pictured left) have collaborated with Museum scientists to create a slew of Museum research projects that study local wildlife and biodiversity. The exciting news is that you and your students can participate in these projects from your school yard, classroom, and computer lab!

Visit [nhm.org/nature/citizen-science](http://nhm.org/nature/citizen-science) to find a project that suits your class. Whether looking for lizards, counting pollinators, or birding, activities contribute real data to our researchers, and allow students to practice inquiry skills such as making observations and recording data. They provide data students can use too!

Join us for an urban animal safari at summer Educator Workshops and learn more about project-based learning opportunities with urban mammals and birds. See [nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development](http://nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development) for more information.

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## The Times They Are A-Changing

NHM School Programs is celebrating our busiest school year this decade, serving over 150,000 school visitors with NHM field trips! As we move into summer and fall, we are changing a few things to accommodate our growth.

Dinosaur Encounters will continue to be available on Thursdays and still require reservations for school groups, but show times are changing to 11 am, 12 pm, and 1 pm starting June 1, 2014.

School Butterfly Pavilion tickets are only available Monday through Wednesday in July and August, but schools groups may be able to purchase tickets other days.

Finally, we are changing our chaperone policy to help us welcome more students into the Museum. Effective August 12, 2014, only one chaperone for every five students will be included in the free school visit. Additional adults are still welcome, but are asked to pay for admission. Thanks to the extra capacity we'll have, we expect to be able to host up to two more schools a day!

Have a great summer. We look forward to seeing you next year!

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## Highlighted Hall: *African Mammal Hall*

Go on a summer safari! The African Mammal Hall displays many animals including the iconic savanna elephants to the now infamous honey badger, in their habitats as they were in the early twentieth century. For those of you looking to integrate Next Generation Science Standards into your field trip, these animals are great models for exploring Disciplinary Core Ideas like biogeology, human impacts, structure and function and a number of the ecosystem and life science progressions.

### Feature Fact >

Though located in the African Mammal Hall, one of the prominent specimens on display is actually a bird! In an effort to holistically represent African habitats, the ostrich was included despite its non-mammal status. Look closely in all of the dioramas during your next visit, and you might notice the number of bird specimens far out-number the mammals!



## Upcoming Programs & Events

**Educator Workshop: L.A.'s Carnivores Past & Present**  
Saturday, June 28, 2014. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Spend a morning with carnivores at the Page Museum! Discover the techniques that we use to study the predators of the past, as well as the carnivores that share our urban jungle today. You'll also learn about all the tools you need to take the study of carnivores back to your classroom! *Register for Page Museum Educator Workshops at [schoolprograms@tarpits.org](mailto:schoolprograms@tarpits.org)*

**Educator Workshop: Birding for Beginners**  
Saturday, July 12, 2014. 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Whether lurking about for crumbs or perching in playgrounds, birds are staple schoolyard wildlife! Join ornithologist Kimball Garrett and learn how to spot and identify birds, and record observations with students. Collaborate with Museum educators to workshop ways to use bird watching to facilitate learning and meet Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. *Register beginning June 23, 2014*

**Educator Workshop: Integrating the Arts**  
Saturday, July 26, 2014. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Join members of our Performing Arts and School Programs team to get inspired by the arts! Explore ways to integrate the arts into your classroom, while meeting standards and sharing your own creativity with your colleagues. *Register beginning July 7, 2014*

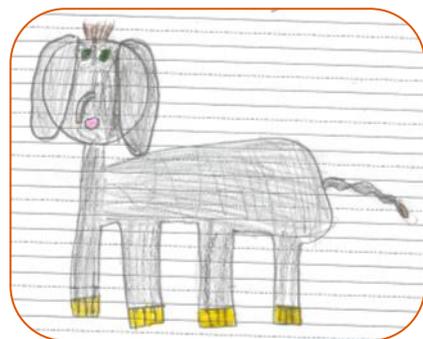
**Educator Workshop: The Study of Squirrels**  
Saturday, August 2, 2014. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

An ubiquitous L.A. neighbor with unique local history, squirrels are animals we can easily observe! Increase your squirrel smarts and learn about activities to facilitate student inquiry in the classroom. Discuss how to study squirrels with students to meet Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. *Register beginning July 14, 2014*.

## Workshop Registration

Register for NHM Educator Workshops at [nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development](http://nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development)

## Museum Love



*Thank you Jade T., who wrote to say she really liked the African Mammal Hall. We're glad you had a good time!*

## Book a Visit

Go to [nhm.org/for-teachers/visit-the-museum](http://nhm.org/for-teachers/visit-the-museum) to submit a visit request to the Natural History Museum!