



ADVENTURES IN NATURE

June 22 – July 31, 2020

Natural History Museum

August 3 – August 14, 2020

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 2020 CAMP SCHEDULE

	KINDERGARTEN	1ST & 2ND	3RD & 4TH	5TH & 6TH	7TH & 8TH
DINOSAURS! (A) 6/22 – 6/26	Dinosaur, Roar!	Junior Dinosaur Institute	Dino Descendants	×	Dinosaur Lab
WILD LA! (A) 6/29-7/2 (NO CAMP 7/3)	Garden Explorers!	2 CAMP GROUPS Junior Wildlife Biologist	City Safari	×	×
OCEANS! (A) 7/6 – 7/10	Tubes, Tails, and Tentacles!	2 CAMP GROUPS Under the Sea	Explorers of the Abyss	×	×
DINOSAURS! (B) 7/13 – 7/17	Dinosaur, Roar!	Junior Dinosaur Institute	Dino Descendants	Dinosaur Mysteries	×
WILD LA! (B) 7/20 – 7/24	Garden Explorers!	Junior Wildlife Biologist	City Safari	The Backyard Laboratory	×
OCEANS! (B) 7/27 – 7/31	Tubes, Tails, and Tentacles!	Under the Sea	Explorers of the Abyss	Urban Ocean Expedition	×
TREASURES FROM THE TAR PITS 8/3 – 8/7	×	Tracking the Ice Age	Pleistocene Naturalists	Los Angeles: City of Bones	×
TREASURES FROM THE TAR PITS 8/10 – 8/14	×	Tracking the Ice Age	Pleistocene Naturalists	×	Inside the Fossil Lab!

● = at the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum

DINOSAURS!

June 22– 26 (A) & July 13–17 (B) *Curriculum is the same during the (A) and (B) session*

DINOSAUR, ROAR!

Kindergarten

Big to small, fast and slow, ferocious and calm, dinosaurs came in many different forms. Stomp, chomp, and roar like a different dinosaur each day as we go back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

JUNIOR DINOSAUR INSTITUTE

1st and 2nd grade

This summer is your chance to become an honorary member of the Dinosaur Institute! From your summer camp field station you will discover, excavate, and identify fossils just like the Museum's very own Dinosaur Institute who every year travels to the desert to dig for dino bones.

DINO DESCENDANTS

3rd and 4th grade

Since the beginning of time, animals have been adapting. What ancient creatures were the ancestors of dinosaurs? And where are the dino descendants now? Explore the museum and find out how dinos and present day animals have evolved to survive.

WILD LA!

June 29 – July 2 (No camp July 3) (A) & July 20 – 24 (B) *Curriculum is the same during the (A) and (B) session*

GARDEN EXPLORERS!

Kindergarten

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and get dirt under your nails! This camp will take youngsters from beginning to end of gardening 101. Each day they will help the Museum make sure the tomatoes, strawberries, lettuce and more are being fed with light, water, and of course — love.

JUNIOR WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST!

1st and 2nd grade

From beetles to falcons to mountain lions, there are all kinds of life thriving just outside our Museum walls. Join us on the quest to find out about the amazing plants and animals we share our city with.

DINOSAUR MYSTERIES

5th and 6th grade (Only offered on July 13–July 17)

People have been discovering dinosaur bones for thousands of years, and those findings gave rise to mythical creatures like dragons! What if you had found it those bones instead? Can you beat the clock and be the first to unravel the mystery of the dinosaurs?

DINOSAUR LAB

7th and 8th grade (Only offered on June 22–June 26)

Come experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work on a real fossil jacket! This week you'll get a close up look at how fossils are prepared in our behind-the-scenes lab. *(includes additional cost of \$35 for lab supplies)*

CITY SAFARI

3rd and 4th grade

Want to see an African duck or South American Tree? L.A. is the place for you! Native and non-native species thrive in Los Angeles's urban environment, and this week we will delve into the wild ways plants and animals survive in the city.

THE BACKYARD LABORATORY

5th and 6th grade (Only offered on July 20–July 24)

Calling all explorers! The Museum needs our help to discover the abundance of biodiversity in L.A.! This week we will work on community science projects and contribute live data to real scientists at NHMLA.

OCEANS

July 6 – 10 (A) & July 27 – 31 (B) *Curriculum is the same during the (A) and (B) session*

TUBES, TAILS, AND TENTACLES!

Kindergarten

What is going on under the sea? Anemones that keep fish as pets? Whales that scoop sand in their mouths? This class will be a fun-filled introduction to the magical diversity of ocean life.

UNDER THE SEA

1st and 2nd grade

Where do whales sleep? Who else lives in sea worm cities? Explore the many different places ocean creatures call home, from coral reefs and tide pools to the inky-black abyss.

EXPLORERS OF THE ABYSS

3rd and 4th grade

How do we know what's out there? Together we will seek out the hidden wonders of our ocean world using tools of the scientific trade. See for yourself how our own Museum scientists use their collections to better understand the deep blue sea.

URBAN OCEAN EXPEDITION

5th and 6th grade (Only offered on July 27–July 31)

The Ocean is full of unique creatures to identify and mysteries to solve. We'll go into the field to find the pieces of this infinite puzzle and work with Museum scientists to put them back together. *(includes additional cost of \$35 for field trip fees)*

LA BREA TAR PITS:

TREASURES FROM THE TAR PITS

August 3-7 & August 10-14

TRACKING THE ICE AGE

1st and 2nd grade

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.

PLEISTOCENE NATURALISTS

3rd and 4th grade

Get an up-close look at prehistoric Los Angeles and go back 40,000 years into the past. Experience the life of a Pleistocene naturalist as you photograph, sketch, cast, and collage your way through the Ice Age!

LOS ANGELES: CITY OF BONES

5th and 6th grade (Only offered on August 3–August 7)

The La Brea Tar Pits Museum was built to house the millions of fossils that are being dug up just beyond its front doors. This week, we will jump into the roles of different Museum staff, from excavator to interpreter, and get a front row seat to their work. Discover for yourself what role you'd one day like to play!

INSIDE THE FOSSIL LAB!

7th and 8th grade (Only offered on August 10–August 14)

Go behind-the-scenes to sort real microfossils from Project 23 and contribute valuable data to active research at the 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)*



CAMP STRUCTURE

- All camps are one week in length, 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 two snacks 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.



HOW TO REGISTER

Register Online

Register and pay by credit card online at www.nhm.org/adventures-nature

For Additional Information

Fax 213.763.3550 E-mail info@nhm.org
Phone 213.763.3499

Join Today as a Museum Member and Save!

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

Registration Fees

Members (per week) \$270 < 10% off non-member price!

Non-members (per week) \$300

Dinosaur Lab Camp, Fossil Lab Camp, and Urban Ocean Expedition Camp: add \$35 per week

Special Discount for week of June 29 – July 2:

Members (per week) \$216 < 10% off non-member price!

Non-members \$240

Extended Care

Members: 10% off non-member rate, Non-members: \$75 (per week). Offered for children from 8:00 am – 9:00 am and 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Grade Level

To ensure the best possible experience for all, your child must register your child for the grade they will be entering in the Fall of 2020. If you enroll your child in an inappropriate grade level, we have the right to dismiss them from camp. We will try to relocate them into the correct age group, but we cannot guarantee availability. If you have any questions about which camp is right for you, please call us 213-763-3499

Lunch

Students must bring a bagged lunch, a drink, and enough for two snacks every day.

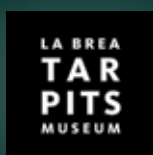
Scholarships

A limited number of full scholarships are available to families who qualify. We award scholarships on a first-come, first served basis and we give first priority to families who have yet received a scholarship with our camp. Funding is provided by the generosity of Museum donors, members, employees and volunteers. Visit our website www.nhm.org/adventures-nature 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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Questions?

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