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The Newsletter of UL Lafayette Science Museum



Letter from the Director

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Greetings from the UL Lafayette Science Museum. As we are transitioning to the cooler weather of fall, it's the perfect time to revisit the successes of the summer and plan ahead to the busy fall season. Summer was a busy few months, with the opening of new exhibits and lots of activities, like our Summer of Science Passport. We had a great time learning about coding and robots, the secrets that rocks tell, and International Observe the Moon Night. In all, we hosted over a dozen summer camp groups and over 6000 museum guests!

Although the days are getting shorter, we won't be slowing down. We have exciting STEM Saturdays planned for the second Saturday of each month, Halloween and Holiday events, and a Dinosaur trivia night to celebrate Di-November. Be sure to read the rest of the newsletter and check our website and Facebook pages. Subscribe to our mailing list so you don't miss out on any of the fun.

As always, I thank you for your support and appreciate the opportunity to share my love of science with you!

Best wishes,

Dr. Jennifer Hargrave,
Museum Director



Book Your Fall Field Trip

SCHOOL FIELD TRIP BOOKING IS UNDERWAY!

Now is the time to book your Fall Field Trip for the 2024-2025 school year.

To make a reservation, please visit our website and complete the [Field Trip Request Form](#). Once we receive your request, our field trip coordinator will process your form and contact you to finalize your reservation. It's best to make reservations early so we can easily accommodate your requests.

Field trips include a tour through to our exhibits, including our newest exhibit, Prehistoric Louisiana: A Journey Through Ice Age Acadiana, which features Ice Age fossils discovered in and around Lafayette. Other exhibits include Louisiana Weather, African-American Scientists from Acadiana, Nanotechnology, Mathematics, Physics, Space Flight, Entomology, Biology, and more. All field trips include an age-appropriate planetarium show, and a lunch space, if needed.

Prices are \$5 per student, complimentary entrance for the teachers, and \$3 per additional chaperone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY -
OCT 9**

**STEM SATURDAY: KLFY
METEOROLOGY - OCT 12**

**POP-UP SCIENCE - OCT
19 & 26; NOV 2, 23 & 30**

**TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE
BOO-SEUM - OCT 27**

**STEM SATURDAY:
GEOLOGY - NOV 9**

**DATE NIGHT DINO
TRIVIA - NOV 21**

**DIGGING INTO THE PAST
-FOSSIL WORKSHOP -
NOV 27**



STEM Saturdays

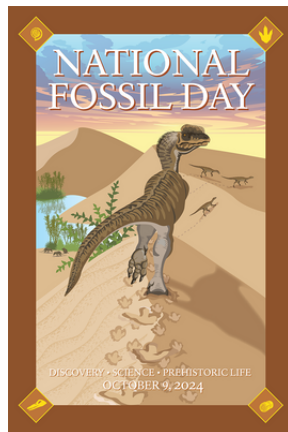
Join us for special STEM Saturday activities on the second Saturday of each month, sponsored by a grant from Halliburton.



KLFY Meteorologists will join us on October 12 from 10am-2pm to talk about Louisiana weather and the science of meteorology. Then on Saturday, November 9, we'll have a STEM Saturday focused on Geology. STEM Saturdays offer extra activities focused on a science topic. Activities are open-ended, allowing visitors to come and go while also touring exhibits and the planetarium. Activities are best for elementary and middle school ages, but older kids and adults can have fun learning something new or helping younger children.

National Fossil Day

During 2024 we celebrate the 15th Anniversary of National Fossil Day! Join paleontologists, educators, and students in fossil-related events, exhibits and activities.



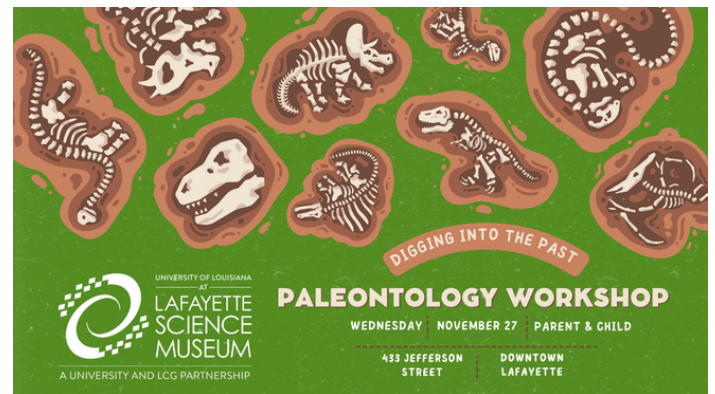
This year on October 9, we encourage you to visit the museum to see our paleo exhibit and check out the fossil dig pit, bone puzzles and learn about ice age fossils found right here in Acadiana. National Fossil Day is an annual celebration held to highlight the scientific and educational value of paleontology and the importance of preserving fossils for future generations.

Pop-Up Science



SURPRISE! We'll have science pop-up events on the following dates in October and November: October 19 & 26; November 2, 23 & 30. Stop in for a fun science activity anytime between 11am and 4pm, then enjoy exploring exhibits and take in a planetarium show. Our surprise science pop-up's feature extra activities focused on a science topic and are included with regular museum admission. It's always a fun surprise to find out what new science topic we'll explore.

Digging Into the Past



Mark your calendars for a special event on Wednesday, November 27. Digging into the Past is a parent & child paleontology workshop best for ages 6-10. Learn about the science of paleontology and how fossils teach us about the history of life on planet earth. Space will be limited for this special ticket event. Stay tuned for more details about how to reserve a spot.



Trick-or-Treat at the Boo-seum

STEM ACTIVITIES, TRICK-OR-TREAT, COSTUME CONTEST, PRIZES & SPECIAL GUESTS

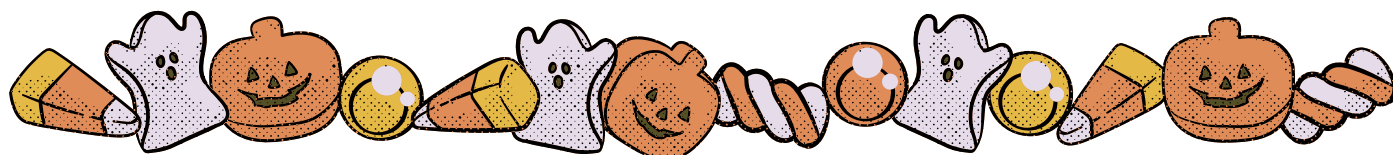
Trick-or-Treat at the BOO-seum is sure to be a whole lot of SPOOKY FUN for the entire family! Join us on Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 2-5pm.

Guests of all ages are invited to dress in costume for indoor trick-or-treating. Students and volunteers will present STEM activities in chemistry, math and geosciences. Join the search throughout the museum for a pumpkin scavenger hunt. The afternoon will culminate with a costume contest. Winners will be awarded in four categories, Best Overall, Most Scientific, Spookiest and Silliest.

Win prizes and treats, and be on the look out for special guest appearances and photo opps. We are especially excited for the return of Dip and Dabble Face Painting by Qui, who will be set up to offer that special touch to make your costume complete.

Bring your buckets and your bags for a SPOOK-tacular time with us to celebrate the season. All activities included with regular museum admission. All ages welcome.

If you or your business, would be interested in sponsorship opportunities for Trick-or-Treat at the BOO-seum. Please contact us at 337-291-5577.





Date Night: Dino Trivia

JOIN US FOR A FUN FUNDRAISER AT THE MUSEUM

We are thrilled to introduce a different kind of Date Night at the Museum. Thanks to a generous sponsorship by Aqueos, we will host Dino Trivia Night that's sure to put the FUN in fundraiser! Join us on Thursday, November 21 from 6-9pm.

Grab a date, a group of friends or just bring yourself to test your knowledge of all things paleontological. This trivia night will feature science, sci-fi, pop-culture, and popcorn. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase as teams of four vie for cool prizes and bragging rights. This event is intended for ages 18 years and up.

A \$20 donation will be collected at the door per player. Your donation and all proceeds from the event will support events and programs aligned with our mission to provide informative and interactive experiences in STEM fields to the community, K-12 students, and University students, provide innovative research opportunities, and preserve current and future museum collections for use in exhibits, classrooms, and scientific research.



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In the Planetarium

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

The universe awaits in our state-of-the-art, all-digital, full-dome planetarium! Our regular schedule includes shows every Friday at 4 p.m. and a Saturday morning children's program at 11:15 a.m. Programs continue Saturday and Sunday at 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m.

OCTOBER	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:15 a.m.		Secret of the Cardboard Rocket	
1:30 p.m.		The First Stargazers	The First Stargazers
2:45 p.m.		The Sky Tonight	The Sky Tonight
4:00 p.m.	The Sky Tonight	Firefall	Firefall

NOVEMBER	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:15 a.m.		Secret of the Cardboard Rocket	
1:30 p.m.		Voyager	Voyager
2:45 p.m.		The Sky Tonight	The Sky Tonight
* 4:00 p.m.	The Sky Tonight	Chasing the Ghost Particle	Chasing the Ghost Particle

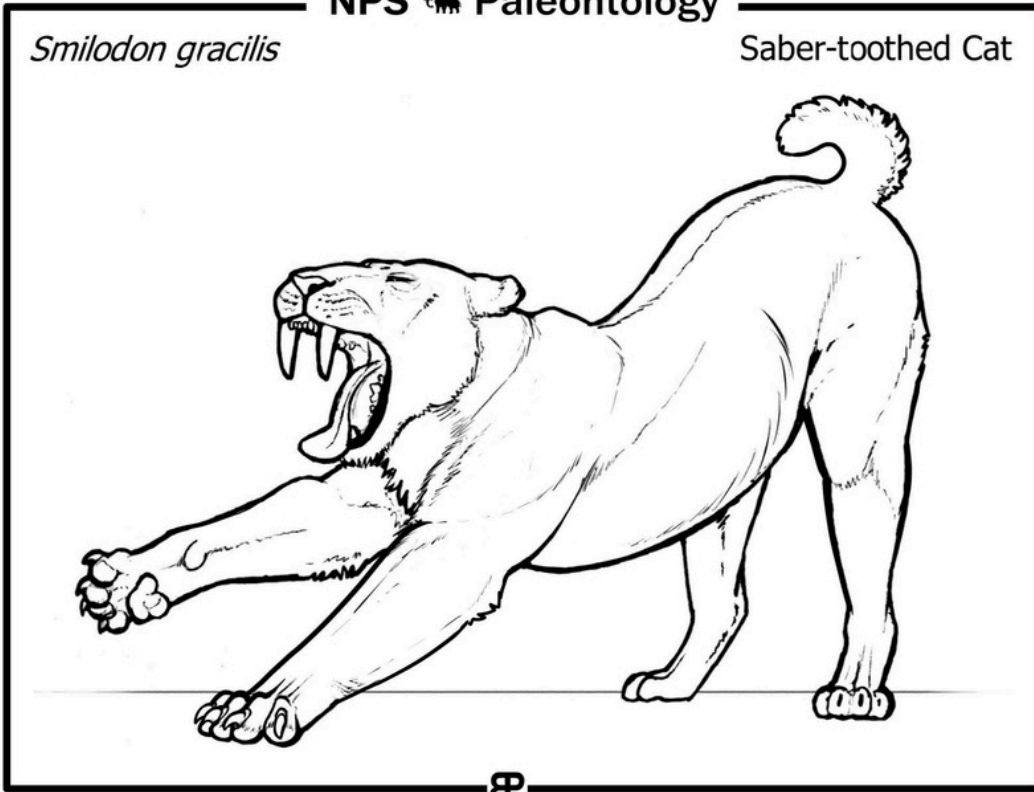


Curiosity Corner

NPS  Paleontology

Smilodon gracilis

Saber-toothed Cat



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Nothrotheriops shastensis

Shasta Ground Sloth

