



Lutz Children's Museum Teacher Newsletter



At the Lutz Children's Museum, our mission is to inspire students through culture, history, and the natural sciences. Founded by teacher Hazel Lutz, we create hands-on learning opportunities, from exploring artifacts to meeting live animals, that prepare students for academic success and make learning joyful.

Tales from the Trails *Grades PK, K- 2nd, 3rd -5th*

What are animals up to in the wild? Using all our skills as naturalists, students will embark on an indoor simulated trail walk, exploring replica animal tracks, fur, skulls, and scat to uncover clues about how animals live and interact. Who survives? What do they eat? After the guided walk, students will mold their own animal track and piece together their discoveries to tell the story of each animal's daily activities.

Critter Classification - Fur, Feathers, and Scales *Grades PK, K-2nd, 3rd -5th*

Do mammals, birds, and reptiles share similar physical features, and how do we tell them apart? Our educators will travel to your classroom with three live animals, one from each group, along with biofacts from the museum's natural history collection. Younger students will demonstrate understanding of the different groups with a craft, while older students will play a team based game to demonstrate understanding.

Beginner Birding: Fabulous Feathered Friends *Grades K - 2nd*

Take flight into the world of birds! Meet some of our feathered animal ambassadors and explore our eco-facts. Students become ornithologists as they explore the fascinating world of birds. From the pigeon to the hawk, the hummingbird to the albatross, students will investigate the unique traits that make each species special.

Radical Reptiles *Grades K -5th*

Get ready to slither into the sensational world of reptiles! In Radical Reptiles, students will meet real reptile ambassadors up close and discover what makes these cold-blooded creatures so cool. From scaly skin to unique habitats and feeding habits, we will dive into the world of reptiles using the eco-facts from our museum's collections. Through hands-on exploration and engaging activities, young herpetologists will learn how reptiles survive, adapt, and thrive in the wild. This interactive adventure is full of science, surprises, and scaly fun.

Wildlife Illustration *Grades PreK, K- 2nd, 3rd -5th*

Animals have some amazing and unique ways of adapting to their environments, so they grow, survive, and thrive. In Wildlife Illustration, students become both scientists and artists as they explore the world of animal adaptations. Using their observation skills, they will study biofacts from the museum's natural history collection and meet a live animal ambassador up close! Younger students will create colorful mosaic art inspired by wildlife and the older students will learn drawing techniques to illustrate their own imaginative animal with fantastical adaptations. This class blends creativity and science into a wildly artistic adventure.

Incredible Insects *Grades PreK, K - 2nd*

Grab your magnifiers; it is time to explore the incredible world of insects! In this hands-on class, students will become junior entomologists as they investigate what makes an insect different from a bug. Through close observation and interactive learning, they will meet real insects and bug friends, discover the important roles these creatures play in our environment, and use their creativity to design their very imaginative insects to take home.

Animals in Winter – Seasons and Stories: Animals Through the Year

Grades PreK, K, and 1st

Join us on a story-filled journey through the changing seasons where we will read a seasonal story, meet our animal ambassadors, and have fun! In this four-part class, Seasons and Stories: Animals Through the Year, children will discover how animals grow and change right along with the world around them.

- In autumn, *The Leaf Thief* will help us spot the signs and colors of fall.
- We will explore winter while reading *Bear Snores On* and learning about hibernation.
- Spring will bloom with *How a Seed Grows* as we learn how plants and animals wake up to new life.
- We will flutter into summer with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to see how insects transform through metamorphosis. Through hands-on activities, art, and exploration, young learners will connect nature's rhythms to their favorite stories!

For additional programs available on our website. some programs may be customizable. Give us a call to inquire.

Excellent as a 4-part series or booked individually.



We put learning in the hands of children!

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Key to Program Pricing

Program Options	Pricing
45-Minute Outreach Program (One Animal if Applicable to Class)	\$215
60-Minute Outreach Program (One Animal if Applicable to Class)	\$290
Fur, Feathers, or Scales Outreach Program (60 minutes Program)	\$290
90-Minute Outreach Program (One Animal if Applicable to Class)	\$430
Additional Animal	\$30/ each
Self-Guided Field Trip	\$13/person
Field Trip with 45-Minute Class	\$18/person (minimum 13 children)
Field Trip with 60-Minute Fur, Feathers, or Scales Class	\$30/person (minimum 13 children)
Cancellation of Scheduled Class Fee	\$30
Last Minute Booking (Within 1 Week of Program Delivery Date) Fee	\$30
Mileage for Those Towns Nonadjacent to Manchester	\$0.68 / mile

FAQ

How many students per educational program?

For our educators to deliver the best program experience possible, all of our programs are for classes with about 25 students. We do not do any assembly style programs or combine classes.

Are programs able to travel from classroom to classroom?

Yes, most of our programs are able to be taken from classroom to classroom. Our programs that need a big enough space would be for our Tales from the Trails program and our Caves Rock! program.

How far in advanced should you book your program or field trip?

We highly suggest that you book your programs or field trips a couple of months in advance. This gives our educators and staff members time to prepare their material and schedule. You are able to book a week in advanced but we have a fee for last minute bookings.

Do you have any free programs for Title 1 / Non profit Organizations?

Traditionally no, but call our president/CEO for special circumstances at 860-643-0949 x1.

For further assistance, please contact our Educational Curator at 860-634-0949 x 5 or send an email to bciezaboza@lutzmuseum.org.