



Lutz Children's Museum Teacher Newsletter



Bring learning to life with a hands-on Lutz Children's Museum program designed for students in Grades K-5. Visit the museum for an unforgettable field trip, or let us bring the experience right to your classroom. Through hands-on activities, artifacts, and live animal ambassadors, we inspire curiosity and make learning come alive. Our programs enhance classroom learning, encourage discovery, and create memorable experiences for students in elementary school.

Tales from the Trails *Grades K-2, 3-5*

What are animals up to in the wild? Using all our skills as wildlife biologists, students will embark on an indoor simulated trail, identify animal tracks, fur, skulls, and scat to uncover clues about how animals live along with hands on interaction with our animal ambassadors. 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 K-2, 3-5*

Do mammals, birds, and reptiles share similar physical features, and how do we tell them apart? Our program features live animal ambassadors, one from each group, along with biofacts from the museum's natural history collection. Younger grades will sort and classify animals & make a craft. While 3rd-5th will create a Biome Critter Creation of their own.

Clues from the Past: Mystery Artifact Challenge *Grades 3-5*

Become a history detective! Students will examine mystery artifacts from the Lutz Children's Museum collection, search for clues, and make predictions about what each object is and how it was used. Through hands-on investigation, teamwork, and a little mystery-solving, students will discover how everyday objects can reveal fascinating stories about the past.

Radical Reptiles *Grades K-2, 3-5*

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 K-2, 3-5*

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 live animal ambassadors 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 K-2*

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.

Seasons and Stories: Animals Through the Year *Grades K-1*

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 *Waiting for Wings* 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!

Find additional programs available on our website. Some of our programs are customizable. Give us a call to inquire.

We put learning in the hands of children!

Excellent as a 4-part series or booked individually.



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Key to Program Pricing

Program Options	Pricing
45-Minute Outreach Program	\$215
60-Minute Outreach Program	\$290
90-Minute Outreach Program	\$430
Self-Guided Field Trip	\$15/person
Field Trip with 45-Minute Class	\$18/person (minimum 13 children)
Field Trip with 60 -Minute Class	\$30/person (minimum 13 children)
Cancellation of Scheduled Class Fee	\$30
Cancellation of Scheduled Field Trip Class	\$150
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 can participate in a program?

Our programs are designed for individual classes of approximately 25 students. Keeping groups at a classroom size allows our educators to provide a more engaging, hands-on experience. We do not combine classes or offer assembly-style programs.

Can you bring programs directly to our classrooms?

Yes! Most of our programs can travel from classroom to classroom, making it easy to schedule multiple programs during your school day. Tales from the Trails does require a larger space due to the activities involved.

How early should we book a program or field trip?

We recommend booking a few months in advance, especially if you have a specific date in mind. This gives our education team plenty of time to prepare materials and coordinate staffing. Last-minute bookings may be available, but reservations made within one week are subject to an additional fee.

What does a field trip to the Lutz Children's Museum look like?

Students can participate in a hands-on educational program, meet some of our animal ambassadors, and have time to explore and play in the museum. Our field trips encourage curiosity, problem solving, and interactive engagement while giving children an exciting experience outside the classroom.

What does our school need to provide?

Our educators bring the materials needed for the program. When you book, we'll let you know about any specific classroom or space requirements so your teachers know exactly what to expect.

Still have questions? We're happy to help you find the right program for your students. Contact our Educational Curator at 860-634-0949 ext. 5 or bciezaboza@lutzmuseum.org.