

All field trips to the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History are...

- Fun, interactive, hands-on and designed to encourage inquiry and learning from objects.
- Interdisciplinary, covering science, reading, writing, visual arts, geography and history.
- Developed to address state and local curriculum standards.
- Designed to enhance student understanding of exhibits and related concepts.
- Age-appropriate.

Guided Tours and Workshops

Guided tours are designed as interactive and hands-on learning experiences where students use objects and inquiry to discover, wonder and reflect. Workshops are offered in conjunction with tours to provide a more in-depth learning experience; students will create an object of their own to take home. A tour or workshop is an enriching stand-alone experience. Pairing a tour and workshop together for a Field Trip will have a broader impact on student learning.

Pots, Rocks and Rugs Tour (preK – 2nd)

Discover the different materials, shapes and objects used by Native Americans of the Four Corners area.

Early People of Colorado Tour (3rd – 5th)

Explore the life ways of the Ancestral Pueblo of Mesa Verde and the Four Corners area including connections between the land and the people.

Pottery of the Southwest Workshop (2nd – 5th)

Learn the steps of pottery making and examine prehistoric shapes and designs. Design and create your own pot.

Navajo Weaving Workshop (2nd – 5th)

Learn the steps of weaving from sheep to rug. Weave your own pouch.

Dinosaur Discoveries (preK – 2nd)

Discover different types of fossils through counting, identifying, and acting out movement.

Fossils: Evidence of the Past (3rd – 5th)

Learn the distinguishing characteristics of dinosaurs and investigate different types of fossils and the information they can provide about past environments.

Fossil Fun Workshop (2nd – 5th)

Discover different types of fossils and the exciting things we can learn from them. “Excavate” and make your own “fossils”.

Arctic Connections Tour (preK – 2nd)

Explore the icy world at the top of the Earth. Learn about adaptations required for plants, animals and people to survive.

Inuit Voices Tour (3rd – 5th)

Investigate the art, culture and science of people living above the Arctic Circle.

Inuit Voices Workshop (2nd – 5th)

Explore the influences of landscape and natural materials on art and culture. Learn how science and indigenous culture interact to provide a bigger picture of climate change.

Highlights Tour (recommended for middle or high school students; adult groups)

Sample the best from each of the galleries: the Paleontology Hall, Anthropology Hall, and the Changing Gallery: *Silavut Inuit Voices in a Changing World* (through spring 2009).

EVOLUTION: HERE AND NOW! In the McKenna Gallery opening September 15, 2008. Visit <http://cumuseum.colorado.edu> for details.



Bring the Museum to your classroom with our Discovery Kits and Critter Cases!



The University of Colorado Museum loans portable kits for in-class use. Discovery Kits contain authentic museum specimens, models, and activity ideas. The kits can be used as a free-standing study unit or as pre- or post-visit activities when combined with a trip to the Museum. Kits are available for a rental fee of \$10/week. Please contact the Education Office to schedule a rental time and for information on pick-up or delivery. Please see the website for more detailed descriptions and photographs of contents: <http://cumuseum.colorado.edu>.

Bats

Delve into the fascinating roles that bats play in the ecosystem.

Bug Box

Enter the captivating world of insects and spiders with tools to collect, identify and explore.

Colorado Mammals

Examine real fur and skulls of Colorado mammals including herbivores, carnivores and a marsupial.

Dinosaurs

Learn about the geologic past with real fossils, fossil replicas, models and many games, books and activities.

Excavations at Rock Creek

Learn about early peoples of Boulder through an actual local archaeological excavation; includes tools, plants and weapons.

Fossils of the West

Investigate life in the West millions of years ago through different types of plant and animal fossils.

Native Peoples

Explore Native American cultures through ancient and modern objects including pottery, textiles and other trade goods.

Owls in the Food Chain

Investigate habitats of North American owls and their prey.

Raptor Adaptations

Study feathers, talons, wings and skulls of North American birds of prey, including hawks, owls and eagles.



Critter Cases are individual mounted specimens of Colorado birds and mammals. Great for art projects or any study that requires looking at animals up close! The rental fee for Critter Cases is \$2 per case per week – rent as few or as many as you'd like! Please visit the website for a list and photos of the specimens available: <http://cumuseum.colorado.edu>.

For other CU Science Outreach Resources, please visit <http://www.colorado.edu/ScienceDiscovery/sfcu/index.html>





Planning a Field Trip to the University of Colorado Museum

Reservations are required for all Field Trips; please reserve all Field Trips at least two weeks in advance. To schedule a Field Trip or rent a Discovery Kit, please contact the Museum Education Office by phone at 303-492-1666 or 303-492-4843; or email museumed@colorado.edu.

Cost

Guided Tours: \$2 per student

Workshops: \$3 per student

Guided Tour and Workshop booked together: \$4 per student

(There is a minimum of 10 students)

We offer a reduced cost for students receiving 'free and reduced lunch'.

Times

Guided Tours and/or Workshops are offered Monday through Friday, starting at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm.

Chaperons

We recommend a ratio of one adult for every ten students. Chaperons are free.

Location

The Museum is located in the Henderson Building on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder between 15th and 16th Streets, just east of Broadway. If arriving by school bus, we recommend you drop the students off near the University Memorial Center on Euclid Street and walk the short distance to the Museum.

We encourage the use of public transportation to get to the Museum. RTD bus stops are conveniently located on Broadway less than a block from the Museum. Ask us about purchasing bus passes through the Museum.

CU Resources

The University of Colorado offers many opportunities for educational field trips and resources to support teachers in the classroom. For a complete list of CU resources, please visit www.colorado.edu/cu4K12. We will help you coordinate your field trip to the CU Museum with visits to other campus organizations.

Special Event! Teacher Open-House at the Museum.

September 24, 4:00-6:00 pm. Hear a presentation by the curator of the "Silavut Inuit Voices in a Changing World" exhibit, sign up for Field Trip Tours and Workshops, explore the museum, pick up ideas for classroom activities, and enter a drawing for a FREE FIELD TRIP FOR YOUR CLASS TO THE CU MUSEUM – INCLUDING THE BUS!

Day of the Dead Altars Program

From October 22 through November 7 we will be offering one-hour programs that include a tour of altars installed in the Museum galleries by local artists and community members, along with a hands-on activity based on the cultural traditions of the Day of the Dead Celebration. Cost: \$2/student.

Where are the Wildlife Tours?

All of the amazing Colorado animals in the Biology Hall are being assessed after spending 50 years in their cases. The Biology Hall will be closed for most of 2009 while we create and install an exciting new exhibit on Biodiversity. We'll keep you posted!

Self-Guided Tours

Reservations are required for self-guided tours to ensure a positive experience for your group and to avoid overcrowding in the Museum. When you make your reservation, please inquire about scavenger hunts, journaling activities and activity backpacks. There is no charge for self-guided tours; donations are accepted.

MUSEUM HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Museum is free and open to the public - please come see us anytime!

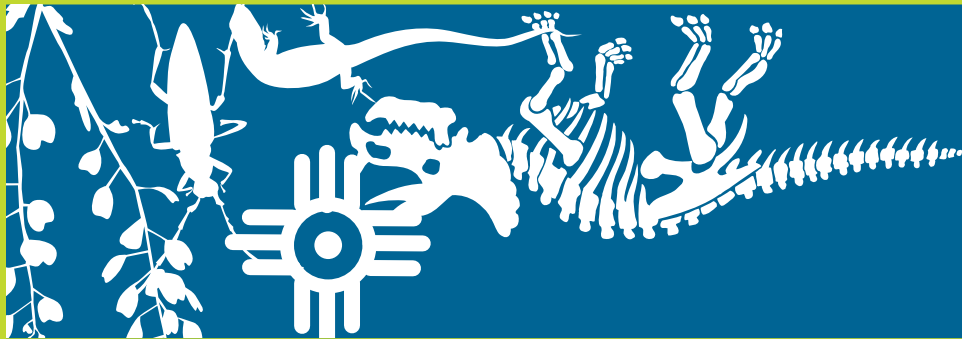


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