



THE PTERANODON

Sternberg Science Camps

Education Through Adventure

David Levering, education director, took some time out of his busy summer schedule to tell us about how the science camps have been going, "Our first summer of Sternberg Science Camps has been going great! We've seen all kinds of wildlife, fossils, geology, and had a wonderful time with all of our participants." With less than a month before school starts back up, the science camps are wrapping up, but there are still a few camps left before the end of summer. There are still K-5, Middle School, and family camps that we are offering this summer!

Kindergarten through 5th grade students still have Junior Marvelous Mammals (August 11) and Junior Rocks and Minerals (August 13) to look forward to this summer. These camps will have hands-on activities for the elementary aged campers including handling mammal bones and teeth during Junior Marvelous Mammals, and campers will get to study rocks, fossils, and chalk during Junior Rocks and Minerals. The elementary camps (K-5) cost \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members.

Middle School (6th - 8th grade) campers can look forward to Rocks and Minerals (August 4-6) and Insects and Spiders (August 7-9). The middle school camps are a little bit more advanced than the elementary school camps. Campers can expect to spend time outdoors studying insects and arachnids during Insects and Spiders, and during Rocks and Minerals they can expect to learn about the surface of the earth and how it has changed over millions of years. The middle school camps cost \$250 for members and \$300 for non-members.

Along with these camps, we have three family camps on the schedule. There are many openings during our August 16-17 and August 23-24 family camps as well. These camps are \$75 for adults, \$50 for kids, and children under 4 are free. Families will need to have their own vehicles to travel from the Museum to different field sites.

David also said, "We are also excited to announce more guided trips coming this fall, winter, and spring! Stay tuned. We are definitely kicking our guided science education trips up a notch in the coming year!"

We can't wait to see what David and the Education Department bring to the table this year! For more information on these camps email DAlevering@fhsu.edu or call the Museum at 785-628-4286.



Dr. Laura Wilson tasting the fossils during the Paleontology Field Crew camp. It's a commonly used field technique! Honest! (Actually it really is. By putting fossils and sedimentary rocks on the tongue, paleontologists can get an idea of if a rock is actually fossil bone, or how course a sample of sediment is. Field geologists and paleontologists can often be observed eating bits of rock as they walk through a site.)



Paleontology field crew campers moving their fossil Mosasaur to the lab.



Fun at Family Camp!



Petting Chompers the American Alligator at Junior Reptiles & Amphibian.

Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous!

Don't miss your chance to experience this interactive exhibit!

September 1st is the last day that you will be able to experience "Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous." During the exhibit's run, beginning in May, at the Sternberg Museum, visitors of all ages have enjoyed becoming a Triceratops or T. Rex and virtually experiencing what life was like during the Cretaceous Period. The exhibit offers many hands-on learning opportunities and has been successful since it's opening.

If you haven't had the chance to visit and experience this exhibit this is the last month to do so!



Love Photography?

We're looking for pictures of Kansas outdoor natural history that you are willing to share with us. The best pictures will be posted in a special album on our Facebook page!! Any pictures of plants, scenery, wildlife, geology, or fossils are welcome! Yes, it's okay if there are people in the pictures! Please include a description of the picture.

Send your submissions to dalevering@FHSU.edu, and we'll get them up on our page!

Show us your best shot(s)!



Photo By: Kris Super



Photo By: Neil Deaker

Discovery Under the Dome...

Summer Programs at the Sternberg Museum

This summer has been full of fun and discovery! The programs so far this summer have covered the topics of turtles, bones, water, sharks teeth, fossils, bats, snakes, fish, and teeth. We have been fossil hunting, fishing, and handling live animals!



Here is a list of the programs that we are offering in August. For more information about any of these programs call 785-628-5506 or visit www.sternberg.fhsu.edu!

PELLET PLUNDER - August 5, 2014 (3:00-5:00pm)

Dissect owl pellets. Measure & record your finds.

Even try one as a snack!

Ages 5-12.

\$6.00 for members. \$10.00 for public.

WHERE'S SCRAT - August 8, 2014 (6:00-10:00pm)

Have dinner with us then we'll have an ice-age evening & hopefully find Scrat.

Ages 5-12.

\$15 for members. \$20 for public.

(parents welcome at 1/2 price)

ROCK-A-BYE - August 12, 2014 (3:00-5:00pm)

Check out all our babies and snack on summer's bounty.

Ages 5-12.

\$6.00 for members. \$10.00 for public.

MONARCHS ON THE MOVE - August 30, 2014 (9-noon)

Learn about monarchs & their migration.

Learn how we can help this troubled species.

Build your own Monarch caterpillar house.

Hike our trails in search of caterpillars that you can take home & raise. Snacks included.

All ages.

\$12 for members. \$15 for general public.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Only participants pay.