



Discovery Under the Dome...

# THE PTERANODON

## Summer Camps in Full Swing

Rain or shine, campers are enjoying the amazing western Kansas outdoors.

Though mother nature has had a few surprises up her sleeve, our summer camps have continued on marvelously! We are almost half-way through our science camps planned for this summer, with much more to offer.

There are still openings remaining in our August middle school (6th - 8th grade) camps. Rocks and Minerals is August 4-6. During this camp campers can expect to learn all about the stuff Earth is made up of. Rocks, fossils, chalk, and even earthquakes will be studied and discussed so that campers will have a better understanding of how the surface of Earth has changed over millions of years. Insects and Spiders is August 7-9. During this camp the incredible diversity of Kansas' insects and arachnid species will be studied. Campers will visit the Museum's Zoology collection to get an idea of what they may see out in the field. Students will learn the importance of insects in their environments and how they evolved in relation to flowering plants. Each of these camps cost \$250 for members and \$300 for non-members.

Kindergarten through 5th grade students still have camps to look forward to as well. Junior Marvelous Mammals will be held August 11 and has room for 7 more campers. During this camp, students will learn about the different furry, warm-blooded mammals that roam Kansas. Students will have time for hands on learning with mammal bones and teeth, talk about what they eat, and discuss how they evolved. Junior Rocks and Minerals will be held August 13 and has room for 5 more campers. This camp will be similar to the middle school Rocks and Minerals camp (mentioned above), but it will be tailored to the elementary aged campers. Each of these camps cost \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members.

We still have room for students to attend our high school Paleontology Field Camp (PFC). During this two week science camp, students will spend an entire week out in the field excavating the fossilized remains of a Mosasaur. Students will use the same tools as professional paleontologists and get valuable hands on experience. The second week of this camp will be spent in FHSU laboratories so that students can get a feel for the work that paleontologists do in the lab. This camp is \$1,000 for members and \$1,100 for non members. There is still a full ride scholarship is available for a Kansas student to attend this camp!

Along with these camps, we have three family camps on the schedule. The July 5-7 family camp has room for 5 more individuals. There are many openings during our August 15-17 and August 22-24 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.

For more information on these camps email [DAlevering@fhsu.edu](mailto:DAlevering@fhsu.edu) or call the Museum at 785-628-4286.



# Update on the Wet Collection's Renovation

With the renovation of the wet collection's shelving complete, all that is left to do is load these huge shelving units up!

We now have adequate storage space for our 17,000 herps and 23,000 lots of fish, with much room to grow!

The complete shelving units ready to load!



Hard at work in the wet collection's room!



Shelving units almost complete!



Empty shelves all put together!



# Excavations Snack Bar is Open

Sternberg staff opened a snack bar in the Expeditions room. Guests can enjoy hotdogs, fruit, soda, water, candy bars, and chips during lunch time. Stop by during your next visit



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## Adventure Opportunities in July

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](mailto: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

## Summer Programs at the Sternberg Museum

The list of summer programs at the Sternberg Museum is sure to keep everyone busy and engaged from June - August! Registration forms for these events are online or at the museum. Here is a list of the programs that we are offering in July. For more information about any of these programs call 785-628-5506 or visit [www.sternberg.fhsu.edu](http://www.sternberg.fhsu.edu)!

**Fossil Flats** - July 8, 2014 (3:00 - 5:00 PM) Excavate real fossils you can take home. Measure, weigh, and chart your results. Chew on some old bones! Snack included! Ages 5 - 12. \$6 for members. \$10 for public.

**Going Batty** - July 11, 2014 (6:00 - 10:00 PM) Dinner's on us, then we'll have fun discovering the creatures of the dark. Ages 5 - 12. \$6 for members. \$10 for public.

**Dino Family Sleepover** - July 18-19, 2014 (6:00 PM - 8:00 AM) Dinner fit for a dino! "Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous" game night. Flash light tour of the museum. Breakfast in the morning! At least one parent must attend. All Ages. \$35 for members (\$150 maximum per immediate family). \$45 for public (\$200 maximum per immediate family).

**For Goodness Snakes** - July 22, 2014 (3:00 - 5:00 PM) Where did snakes come from, what can they do, how does venom work? Find out from the snakes themselves. We'll make cheese snakes! Ages 5 - 12. \$6 for members. \$10 for public.

**Something Fishy** - July 25, 2014 (6:00 - 10:00 PM) What could you do with a fish? All sorts of things! Eat dinner with us and find out! Ages 5 - 12. \$6 for members. \$10 for public.

**Bite Me** - July 29, 2014 (3:00 - 5:00 PM) Learn what teeth can tell us. Cast and paint your own shark teeth. Design your own toothy snack. Ages 5 - 12. \$6 for members. \$10 for public.