



# STERNBERG MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ONLINE

Welcome to Sternberg Museum Online! We're excited to have you join our online event that you have signed up for! **Please make sure you are using a desktop or laptop computer, using either the Google Chrome or Firefox web browser.** GatherTown is only partially functional on mobile devices like smartphones and tablets, and we strongly recommend you avoid using them for the event to avoid a lot of needless frustration.

Below you will find instructions on how to join the online event, and how to use the GatherTown system we are using. **If you have any questions, please contact DAlevering@FHSU.edu for assistance.** Let's get started! If you would like further details on using GatherTown beyond what we have included here, please check out GatherTown's video introduction tutorial: [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

To enter the virtual Museum, you'll need to **click the access link you recieved in your email.** It would have been sent to the email address you provided when you signed up for your upcoming event.

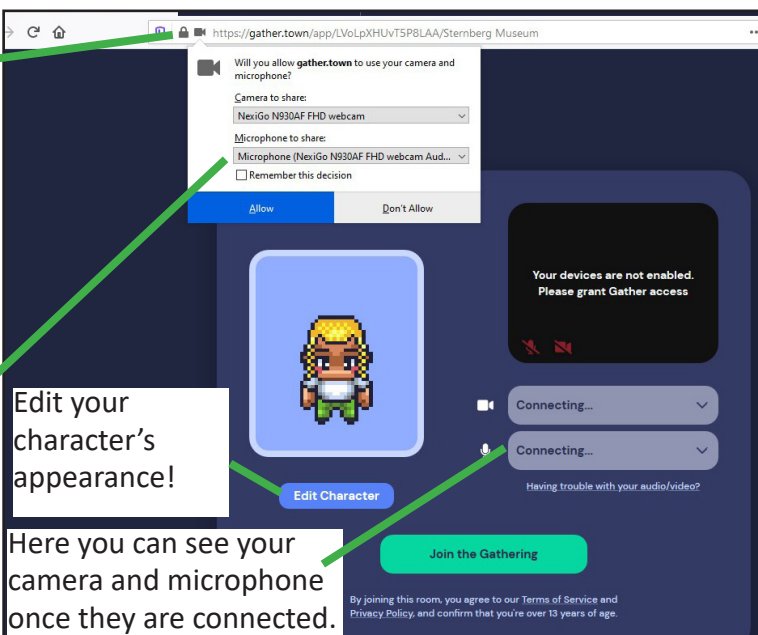
Second, you'll need to enter the **password** included in that email.

The space will not be open until the scheduled start time for the event. Once the event has officially started, the link and password will be active and useable.

As you are entering GatherTown, your Chrome or FireFox browser will ask you for permission to access **your computer's camera and microphone.** You must allow GatherTown to access your camera and microphone to use the system, so select "Allow" for both.

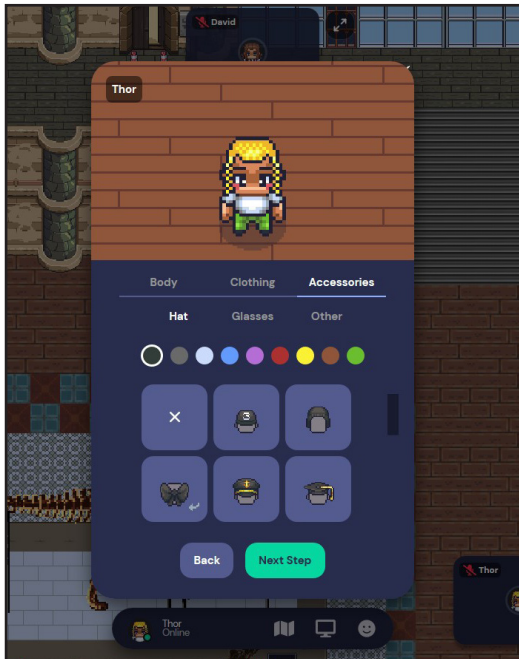
Click the lock here to open the permission options menu. This should pop up automatically as you are signing in.

Select the camera and microphone you wish to give GatherTown permission to access. Make sure your camera and microphone are attached and working properly so your browser can detect them. Click Allow once you are happy with your selection.



Once you are satisfied with your selections, click the “Join the Gathering” button. Welcome to the Sternberg Museum Online!

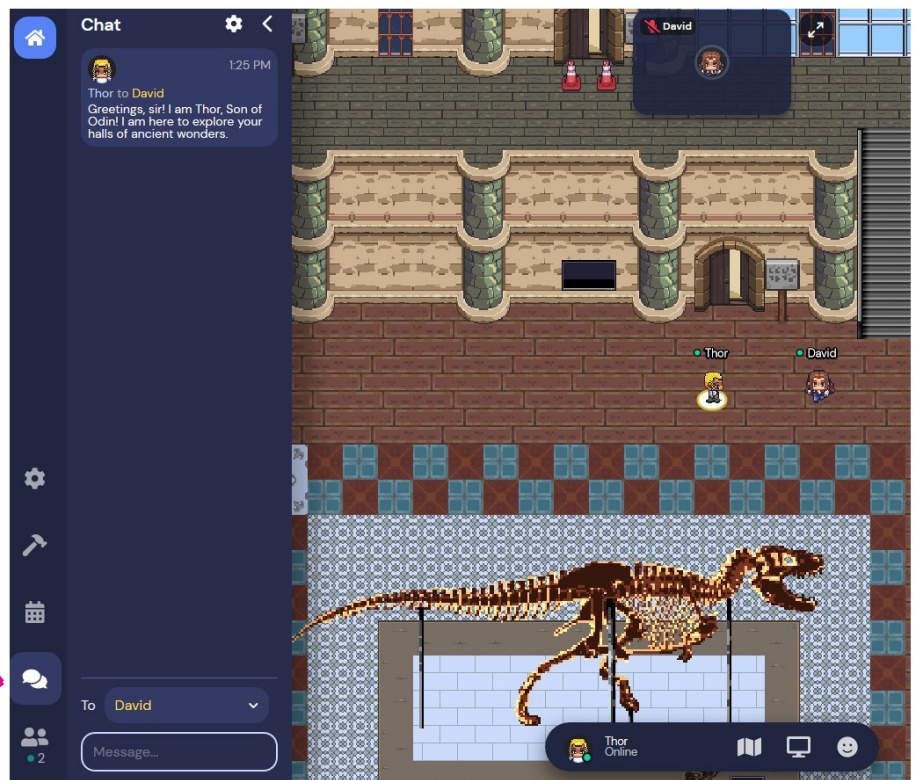
Now that you have entered GatherTown, you have a menu of options available at the bottom of your screen. You can use Edit to go back and change your character's appearance.



The Respawn function will bring you back to the Museum lobby entrance. If you are in one of the other connected worlds, the respawn function will only bring you to the beginning of that world. More on this later!

The Chat function allows you to talk to other users via text. You can also make public comments and ask questions.

As fair warning, inappropriate use of the Chat function can result in participants being excluded from the Chat, or removed from the event at the discretion of Museum staff. Keep it friendly.

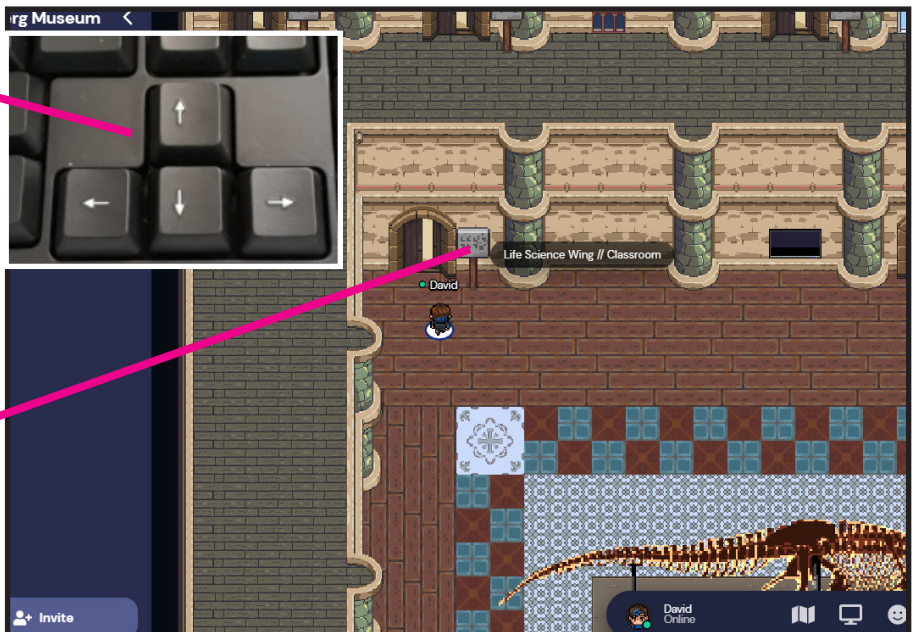




By clicking the map in your bottom menu, you can look at the entire room you are currently in. To see a full map of the Sternberg Museum Online, see the link to the full Museum map you recieved in your welcome email.

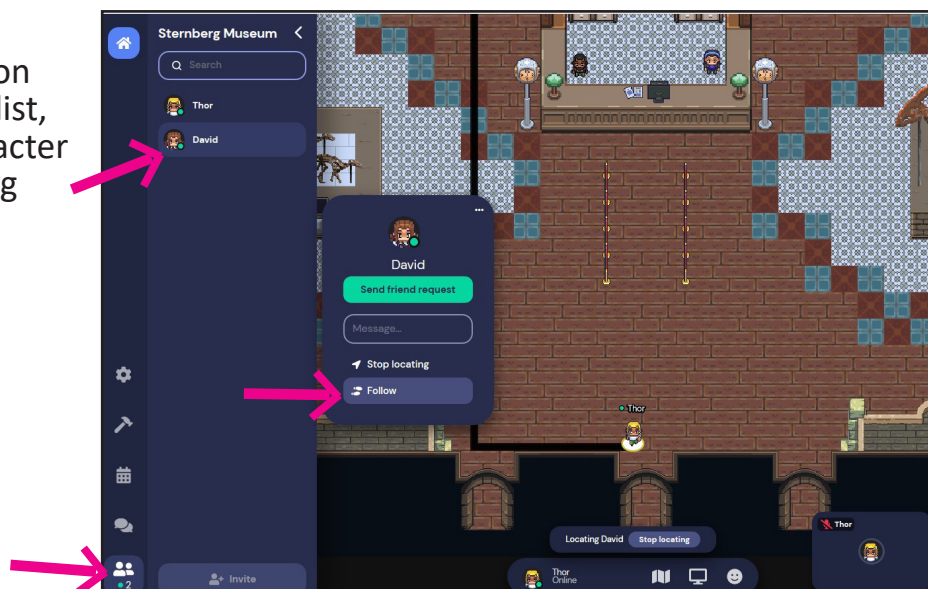


To move your character around, use the arrow keys on your keyboard.



You can also press "x" to interact with other objects that highlight yellow or display pop-up text when you approach them, like the sign seen here. We have interactives all over the museum, so keep a close eye out for objects to click on!

Need to find someone? Click on their name in the participant list, then click "Follow". Your character will automatically start walking towards that individual.

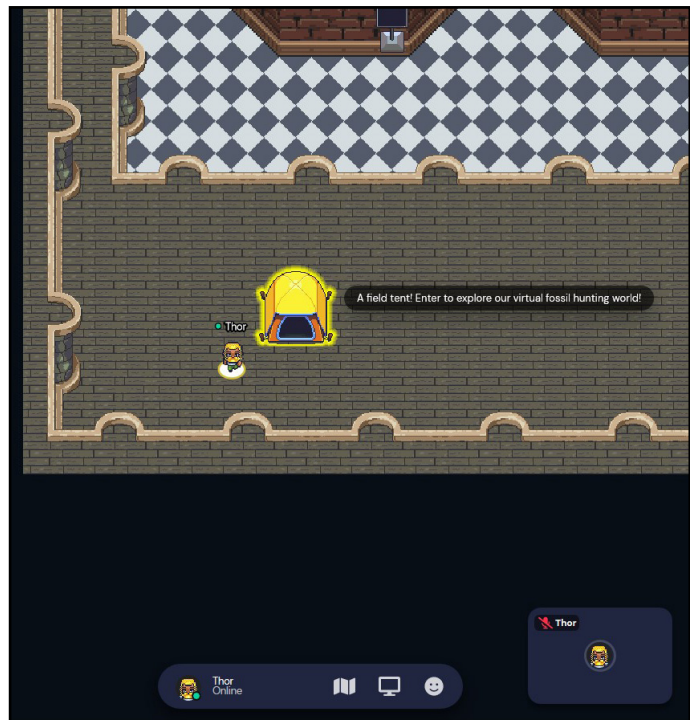


GatherTown uses a proximity-triggered video chat system. This means your video chat will be limited to those who are near your character. If you walk away from someone, or if they walk away from you, the video chat will cut off.





Tents are portals to take you to and from linked exploration worlds. Here you can see a bright yellow tent in the Museum that will take you to the Fossil Desert! Yellow tents in the Desert will bring you back to the Museum.



Here is one of the Desert tents that will bring you back to the Museum.

