

2026 - 2027

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP GUIDE 2ND - 5TH GRADE

EXPLORE OUR FIELD TRIP GUIDE!

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PLAN YOUR MUSEUM ADVENTURE TODAY!

**SCIENCE, HISTORY, ART -
IT'S ALL UNDER ONE ROOF!**

- Explore our galleries to discover the story of New Jersey through time, from dinosaurs and Ice Age mammals to modern inventions and art
- Create lasting experiences with hands-on workshops designed for NJ curriculum standards
- Journey through our solar system and beyond with our full-dome Planetarium shows

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

What Does a Day at the Museum Look Like?

A day at the Museum can be filled with excitement and learning opportunities for your students! Explore science, history and art all under one roof. We have options for every schedule – if you are splitting your day at the State House or Old Barracks, you can spend an hour and visit one or two galleries. If you are spending your whole day with us at the Museum, you can schedule a Planetarium show, a workshop, and still have time for your students to explore! Here for a half day? A Planetarium show and gallery exploration is perfect for trip lasting a couple of hours. Our reservationist is available to help you build your day based on your interests, time, and budget.



After reviewing the information in this guide, fill out our Reservation form to get started: <https://forms.office.com/g/8Qib3htifb>

GALLERY EXPLORATION

A trip to the Museum is not complete without visiting our galleries!
Remember to use our highlights maps for each permanent gallery to help
jumpstart your students' learning!
Read the full descriptions for each gallery [online](#).

LOWER LEVEL GALLERIES

A Much Moved People: Preserving Traditions of the Delaware Indians

and

Cultures in Competition: Indians & Europeans in Colonial New Jersey

Great for All Grades!

Key Concepts – archaeology; Indigenous tribes; Lenape; colonialism; Delaware Indians; Indian relocation.



Don't miss Delaware Indian games, block stamped (work) baskets, and reproductions of traditional 19th Century clothing!



Planetarium Lobby & Exhibit

Great for All Grades!

Key Concepts – astronomy; space; planets; solar system; galaxies; space exploration.

Don't miss the Magic Planet and images from the James Webb and Hubble Space Telescopes!

FIRST FLOOR GALLERIES

The Power to Change: Revolutionary Stories from the New Jersey State Archives

On view until January 10, 2027

Great for 4th - 5th Grades!

Key Concepts – history; Revolutionary War; government; historical documents; democracy.

Don't miss New Jersey's State Constitution and New Jersey's copy of the Declaration of Independence!



The Civil War Flag Collection of New Jersey

Great for 4th - 5th Grades!

Key Concepts – history; Civil War; government; flags.

Don't miss a rotating display of battle flags!

SECOND FLOOR GALLERIES

Written in the Rocks:

Fossil Tales of New Jersey

Great for All Grades!

Key Concepts – fossils; paleontology; geology; dinosaurs; Ice Age mammals; evolution; science.

Interactives - rock station; mammoth & mastodon fossils; fossil footprint.



Don't miss the PaleoLab, New Jersey's State Dinosaur *Hadrosaurus foulkii*, New Jersey's *Dryptosaurus*, *Mosasaurus*, Ice Age animals, and more!



American Perspectives:

The Fine Art Collection

Great for All Grades!

Key Concepts – art; art history; American artists; sculptures; mixed media.

Don't miss the following works - *Abraham Lincoln* by Daniel Chester French, *East River from the Shelton (East River No. 1)* by Georgia O'Keeffe, *The Music Lesson (Harlem Series #27)* by Jacob Lawrence, and *Wind Tossing Late Autumn Leaves* by Alma Thomas!



SECOND FLOOR GALLERIES (CONT.)

Spirit of '76: The Bicentennial

On view until February 2027

Great for 4th - 5th Grades!

Key Concepts – history; art; bicentennial; 1970s.

Interactives - Make Your Own Button station.



Don't miss the Princeton Bicentennial Quilt and the Kent Bicentennial Portfolio!



THIRD FLOOR GALLERY



Pretty Big Things: Stories of New Jersey

Great for All Grades!

Key Concepts – history; historical artifacts; textiles; furniture; toys; industry; inventions.

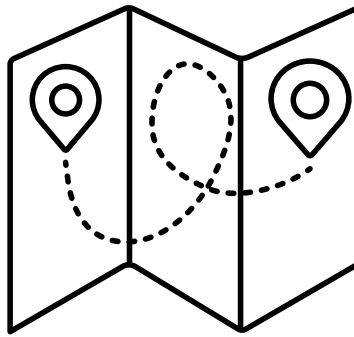
Interactives – Make Your Own Seal station; piece together a dovetail joint cabinet puzzle; Make a Quilt Pattern.

Don't miss the Trenton Vase, the State Seal, and the Peter Hill tall case clock!

TEACHER RESOURCES

Get ready for the Museum with our online resources!

Gallery Highlights! New this year, our highlights maps identify where learning and exploration can start in each gallery with objects selected by our Education team. Highlights maps can be helpful as you plan your day at the Museum, especially if you have limited time here or if your students will be exploring the Museum on their own. Find the highlights map for each gallery online.



Gallery Worksheets! Gallery worksheets prompt careful looking and deeper exploration of objects and themes throughout our galleries. Elementary school gallery worksheets are available for the following galleries: *Written in the Rocks: Fossil Tales of New Jersey*, *Pretty Big Things: Stories of New Jersey*, *American Perspectives: The Fine Art Collection*, *Cultures in Competition: Indians & Europeans in Colonial New Jersey*, and the Planetarium. If you choose to use the worksheets, please make sure your students bring a pencil and something to write on. Pens and markers are not allowed in the galleries, and cases and walls cannot be used to write on. Worksheets are available in limited quantity at the Museum, but always available online!



WORKSHOPS

Go Deeper - Enhance learning with fun and engaging workshops that connect to exhibits, developed to complement New Jersey's curriculum standards while creating an experience that students will remember for years to come.



Workshop FAQs:

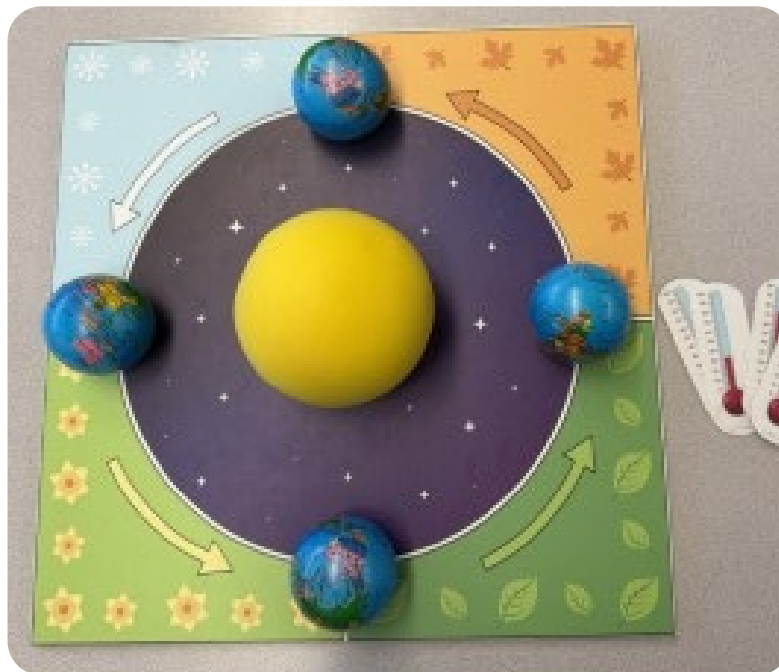
- **How long is a workshop?** All workshops are 45 minutes long.
- **How much do workshops cost?** All workshops are \$5 per student.
- **Where do workshops take place?** Workshops take place in the STEAM Center; some have additional gallery components.
- **How many students can fit in the STEAM Center?** The STEAM Center can accommodate 15 – 40 students, allowing larger classes to stay together or smaller classes to be combined if needed.
- **What should I do if I have a large group?** Large groups will be divided into multiple sessions, ensuring classes stay together and easing confusion about where to go. We encourage students & chaperones to explore the galleries when not in a workshop.

SHIFTING SEASONS

Explore the connection between Earth's orbit around the Sun and our four seasons. Learn how scientists can use weather data from the past to predict how the weather might change in the future.

Key Concepts – seasons; temperature; orbit; climate

Overview: Students learn how the Earth's rotation causes our seasons. Students will work in groups to create a physical model of the Earth's orbit around the Sun while identifying and describing seasons. For older students (4th – 5th grade), the workshop includes a discussion about how temperatures in the same season can change over time, serving as a great introduction to climate change!



Learning Outcomes:

- Read a thermometer
- Match temperature patterns to seasons
- Describe the cause of seasons
- Model the tilt of Earth's axis and its revolution around the Sun
- Understand what climate is and how scientists examine long-term climate data (4th & 5th grade only)

SHIFTING SEASONS

Suggested Planetarium Shows: We offer a few Planetarium shows focusing on our solar system and planet that would be excellent complements to this workshop.

- We Are Guardians
- Dynamic Earth
- Earth, Moon, Sun

See the full description of each show later in this guide.



Related Galleries: Students can explore visualizations of more weather patterns on Earth and on other planets using our Magic Planet in the Planetarium lobby! We ask that you encourage students to break into smaller groups to use the Magic Planet.

Below are some prompts to guide students through thoughtful exploration.

- On the Earth page, go to “Land Surface Temperatures.”
- What does each color tell us about the weather?
- Where is it mostly cold and where is it mostly warm?
- What season do you think it was in New Jersey?
- On the Earth page, go to the “Seasons” animation. Watch how the Earth changes throughout the seasons
- What changes do you notice on the Earth?

JUNIOR PALEONTOLOGIST

Do you have what it takes to be a paleontologist? Learn about the history of life on Earth, then describe and interpret real fossils, just like actual paleontologists!

Key Concepts – fossils; paleontology; observation; evolution; scientific hypothesis

Overview: Students practice scientific observation as they work in groups to describe, examine, and identify real fossils. Students also receive a specialized map of the Written in the Rocks gallery to help them learn about fascinating New Jersey fossils and the evolution of life on our planet after the workshop.



Learning Outcomes:

- Describe fossils through observation
- Gather scientific evidence
- Learn about the history of life on Earth
- Ask questions about fossils
- Communicate hypotheses to class

JUNIOR PALEONTOLOGIST

Suggested Planetarium Shows: We offer a few Planetarium shows focusing on paleontology, earth science, and life science that would be excellent complements to this workshop.

- Little Eve
- We Are Guardians
- Dynamic Earth
- Dinosaurs of Antarctica

See the full description of each show later in this guide.



Related Galleries: Visit the *Written in the Rocks: Fossil Tales of New Jersey* gallery after the workshop with your Junior Paleontologist map, which highlights fossils that connect to ones discussed in the workshop, along with other New Jersey fossils! Explore our mammal corner, including modern mammals and our Ice Age animals. Don't forget to touch the mammoth and mastodon bones that are available for hands-on learning, or say hi to our paleontologists in the lab!

NEW

ART & INSPIRATION

Get inspired in our Fine Art gallery, then learn and practice new art-making techniques!

Key Concepts – art; emotions; art making techniques; painting; drawing; still life

Overview: Students start this workshop in our fine art gallery with a guided exploration, where museum educators guide students in visual literacy and art history. In the classroom, students practice art-making using pieces from the gallery as inspiration. Second and third graders explore painting; fourth and fifth graders explore drawing.



Learning Outcomes:

- Gain familiarity with American art history movements
- Gain familiarity with a variety of visual art mediums
- Learn to describe what they observe or feel
- Practice creativity and art making techniques
- Create artwork using inspiration from fine art

Related Galleries: Return to *American Perspectives: The Fine Art Collection* to keep exploring more artwork! Pay attention to the different types of art in the gallery – painting, sculpture, collage. Encourage chaperones to prompt similar interpretations or play-based learning (as done in the workshop) with different pieces. Art can also be found throughout the Museum, not just in the fine art gallery! Prompt your students to point out art as they explore the other galleries.

HEARTH & HOME

BEST FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADE

Using Indigenous homes as inspiration, students work together to build model homes designed for different biomes across North America.

Key Concepts – Indigenous communities; environments; resources; building structures

Overview: Students explore how different Indigenous communities adapted to the various environments across North America. Museum educators lead students in a discussion about homes across human history and how our environment shapes our culture and the way we design and build homes. Students work in teams to examine a specific biome, identify resources and create a design, then build a home using items that represent possible resources available.



Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how Indigenous cultures were shaped by different environments
- Identify and describe North American biomes
- Design and build a model home using available resources
- Share designs with class
- Learn how Indigenous tribes built structures across different environments

HEARTH & HOME

BEST FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADE

Suggested Planetarium Shows: We offer a couple of Planetarium shows focusing on cultural astronomy, anthropology and human history that would best complement this workshop.

- One Sky Project
- Tales of the Maya Skies

See the full description of each show later in the guide.



Related Galleries: Discover the story of Lenape removal and resilience during and after European colonialism in the *A Much Moved People: Preserving Traditions of the Delaware Indians* and *Cultures in Competition: Indians and Europeans in Colonial New Jersey* galleries.

ASK THE EXPERTS

BEST FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADE

Learn from Museum experts and get an inside glimpse into their field of study!

Our Ask the Experts talks are great for any size group and are available in a virtual setting, bringing our Museum experts into your classroom!

Learn from museum professionals with different backgrounds as they explain their field of study, why they entered their field, and how students can start exploring what interests them.

Questions are encouraged during and after the talk.

Cost - \$5 per student

Earth Sciences – What does it mean to be a paleontologist? Talk with Dr. Devra Hock-Reid about paleontology and geology and her journey in paleontology and science education.

Astronomy/Physics - What do astronomers do when the stars aren't out? Talk with astrophysicist Dr. Jacob Hamer to learn about our place in space and what a day in the life of an astronomer looks like.

Art - What can you do with an Art degree? Talk with Teen & Adult Program Specialist Amy Stevens, MFA, about art careers and her focus on art education in a variety of settings.

Public History - What is public history? Talk with Curator Beth Cooper, M.S. Ed. to learn all about archaeology, ethnography, historic preservation and history museum interpretation.

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

From the prehistoric jungles of Antarctica to the moons of Jupiter, we have shows for all age groups and interests!



Planetarium FAQs:

- **How long is a Planetarium show?** Show times range from 20 to 45 minutes. All shows with a runtime less than 40 minutes include an introductory Sky Talk about the New Jersey night sky, time permitting.
- **How much does a Planetarium show cost?** Planetarium shows are \$5 per person – students, teachers, and chaperones all included.
- **What happens if we are late?** Planetarium shows must begin promptly at the scheduled time. We cannot guarantee our ability to delay the start of your show and do not issue refunds for missed shows.
- **How many students can fit in one Planetarium show?** The Planetarium can accommodate a total of 140 people. Larger groups will be split into two or more shows when necessary.
- **Are teachers and chaperones included in the total count?** Yes! All students, teachers, and chaperones must be included in the total count when reserving a Planetarium show.

For a full description of our shows, visit our Planetarium webpage:
<https://nj.gov/state/museum/education-planetarium.shtml>

Little Eve: Stories of Planet Earth

Best for 2nd - 4th grade. Show length 30 minutes.

Watch the trailer:

<https://youtu.be/RZUXr0GPWA?si=8HmywyNzWR4cwFSu>

Overview - Join Eve as her mother tells her three stories about the perseverance of life on Earth. Witness a cell determined to grow, a fish learn to walk, and a prehistoric squirrel survive the dinosaurs – and discover how strong small creatures can be!

Key Concepts –

history of life; traits; adaptations; evolution;
natural selection

Learning Outcomes –

- The evolution of life, from cells to complex organisms to mammals
- How adaptation, traits, and ingenuity enable a creature's survival
- Why creativity, perseverance, and teamwork matter in nature and in daily life



The Great Solar System Adventure

Best for 2nd - 5th grade. Show length 25 minutes.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/g0ME9zeHhH4>

Overview - Take to the cosmos on a daring, immersive journey through the Solar System! From the inhospitable landscape of Venus to the icy expanses of Pluto, encounter each of the planets up close – and discover why our Earth is so precious!

Contains brief flashing lightning effects.



Key Concepts –

solar system; inner planets; outer planets

Learning Outcomes –

- The environment, dangers, and unique features of each planet
- Details about asteroids, the dwarf planet Pluto, and possible life on Europa
- The Solar System's structure and the Sun's role in providing heat and light

Magic Tree House: Space Mission

Best for 2nd - 5th grade. Show length 29 minutes.

Watch the trailer:

https://youtu.be/0iavUjtoa-c?si=HVGIqXT_ZooJhKE9

Overview - Help Jack and Annie uncover a cosmic mystery! Audiences will meet an astronomer and an astronaut, learn about the planets and life in space, and journey deep into the cosmos. Based on the beloved books by Mary Pope Osborne.



Key Concepts –

solar system; stars; space travel; astronauts; black holes

Learning Outcomes –

- Light pollution, stars, the Sun, the planets, and space missions
- How astronauts live and work in space
- Ways of learning about science, including the internet, books, and experts

Earth, Moon & Sun

Best for 2nd - 5th grade. Show length 25 minutes

Watch the trailer:

https://youtu.be/wD4ai03BsZ4?si=GDUYyLOFNmSh6_Ur

Overview - Uh oh... Coyote's head is filled with misconceptions about space! Help him learn about how the Earth, Moon, and Sun work together as a system, discovering the science behind eclipses, seasons, and lunar phases.

Key Concepts –

moon phases; eclipses; sun; stars; day and night; seasons

Learning Outcomes –

- The Sun's energy production, its size, and how the Earth moves around it
- The Moon's origin, features, phases, eclipses, and the first lunar missions
- Misconceptions about space, mythology, and how to think scientifically



Rusty Rocket's Last Blast

Best for 2nd - 3rd grade. Show length 35 minutes.

Watch the trailer:

https://youtu.be/yb0U_4Ozwul?si=i4k9yW0mDIBfV9qg.

Overview - Join Rusty Rocket as he takes a new class of rocket rookies on a tour of the Solar System! In this classic, musical show, learn all about the planets and the spacecraft that explore them.



Key Concepts –

solar system; planets; spacecraft; rockets; space travel

Learning Outcomes –

- How a spacecraft stays in orbit and travels through space
- How long it would take to fly to the Moon, Sun, and planets
- The characteristics and environment of each planet, and which spacecraft first explored them

Stars

Best for 3rd - 5th grade. Show length 25 minutes.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/8rFHQ6ec1ck>

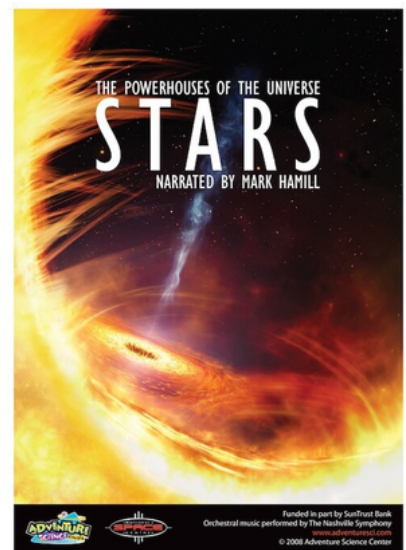
Overview - Experience the beauty and power of stars, discovering where they are born, how they produce light, and the destructive ways they can die. Students will learn about the history of astronomy and how it has led to countless discoveries.

Key Concepts –

stars; sun; star birth & death; history of science

Learning Outcomes –

- The life cycles of stars and the stages of stellar evolution
- Extreme, deep-space objects like nebulae, neutron stars, and black holes
- The evolution of science, and how light communicates information about space



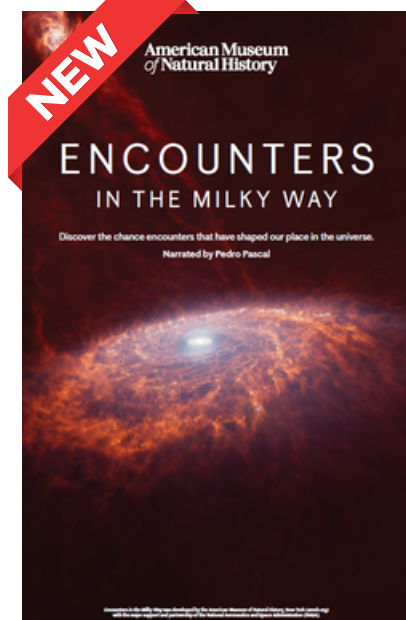
Encounters in the Milky Way

Best for 4th - 5th grade. Show length 23 minutes.

Available in Spanish. Watch the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4j9GvmpZtU>

Overview - Witness the chance encounters that have shaped our galaxy! Discover how stars, comets, interstellar debris, and dust clouds interact with our Solar System, and experience the dramatic merger of our galaxy with a smaller satellite galaxy.



Key Concepts –

solar system; galaxies; telescopes; Milky Way

Learning Outcomes –

- How telescopes collect data to map out our galaxy
- The structure, motion, and evolution of the solar neighborhood
- How interactions and mergers shape both our Solar System and the Milky Way

Áróra

Best for 4th - 5th grade. Show length 20 minutes.

Watch the trailer: https://youtu.be/_UQWVaTL02s

Overview - Visit Iceland to observe the story of the northern lights! Learn how auroras are caused by the Sun, how Earth's auroras have siblings throughout the Solar System, and how different cultures have explained this majestic phenomenon.

Key Concepts –

aurora borealis; magnetic field; mythology; planetary phenomenon

Learning Outcomes –

- Role of Earth's magnetic field in creating aurorae
- Locations of aurorae on other planets
- Mythology and stories surrounding the northern lights



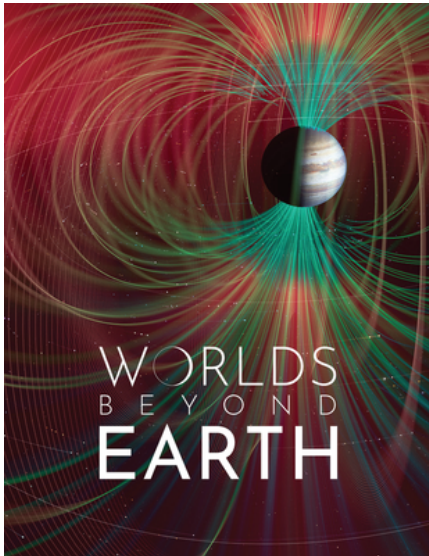
Worlds Beyond Earth

Best for 4th - 5th grade. Show length 24 minutes.

Available in Spanish. Watch the trailer:

https://youtu.be/vpWZXC-1QDs?si=_yc4B57Kk4R-vgoX

Overview - Immersive visualizations showcase the dynamic worlds that orbit our Sun, based on scientific data from space missions. From the cratered surface of the Moon to distant worlds with buried oceans, discover our majestic cosmic neighborhood!



Key Concepts –

solar system; planets & moons; planetary geology

Learning Outcomes –

- Different features and environments of the planets and their moons
- How space probes reveal information about distant worlds
- Unique features of Earth that make it habitable

To Space and Back

Best for 4th - 5th grade. Show length 24 minutes.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/ENyC6HI82Uc>

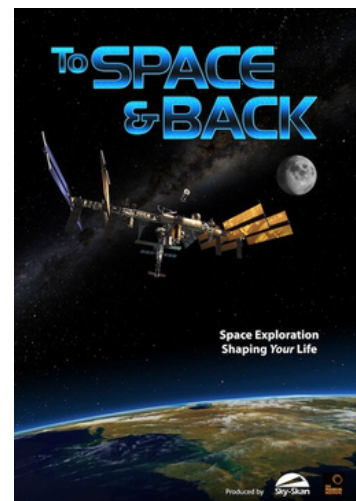
Overview - To Space and Back tells the story of how technology developed for use in space is paving the way for the devices and applications we use every day. From satellites to lifesaving medicine, discover how space exploration is shaping your world.

Key Concepts –

satellites; engineering; space travel; space exploration; technology; science

Learning Outcomes –

- How our knowledge of space has expanded through exploration
- The role of satellites in communication, GPS, and weather monitoring
- Space-based origins of pacemakers, insulin pumps, and medical imaging



We Are Guardians

Best for 4th - 5th grade. Show length 25 minutes.

Available in Spanish.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/2WZss2Tc94k>

Overview - We Are Guardians reveals how the Earth, its ecosystems, and its people are all intrinsically connected. Find out how satellites can help us monitor the environment, better understand climate change, and protect our home!



Key Concepts –

climate change; ecosystems; satellites; environments; Earth

Learning Outcomes –

- How satellites assist humans and monitor the environment
- Why a healthy ecosystem depends on the relationship between organisms
- Threats to ecosystems from land use, pollution, and rapid climate change, and ways to take action

Dynamic Earth

Best for 4th - 5th grade. Show length 23 minutes.

Available in Spanish.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/DnSmFC-JgvQ>

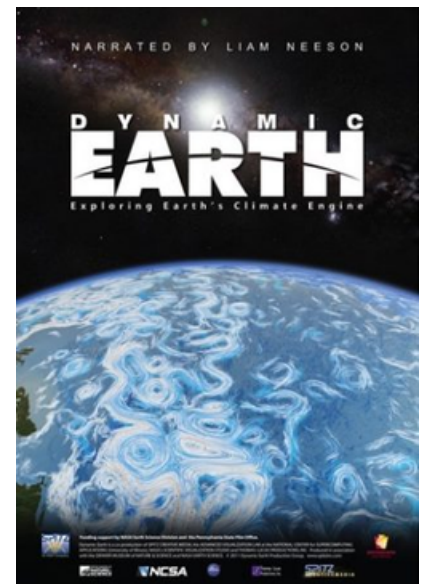
Overview - From a protective magnetic field to gigantic whales, explore the inner workings of Earth's climate system! Follow the trail of energy that flows from the Sun through our atmosphere, oceans, and biosphere.

Key Concepts –

climate; atmosphere; oceans; biosphere; volcanoes; energy; water cycle; earth cycle

Learning Outcomes –

- How ocean and air currents regulate Earth's climate
- The flow of carbon from volcanoes to microscopic organisms to large animals
- How human disruptions to Earth's climate system can threaten its habitability



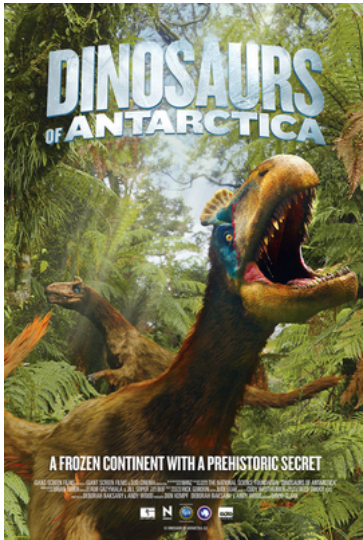
Dinosaurs in Antarctica

Best for 5th grade. Show length 41 minutes.

Available in Spanish.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/dgg-je8F4mE>

Overview - Explore a primitive continent filled with bizarre dinosaurs, colossal amphibians, and egg-laying mammals all fighting for survival! Follow along as scientists uncover the tale of Antarctica's geological and ecological history.



Key Concepts –

dinosaurs; mammals; paleontology; geology; climate; ancient Earth; fossils

Learning Outcomes –

- Relationships and survival strategies of ancient dinosaurs and mammals
- Ecological and geological evolution of Antarctica from greenhouse to icehouse
- How paleontologists can learn about ecosystems by studying fossils

Destination Mars: The New Frontier

Best for 5th grade. Show length 31 minutes.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/AmOKK4QJxyY>

Overview - Discover humanity's ongoing push to set foot on the Red Planet! Fly through the International Space Station to see how astronauts live in space, learn about cutting-edge rockets and vehicles, and follow tomorrow's astronauts on a journey to Mars.

Key Concepts –

space travel; Mars; International Space Station; astronauts; NASA

Learning Outcomes –

- Past and present conditions on Mars, including its ancient oceans
- Facilities used by NASA in the construction of rockets
- How astronauts live and work in space for an extended time



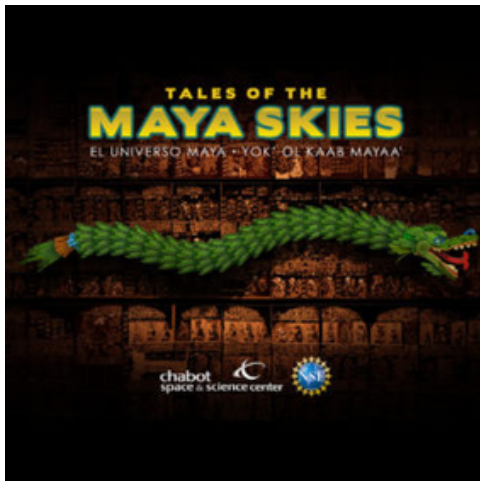
Tales of the Maya Skies

Best for 5th grade. Show length 32 minutes.

Available in Spanish.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/WeC-jTVNLRc>

Overview - Journey back to the jungles of Mexico and to the cities and temples of the ancient Maya! This story reveals how Maya scholars developed a sophisticated understanding of astronomy, bringing ancient science and mythology to life. *Contains brief flashing lightning effects.*



Key Concepts –

archaeology; astronomy; ancient civilizations; eclipses; mythology

Learning Outcomes –

- Mayan mythology and its central role in Maya culture
- How Mayans used astronomy to predict eclipses, solstices, and weather patterns
- The development of mathematics and creation of the Mayan calendar

One Sky Project

Best for 5th grade. Show length 43 minutes.

Watch the trailer:

https://youtu.be/QOYjGtWZNJ4?si=xtkMLKEplzhSmq_4

Overview - One Sky Project is a collection of six short films, each of which centers on the perspective of a different culture or indigenous society from around the globe. Stunning animation brings these incredible stories to life. *Contains brief flashing lightning effects.*

Key Concepts –

cultural astronomy; anthropology; mythology; stargazing; constellations

Learning Outcomes –

- Stories and traditions of the Greeks, Navajo, Indians, Innu, Japanese, and Hawaiians
- The connections between astronomy, storytelling, and ways of living
- Discoveries in modern astronomy about our shared origin



RESERVATION & FIELD TRIP POLICIES

Cost & Discounts: The New Jersey State Museum has free admission. Planetarium shows are \$5 per person, including chaperones. Workshops are \$5 per student. A minimum of 15 students is required to reserve any program. We offer a 20% discount for Trenton Public School District schools and Title 1 schools. It is the responsibility of the group making the reservation to notify the reservationist if eligible for one of the discounts.

Online Reservation Form: Please use our [online reservation form](#) to submit your reservation request. Use this Guide to explore the options at the Museum before submitting the reservation request. After submitting your request, our reservationist will review it. If no other information is needed, they will build your itinerary and send a confirmation email. To help you plan your visit, we have created an orientation video. You can watch it [here](#).

Bulk Orders: If you are interested in making 5 or more reservations in a school year and will be paying for all in one PO, please contact our reservationist directly at reservations.NJSM@sos.nj.gov. You will get a personal account representative who will work with you to schedule all of the trips.

Payments: All payment is due before arrival, and payment is required for the entire group in one payment, we do not accept deposits or partial payments. Reservations must be pre-paid in full, two weeks prior to your field trip date.

Arrival & Late Policy: Please have an arrival time in mind when making your reservation. We suggest arriving at least 15 minutes before the start of your first program. If your group is over 100 students, we suggest arriving at least 30 minutes before your first program. We are unable to hold Planetarium shows for late arrivals. If you are late, we try and accommodate your original reservation, but cannot guarantee that. If you are more than 30 minutes late, your first program may be cancelled without a refund.

RESERVATION & FIELD TRIP POLICIES

Chaperones & Code of Conduct:

- We require 1 chaperone per 10 students.
- Chaperones must stay with students at all times and refrain from talking on the phone in the galleries.
- Chaperones must be included in the total number of seats for the Planetarium.
- You can find the full Code of Conduct [here](#).

Available Lunch Spaces :

- Limited seating (up to 60) is available indoors on the Museum's first floor on a first come basis.
- Please keep your students together so there is seating available for other groups.
- Groups must limit their lunch to 30 minutes.
- Outdoor seating for up to 150 people is available at picnic tables around the Museum.
- Groups may also picnic on the front lawn.
- There is no alternate space in the case of inclement weather.
- Lunches should be stored in bins inside the Museum's main entrance; students are not permitted to carry food or drink through the Museum.

We can't wait to see you and your students!

