

2026 - 2027

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP GUIDE

6TH - 8TH 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 a 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 and
Europeans in Colonial New Jersey***

Best for All Grades!

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



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



Planetarium Lobby & Exhibit

Best 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

Best for All 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

Best for All 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

Best 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

Best for All Grades!

Key Concepts – art; art history; American
artists; sculpture; 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

Best for All Grades!

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

Interactives - Make Your Own Button station.

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



THIRD FLOOR GALLERY



Pretty Big Things: Stories of New Jersey

Best 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 Abraham Lincoln, the Trenton Vase, the State Seal, and the Peter Hill tall case clock!

NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES 225 WEST STATE STREET

***TIP - FOLLOW THE STICKERS ON THE SIDEWALK WHEN
LEAVING THE MUSEUM!***

Revolutionary Lives: Living the American Experiment Then & Now
Best for All Grades!

Key Concepts – history; democracy; government; America; heroism;
Indigenous tribes; Revolutionary War.

Interactives - Take a quiz to see what type of revolutionary you might have
been.

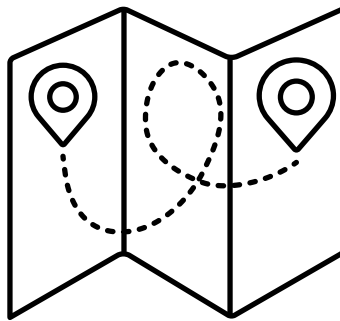
**Don't miss the Liberty Tree, an original letter written by George
Washington, and dozens of original 18th century documents and artifacts!**



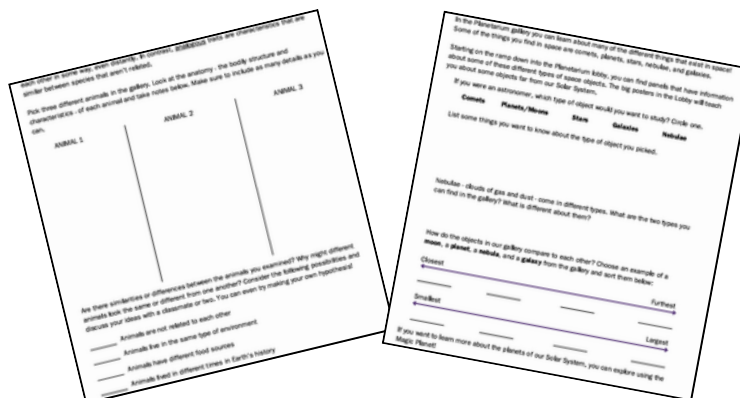
TEACHER RESOURCES

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 with their chaperone. 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. Middle 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 History*, *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:

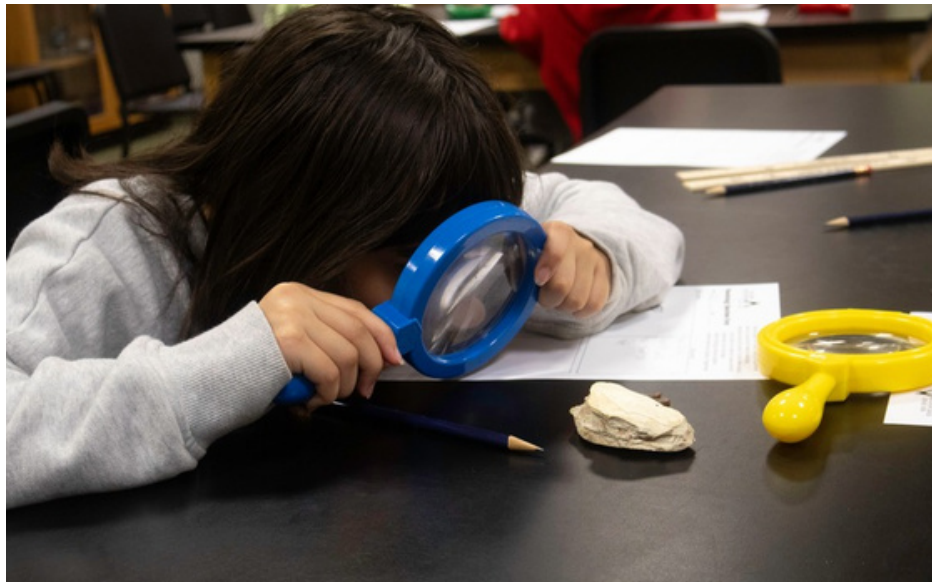
- **How long is a workshop?** All workshops are 45 minutes long.
- **How much do workshops cost?** All workshops are \$5 per student.
- **Where do workshops take place?** Our workshops take place in the STEAM Center, and some have additional gallery components.
- **How many students can fit in the STEAM 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 now be divided into multiple sessions by class, ensuring classes stay together and easing confusion in assigning chaperone groups to different classrooms. We encourage students & chaperones to explore the galleries when not in a workshop.

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 real paleontologists!

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

Overview: In this workshop, 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: Fossil Tales of New Jersey* 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 scientific observation
- Gather scientific evidence and create hypotheses
- Learn about the history of life on Earth and develop mental models of past environments
- Ask questions about fossils
- Understand that paleontology is a career
- Communicate hypotheses and supporting evidence to class

JUNIOR PALEONTOLOGIST

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

- We Are Guardians
- Dynamic Earth
- Dinosaurs in Antarctica
- Climate Change in Our Backyard



Related Galleries: Visit the *Written in the Rocks: Fossil Tales of New Jersey* gallery after the workshop with your Junior Paleontologist map, it 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!

HEARTH & HOME

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: In this workshop, 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, and then build a home using items that represent possible resources available.



Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how Indigenous cultures were shaped by different environments
- Identify & describe North American biomes
- Discuss how different climatic patterns can determine the design of a home
- Design and build a model home using available resources
- Communicate and explain how specific environments influenced designs
- Compare group designs to how Indigenous tribes built structures across different environments

HEARTH & HOME

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



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 & Europeans in Colonial New Jersey* galleries.

NEW

ART & INSPIRATION

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

Key Concepts – art; art making techniques; textures; Gelli printing; print making

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 work with textures and Gelli printing to make their own artwork to take home, using pieces from the gallery as inspiration.



Learning Outcomes:

- Create artwork using inspiration from fine art
- Explore print making as an art making technique
- Identify textures in fine art
- Practice creativity and art making techniques

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 as done in the workshop with new 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.

REVOLUTIONARY CHOICES, NEW JERSEY LIVES

**How would you survive in challenging times?
Using primary source documents from the NJ State
Archives, students work to uncover stories from New
Jersey's revolutionary past.**

***Key Concepts – history; democracy; Revolutionary War;
government; primary sources***

Overview: In this workshop, students become historians, using primary source documents to solve mysteries and interpret the past. Museum educators lead a discussion about the difference between primary and secondary source documents and how our understanding of historical events changes over time. Students work to decipher primary source documents – first individually, and then working as a group to find connections and uncover stories from the past.



Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how historians interpret primary source documents
- Gain deeper knowledge about democracy, government, and the history of New Jersey and the Revolutionary War
- Practice creating and communicating evidence-based reasoning
- Describe and analyze primary sources
- Refine historical thinking skills

REVOLUTIONARY CHOICES, NEW JERSEY LIVES

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- Tales of the Maya Skies



Related Galleries: Explore our temporary exhibit focusing on the American Revolution – *The Power to Change: Revolutionary Stories from the NJ State Archives* – which is on view through January 10, 2027, as well as *Spirit of '76: The Bicentennial* on view on the second floor through February 2027. Students can further explore New Jersey history in *Pretty Big Things: Stories of New Jersey History* and the newly opened, *Revolutionary Lives: Living the American Experiment Then & Now*, on view in the New Jersey State Archives gallery located next door to the the Museum at 225 West State Street.

ASK THE EXPERTS CAREER TALKS

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

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 share what drew them to their field of study, how they received their degree, and how students can explore their own interests. Questions are encouraged during and after the talk.

Cost - \$5 per student

Earth Sciences – What does it mean to be a paleontologist? Talk with paleontologist Dr. Devra Hock-Reid about her path in paleontology and career options within the earth sciences 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 solar system and galaxy, what a day in the life of an astronomer looks like, and the path to careers in astronomy.

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 her career in museum education.

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

From the prehistoric jungles of Antartica 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>

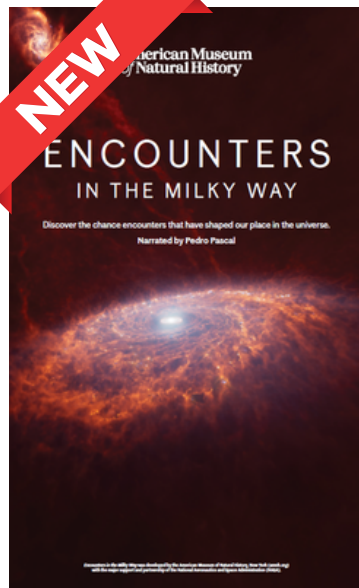
Encounters in the Milky Way

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

One Sky Project

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



Messengers of Time and Space

Show length 28 minutes.

Watch the trailer:

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

Overview - Learn about how astronomers monitor the night sky for exciting cosmic events that change with time. Discover the sophisticated observatories that will teach us about interstellar comets, supernovae, gravitational waves, and more. *Contains brief flashing lightning effects.*



Key Concepts –

solar system; galaxies; telescopes; Milky Way

Learning Outcomes –

- How astronomers at ground-based observatories study the sky for changes
- What observations across the electromagnetic spectrum reveal about space
- How information travels by means other than light, including cosmic rays, neutrinos, and gravitational waves

Worlds Beyond Earth

Show length 24 minutes.

Available in Spanish. Watch the trailer:

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

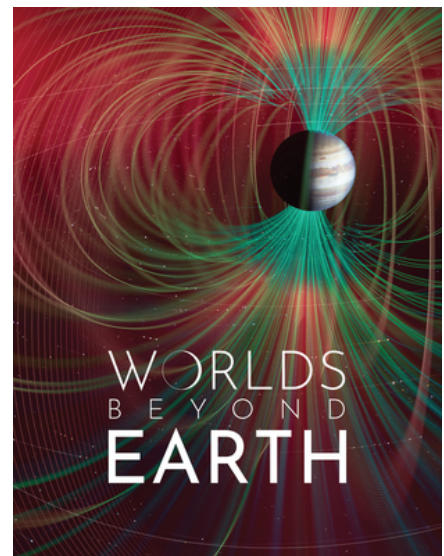
Overview - Immersive visualizations showcase the dynamic worlds that orbit our Sun, based on scientific data from space missions. From the cratered surface of the Moon to distant worlds with buried oceans, discover our majestic cosmic neighborhood!

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



We Are Guardians

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

Spark: The Universe in Us

Show length 25 minutes.

Available in Spanish.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/YArQQznvYe0>

Overview - Explore how millions of celestial events have forged the elements that make up the Solar System, Earth, and us. Travel inside an imploding star, experience the creation of planetary nebulae, and witness the violent collision of neutron stars!

Key Concepts –

stars; elements; supernova; galaxy

Learning Outcomes –

- The periodic table and the specific celestial events that create its elements
- How stars produce energy, and the different ways in which stars can die
- The structure and evolution of the Milky Way Galaxy



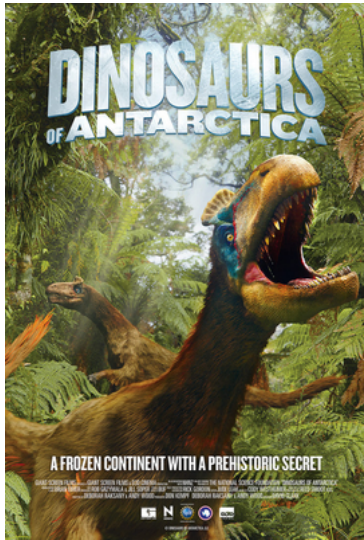
Dinosaurs of Antarctica

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

Áróra

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



Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discovery

Show length 24 minutes.

Available in Spanish. Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/thd-KVQrHHI>

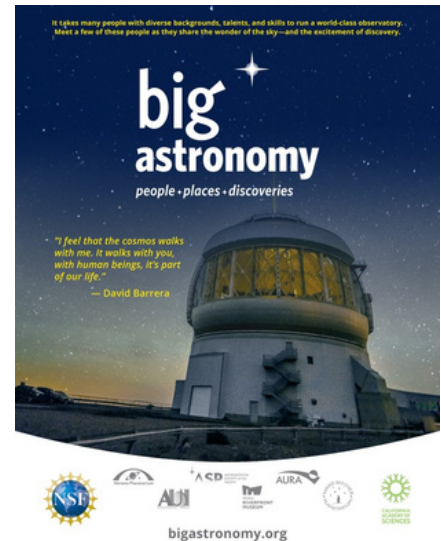
Overview - Visit three observatories located in the high, remote environments of Chile, and meet the people who keep these telescopes running. Learn how a set of diverse disciplines enables amazing observations, including a look at planet formation!

Key Concepts –

astronomy; STEM careers; scientists;
observatory

Learning Outcomes –

- How the dry mountains of Chile provide exceptional conditions for astronomy
- Role of radio telescopes in studying the formation of distant exoplanets
- Different STEM careers needed to operate and maintain observatories



Destination Mars: The New Frontier

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

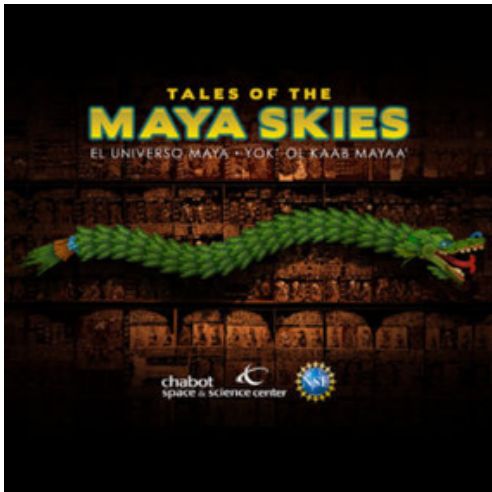
Tales of the Maya Skies

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

Dynamic Earth

Show length 23 minutes.

Available in Spanish. Watch the trailer:

<https://youtu.be/DnSmFC-JgvQ>

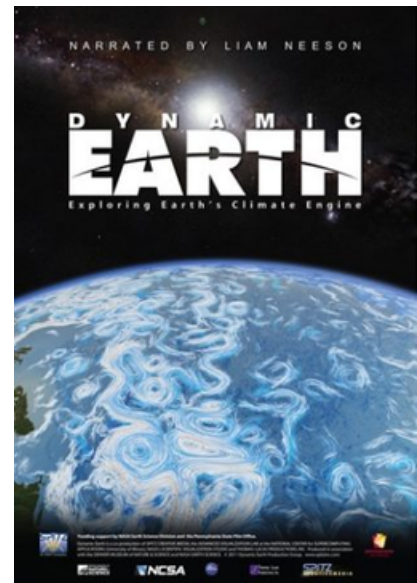
Overview - From a protective magnetic field to gigantic whales, explore the inner workings of Earth's climate system! Follow the trail of energy that flows from the Sun through our atmosphere, oceans, and biosphere.

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



EXO: Are We Alone?

Show length 31 minutes.

Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/szBw7g8zhIk>

Overview - Explore the exciting realm of exoplanetary science! Learn about how scientists detect planets outside of our Solar System and discover what these distant worlds can tell us about life on Earth.



Key Concepts –

exoplanets; telescopes; extraterrestrial life

Learning Outcomes –

- Types of exoplanets and how they differ from worlds in the Solar System
- The telescopes and techniques used by astronomers to detect exoplanets
- How life survives in extreme environments and what that may mean for alien life

Stars

Best for 6th grade and below. Show length 25 minutes.

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

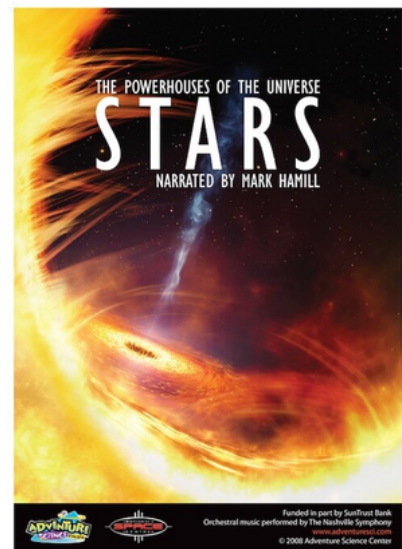
Overview - Experience the beauty and power of stars, discovering where they are born, how they produce light, and the destructive ways they can die. Students will learn about the history of astronomy and how it has led to countless discoveries.

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



5000 Eyes: Mapping the Universe with DESI

Best for 8th grade. Show length 22 minutes.

Available in Spanish. Watch the trailer:

<https://youtu.be/GeggpUt4Dec>

Overview - DESI, the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument, is mapping out the positions of millions of galaxies. Discover how astronomers are using this data to describe the structure and history of our universe!

Key Concepts –

galaxies; astronomers; history of universe; big bang; cosmic structures

Learning Outcomes –

- How the DESI instrument precisely maps the positions of galaxies
- What cosmic redshift reveals about the structure and expansion of the universe
- How engineering and robotics are used in telescopes to enable better science



Climate Change in Our Backyard

Best for 8th grade. Show length 20 minutes.

Watch the trailer: https://youtu.be/n2ubVS3_e9o

Overview - Discover the role of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere, the temperature variations Earth has experienced over millions of years, and how humans are affecting our planet today. Learn what strategies you can take to protect our planet's future!



Key Concepts –

climate change; science; greenhouse gases; human impacts; carbon dioxide

Learning Outcomes –

- Role of carbon dioxide in regulating our atmosphere's temperature
- How variations in Earth's orbit cause natural climate cycles, which differ from human-caused climate change
- Methods of tracking climate change and ways people can protect Earth's environment

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 five or more reservations in a school year and will be paying for all in one PO, 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 can 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:

- We request 1 teacher or chaperone per 10 students for middle school groups.
- Chaperones must remain with students at all times and refrain from talking on phones in the galleries.
- Teachers/chaperones must be included in the total number of seats for the Planetarium.

Code of Conduct:

The following behavior will result in the removal of individual students or the entire group:

- Locking the public bathrooms
- Smoking or vaping anywhere within Museum facilities
- Defacing or graffiti anywhere within the Museum facilities
- Harassing Museum visitors, staff or guards
- Throwing food or objects
- Loud noises including music, shouting, banging, etc.
- Failure to comply with directions from Museum staff or guards
- Any behavior that impacts the safety of students, visitors, or staff

You can find the full **Code of Conduct** [here](#).

RESERVATION & FIELD TRIP POLICIES

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 that 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!

