



## **2014-2015 Winter Camp at the NAT**

### **Single Day Camps**

**All camps run 9 AM to 4 PM**

#### **Grades 1-2**

##### **Dinosaur C.S.I.**

Wish you had a time machine? Become a dinosaur detective and join the Cretaceous Scene Investigation (C.S.I.) team. Dig into the lives of these giant ancient reptiles as we step back millions of years. Our single day journey to the age of dinosaurs is packed with crafts, games, and activities that explore the secrets of a strange prehistoric world. We'll tour the Museum's core exhibition, *Fossil Mysteries*, and go on a field excursion.

**Monday, December 22**

##### **Ice Age Adventure**

Just 10,000 years ago, San Diego was a very different place. Giant sloths roamed the grassland in the shadow of herds of mastodons. Sabertooth cats hunted camels and horses. We'll explore how these animals were able to co-exist and see which Ice Age creatures survived to roam our backyards today!

**Tuesday, December 23**

##### **Buggin' Out**

Spend the day investing nature's mini marvels as we explore and try to better understand insects and their relatives. We'll visit the Museum's core exhibitions, *Fossil Mysteries* and *Water: A California Story*, and take a field trip to the San Diego Zoo's *Spineless Wonders* exhibition.

**December 26**

##### **Walk Like an Egyptian**

Travel back in time thousands of years to the time of King Tutankhamun in Ancient Egypt. This camp is based on our new special exhibition, *The Discovery of King Tut*. We'll visit the exhibition and spend the day learning about Egypt's history and priceless treasures.

*Note: This camp has an additional fee to cover the ticket cost for the special exhibition.*

**Monday, December 29**

##### **Mini Monsters**

What's that under the microscope? Discover the invisible and hidden world of nature's tiniest villains and heroes! From algae to plankton to mold, we'll find out that monsters don't have to be big to make an impact.

**Tuesday, December 30**

##### **Earth Rangers**

Planet Earth is an amazing place. Become an earth ranger for the day and we'll look at the building blocks of our planet, from the top of the tallest mountain to the tiniest grain of sand. We'll investigate landforms and see how dirt is the foundation for all living things. Let's get dirty!

**Friday, January 2**

## **Grades 3-5**

### **Rock On!**

Discover the splendor and science hidden right under your feet! San Diego is one of the most famous gem-producing regions in the world, but where do these minerals come from and how are they formed? We'll answer these questions and more as we explore the dynamic forces that continually change the Earth. We'll also create a rock and mineral collection, tour the Museum, and take a hike in Balboa Park. Rock on!

**Monday, December 22**

### **Super Survival**

What does it take to survive? Learn how adaptations help plants and animals survive and thrive in their habitats. We'll visit the Museum and the Nature to You Loan Library to observe specimens up close. We'll unlock clues, both modern and prehistoric, to see how living things survive nature's toughest challenges.

**Tuesday, December 23**

### **World of Whales**

What's bigger than a dinosaur? The largest animal in the history of the world is out there roaming our oceans right now! How did blue whales get to be so enormous? In this whale of a camp, we'll explore how these big mammals eat, move, and communicate in the wide open seas.

**Friday, December 26**

### **Predator**

What makes a great predator? Is it fierce teeth and claws or camouflage and cleverness? In this very carnivorous camp, we'll discover all the tactics predators use to catch their prey. Camp activities will challenge campers to explore how animals run fast, silently hunt, or chomp hard. Who will be the ultimate predator?

**Monday, December 29**

### **Tomb Raiders**

Ancient Egypt has captured the world's imagination for centuries. Step back in time and imagine yourself discovering the tomb of King Tut and all its treasures. This camp is based upon our new special exhibition, *The Discovery of King Tut*, and recreates the moment that the tomb was discovered by Howard Carter in 1922. We'll visit the exhibition and spend the day learning about Egypt's history and priceless treasures.

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**Tuesday, December 30**

### **Garden Party**

There are 17 beautiful gardens in Balboa Park! In this garden-centric camp, we'll explore some of the jewels of the Park. See spiky cacti, vibrant flowers, fragrant herbs, and even carnivorous plants! Campers can plant a seed to take home and start their own garden.

**Friday, January 2**