



theNAT
SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

SUMMER CAMP 2016

Pre-K–Kindergarten

Digging Into Dinosaurs

Stomp, dig, and roar with the dinosaurs! Join us as we journey into dinosaur realms, explore *Fossil Mysteries*, and investigate some of your favorite ancient reptiles. Go on a fossil hunt, sing, play, and create dino-inspired crafts. Spend the week learning about these magnificent creatures from our past.

Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 | 9 AM–Noon

Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15 | 9 AM–Noon

Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 | 9 AM–Noon

Prehistoric M and M's

Prehistoric Mammoths and Mastodons! Journey back through the Ice Age to discover some of the Earth's largest and most awe-inspiring mammals. We'll spend the week bringing these ancient giants back to life and explore modern day mammals as well. We'll visit our Museum exhibitions, make crafts, and learn through prehistoric play and activities. Get ready for some Ice Age discovery!

Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 | 9 AM–Noon

Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22 | 9 AM–Noon

Ocean Wonders

Slip on your imaginary wetsuit and dive into the wonders of the open ocean. Investigate sea life, kelp forests, and ocean critters living off San Diego's coast. Marvel at the ancient whales that were discovered by our Paleontology Department and visit our new traveling exhibition *Whales: Giants of the Deep*. Join us as we sing sea shanties, make fishy art, and dive into the depths of our oceans. It is sure to be a whale of a time!

Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1 | 9 AM–Noon

Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5 | 9 AM–Noon

Grades 1–2

Animal Extremes

Let's get wild! Animals have wonderful and wacky survival techniques. We'll explore some of the most extreme features of the animal kingdom such as speed, anatomy, behavior, and diet. We'll visit the Museum's exhibitions, the San Diego Zoo, and take hikes in the Park. Let's get extreme!

Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1 | 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 22 through Friday, August 26 | 9 AM–4 PM

Dinosaur Detectives

Wish you had a time machine? Become a dinosaur detective and dig into the lives of these giant reptiles as we step back millions of years. Our journey to the age of dinosaurs is packed with crafts, games, and activities that explore the secrets of a strange pre-historic world. We'll tour the Museum's exhibitions and go on field excursions.

Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22 | 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 15 through Friday, August 19 | 9 AM–4 PM

Fossil Finders

Under your feet lie clues to the distant past. Discover the power and mystery of fossils. Practice field work like paleontologists do as we hike through Balboa Park and unearth the truth about some of our favorite animals, from dinosaurs to whales. We will visit the Museum's exhibitions *Fossil Mysteries*, *Coast to Cactus in Southern California*, and *Whales: Giants of the Deep*. Perhaps we'll run into a real paleontologist! Come prepared to get dirty!

Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5 | 9 AM–4 PM

Hooray! For Habitats

San Diego's diverse habitats allow us to journey from our rich coastline to the mountains and from ancient forests to the rugged desert wilderness, all in one day! Come explore the plants and animals in our backyards—both past and present. Learn why our county is considered the most bio diverse county in the lower 48 states! Through hands-on exploration at the Museum and Balboa Park, test your tracking skills, look for creative inspiration in nature, and experience how Native Americans used nature to help them survive. You don't have to travel far to find nature.

Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 | 9 AM–4 PM

Sea Monsters and Beauties

Get ready to submerge yourself in the wonders of the underwater world. We'll investigate pre-historic marine reptiles and explore the majesty of dolphins and whales. We will visit our new exhibition *Whales: Giants of the Deep* and spend the week discovering both the "monsters" and beauties that exist—or existed—under the sea. Come and take a journey into the deep blue.

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Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 | 9 AM–4 PM

Remarkable Reptiles

Do you love critters that slither and creep? Explore the diversity of reptiles as we get up close and personal through encounters with living reptiles. Our animal investigation will take us on field excursions through Balboa Park, a trip to the San Diego Zoo's Reptile Mesa, and into the Museum exhibitions *Fossil Mysteries* and *Coast to Cactus in Southern California*. Get ready to turn fears in cheers for our reptilian friends.

Monday, August 22 through Friday, August 26 | 9 AM–4 PM

Grades 3–5

Explore Balboa Park

How lucky are we to live in a city that is home to Balboa Park? In this camp, we'll explore the Park's gardens, learn its history, and discover its natural beauty each day. We'll visit other museums and take an extra special look at the NAT, the oldest scientific institution in southern California. We'll

hike, make art projects, and uncover the hidden secrets. We'll celebrate all things Balboa Park. Put on your walking shoes!

Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15 | 9 AM–4 PM

I am an Ologist

Ever wonder what it would be like to be a scientist at theNAT? Spend the week in the shoes of a paleontologist, entomologist, herpetologist, ornithologist, and a botanist! Each day we'll discover a new natural science and conduct experiments, create crafts, and spend time in our natural world.

We'll take a field trip to the San Diego Zoo and meet with scientists behind the scenes at theNAT!

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More to Explore! Balboa Park Part II

There's so much to explore we had to add another camp! In this camp, we'll continue to explore the Park's gardens and hiking trails and visit other museums and attractions that truly make this place the jewel of San Diego. We'll go behind the scenes at theNAT and uncover more of the Park's hidden treasures and tales. We'll journal and make art projects that reflect our travels. Let's celebrate Balboa Park!

Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5 | 9 AM–4 PM

Paleo FBI

Do you "dig" paleontology? Ever wonder how fossils are formed and found? Then join the Fossil Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In this camp, we'll learn and work like real scientists. We'll travel back in time to the age of dinosaurs as we unlock *Fossil Mysteries* and take a look at local discoveries uncovered by the Museum's own Paleontology Department. We'll also visit our new exhibition *Whales: Giants of the Deep*. We'll train like agents, hold a press conference, and make art projects about our discoveries.

Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 | 9 AM–4 PM

Deep Sea Adventure

Dive into a week of ocean discovery. Explore the deep blue and the fascinating creatures both big and small found beneath the waves. Inspired by our new exhibition *Whales: Giants of the Deep*, we'll spend lots of time in the Museum and investigate animals ranging from plankton to the great blue whale. We'll also delve into marine conservation and how we can protect our great Pacific. Spend an engaging week conducting experiments, playing games, and making ocean-inspired art.

Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 | 9 AM–4 PM

Rock On!

Discover the splendor and science that exists 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 will answer these questions and more as we explore the dynamic forces continually changing Earth. Build a volcano and create a rock and mineral collection. We'll make crafts, perform experiments, and visit Balboa Park. Rock on!

Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1 | 9 AM–4 PM

The Science of Flight

Up, up, and away! We have been fascinated with flight for thousands of years. From dinosaurs and birds to some unexpected gliders, we'll investigate the science of flight. What lessons have we learned from our feathered friends that have lead humans to take to the skies? Through visits to *Fossil Mysteries* here at the Museum, the San Diego Zoo, and the San Diego Air and Space Museum, we will investigate this fascination. Join us as we take off for some *plane* old fun!

Monday, August 15 through Friday, August 19 | 9 AM–4 PM

Grades 6–8

Digital Storytelling at TheNAT

We're mixing technology with science and storytelling in this brand-new middle school camp experience. Work alongside the Museum's Digital Content Developer and learn about how digital devices like smartphones and tablets are changing the way people can interact with nature. We'll use iPads to learn the basics of digital storytelling, and then you and your fellow campers will dig into the Museum's collections and the beautiful surroundings of Balboa Park to create stories about how you experience the natural world. The week will end with a film festival of your stories shown in theNAT's giant screen theater, giving your friends and family a chance to see your masterpiece.

Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15 | 9 AM–4 PM

Exhibit Makers

Learn what it takes to develop, design, and build an exhibit component at theNAT. Spend the week as an exhibit developer/designer/builder in this specialty camp for incoming 6th to 8th graders. We'll visit the Museum's exhibitions, including our new exhibition *Whales: Giants of the Deep*, to inspire you. Then you and your fellow campers will work as a team with our exhibit technicians to build an exhibit, which will culminate in a gallery opening, giving you a chance to share it with friends and family.

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