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San Diego Natural History Museum Offers American Sign Language Interpreters for *Dead Sea Scrolls* Exhibition

San Diego: October 26, 2007—On the second Saturday of each month through December, the San Diego Natural History Museum will have volunteer American Sign Language interpreters available for its exhibition, *Dead Sea Scrolls*. **The interpreters will be available July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8, 2007, from 9 AM–4 PM.**

Each interpreter will tour 2–3 people at a time through the exhibition. The small group size will allow for an intimate, individualized experience for exhibition visitors. The interpreters are either certified or currently working/interning in American Sign Language and are volunteering their time so that the once-in-a-lifetime exhibition can be fully enjoyed by members of the hearing-impaired community.

During the dates and times listed, visitors needing a sign-language interpreter should enter the Museum at its south entrance (the entrance for all *Dead Sea Scrolls* ticket-holders) and tell a Visitor Services representative that they would like an ASL interpreter.

The interpreters will take the place of the audio tour that is included in the price of *Dead Sea Scrolls* admission. In preparation for the exhibition, the interpreters are establishing a standardized vocabulary to explain the exhibition's contents, as some technical terminology related to the exhibition does not exist in American Sign Language.

The Museum's *Dead Sea Scrolls* is the largest, most comprehensive exhibition on this topic ever assembled. Created and assembled by the Museum, it includes authentic Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient illuminated manuscripts, artifacts, landscape and aerial photography, and interactive displays about science, discovery, and exploration. The Dead Sea Scrolls—objects of great mystery, intrigue and significance—are among the greatest archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. For more information, visit www.sdscrolls.org.

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