



# SUMMER CAMP

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SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

## Backyard Wonders (Pre-K-Kindergarten)

Lizards and bats and rabbits, oh my! Come discover the creatures and critters that live in your own backyard. San Diego has some of the most natural diversity in the country and even the world. We'll spend time in our new permanent exhibition *Coast to Cactus in Southern California* and explore Balboa Park, making crafts, singing songs, and learning about our animal neighbors. Everyday holds magic in our lovely region.

**Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10 | 9 AM–Noon**

**Members \$145 | Non-members \$170**

## Creep, Crawl, Flutterby (Pre-K-Kindergarten)

Creep, crawl, and fly with Earth's most numerous and varied creatures as we step into the life of a new bug each day. Discover San Diego's insect residents through nature walks in Balboa Park and explorations of *Water: A California Story* and *Fossil Mysteries*, two of the Museum's exhibitions. We will make buggy crafts, be as busy as bees, and meet insect celebrities.

**Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 3 | 9 AM–Noon**

**Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31 | 9 AM–Noon**

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## Digging Into Dinosaurs (Pre-K-Kindergarten)

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 22 through Friday, June 26 | 9 AM–Noon**

**Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24 | 9 AM–Noon**

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### **Animal Mysteries (Grades 1–2)**

Want to be a zoologist? Come sharpen your observation skills by exploring the Museum’s collections of bones, feathers, and fur! Investigate animal mysteries throughout the Museum’s exhibitions, *including our new permanent exhibition Coast to Cactus in Southern California*, and go behind the scenes in our collections library. We’ll meet some live animals, make crafts, and uncover a new mystery animal each day.

**Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 14 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$265 | Non-members \$290**

### **Dinosaur Detectives (Grades 1–2)**

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, *go on* field excursions, and view a 3D film in our giant screen theater.

**Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$265 | Non-members \$290**

### **Fossil Finders (Grades 1–2)**

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* and *Coast to Cactus in Southern California*, and perhaps run into a real paleontologist! Come prepared to get dirty!

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### **Hooray! For Habitats (Grades 1–2)**

San Diego’s diverse habitats allow us to journey from our rich coastlines to 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 in San Diego used nature to help them survive. You don’t have to travel far to find nature.

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## **Remarkable Reptiles (Grades 1–2)**

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 the brand-new *Coast to Cactus in Southern California*. Get ready to turn fears in cheers for our reptilian friends.

**Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$265 | Non-members \$290**

## **Explore Balboa Park (Grades 3–5)**

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 theNAT, the oldest scientific institution in southern California. We'll hike, make art projects, and uncover the hidden secrets of the Park. As we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, we'll celebrate all things Balboa Park. Put on your walking shoes!

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

**Members \$265 | Non-members \$290**

## **More to Explore! Balboa Park Part II (Grades 3–5)**

There's so much to explore we had to add another camp! In this centennial year we have a lot to celebrate and much more to discover. 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 in the Park. Let's celebrate Balboa Park!

**Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$276 | Non-members \$301**

**Note: This camp includes an \$11 ticket to see *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*.**

## **Paleo FBI (Grades 3–5)**

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 ***Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*** and take a look at the differences and similarities of paleontology and archeology. We'll conduct hands-on experiments, make art projects, and make regular trips to the Museum's exhibitions and Balboa Park.

**Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 14 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$276 | Non-members \$301**

**Note: This camp includes an \$11 ticket to see *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*.**

### **Hidden Worlds: The Mayans (Grades 3–5)**

Come walk in steps of the ancient Mayans as we rediscover this ancient civilization. This camp is based upon our special exhibition *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*. We'll encounter the richness of Mayan culture by examining centuries-old artifacts and traditions. We'll engage in hand-on explorations that investigate the sophisticated world view of ancient Mayans and their relationship to art and science. This camp will only be offered this summer so don't miss it!

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### **Kaleidoscope: Art and Science (Grades 3–5)**

Is there art in science? Is there science in art? This new camp will investigate these questions as we explore natural science and all its beauty, diversity, and creativity. We'll look to our outside world and explore color, movement, and sound and let it serve as our muse in hands-on activities, art projects, and theater games. Our newest exhibition *Coast to Cactus in Southern California* will be our lab and inspiration. Come discover the beauty of natural science.

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**Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$265 | Non-members \$290**

### **The Science of Flight (Grades 3–5)**

Up, up and away! We have been fascinated with flight for thousands of years. From dinosaurs, to 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, July 6 through Friday, July 10 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$265 | Non-members \$290**

### **Exhibit Explorers (Grades 6-8)**

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 grades 6-8. We'll visit the Museum's exhibitions, including the special exhibition *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*, to inspire you. Then you and your fellow campers will work as a team with our exhibit technicians to build an exhibit. The week will end with a gallery opening of your exhibit giving you a chance to share it with your friends and family.

**Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7 | 9 AM–4 PM**

**Members \$365 | Non-members \$390**