



Lutz Children's Museum's

# Preschool Newsletter

**The Lutz Children's Museum** was founded by a teacher, Hazel Lutz, to provide educational resources to families and schools. We remain committed to her vision of providing hands-on learning opportunities that prepare students for academic success. We consider teachers to be our customers, our partners, and our friends. Many of our programs come from your suggestions. Grant funding is sometimes available to defray the cost of programs. Please review our current offerings, and contact us if you have any questions or special requests. We would appreciate the opportunity to collaborate on special projects that enhance your students' educational experience.

## Booking A Program

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Educational programs can be scheduled by contacting museum staff at **860-643-0949 x10** or [frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org](mailto:frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org).

## Educational Standards

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All museum programming for preschoolers is designed to meet **Preschool Framework** indicators. Please ask if you would like more information about how individual programs meet these indicators.

## Programming

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All programs can be booked at your preschool or child care center or be held at the museum during a scheduled group visit.

**Resource Lessons** are programs delivered in your classroom by an experienced museum educator.

**Group Visits** are field trips to the museum with an educational program included.

**Nature Center Visits** include a program and an opportunity to explore the trails on a local nature preserve.

**Booth-style Programs** are available for events and fairs.

## Program Structure

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Help us to provide the best program possible! Please advise us at the time of scheduling of any special needs or allergies within your group. If you have questions, feel free to speak directly with the educator who will be delivering your program. We ask that you remain in the room for the duration of the program. Please handle any classroom management issues as you normally would, to provide consistency.

## Lutz Up!

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Our quarterly newsletter is packed with fun and educational classes, concerts, trips and special events. We count on teachers to distribute these newsletters to students. **Thanks for your help!**

# SCIENCE PROGRAMS

**Coats of All Kinds** In winter time we bundle up in our coats to keep warm. What do animals do to stay warm? Let's explore the different coats animals wear and see first hand the differences between them. We will touch mammal furs, bird feathers and even the scales of a reptile! We will meet an example of each type of animal and learn what makes them special.

**Lots of Legs!** How many legs does an insect have? What about a spider? Let's go on an adventure to find out how many legs these crawly creatures have! We will read a story about insects and learn the difference between creatures with 8 legs and those with 6. We will even meet a few live insect examples!

**Tadpoles to Frogs** Growing up can be tough! Frogs go through big changes as they transform from tiny eggs into adult frogs. The steps in between are fun and fascinating to explore. We will learn the stages of a frog's life cycle and meet a live adult frog. Students will discover that plants and insects also go through life cycles as they grow. We will have a chance to meet a live amphibian from the Lutz Children's Museum animal room.

**Who Lives in a Shell?** From hermit crabs to turtles there are many different kinds of animals that make their home in a shell. We will learn about what shells are made of and how they are used. We will even meet some animals that live in shells! Would you like to live in a shell?

# ART PROGRAMS

**Carle's Creations** Read, Learn, Touch & Create! Learn about author and illustrator Eric Carle while reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and getting up-close with butterfly artifacts from the museum's collection. Then we will create colorful butterfly art using Eric Carle's collage technique.

**Monet's Ponds** Claude Monet painted his pond more than 2000 times during his career! We will look at a dozen of Monet's pond paintings while discussing his colors and brushstrokes. Students will be able to touch many pond-life artifacts from the museum's collection, including a live animal. Using watercolors, students will paint their own impressionist pond art.

## Resource Lessons

Museum Educators will join your classroom for forty-five minutes of fun and educational activities.

The fee for a Resource Lesson is \$125 per program, with a travel charge of

60 cents per mile. Night and weekend programs may be possible for an additional fee.

The above program topics are currently available. Customized topics may also be arranged.

## Museum Visits

Visiting the museum is a fun and educational field trip! Come explore our newest exhibit, Connecticut Forests, stroll around 1940s Main Street Manchester, experience 19th Century Manchester Farm Life, or visit some of the wild and domestic animals housed in our Animal Room. Book your group visit in advance and up to two chaperones will be admitted free with groups of ten or more children. One of our museum educators will present an informative forty-five minute educational program of your choice for a fee of \$12 per child, which includes museum admission for the day. A self-guided visit without a program is also available for \$7 per child.

Our programs book quickly. Please book in advance for the best availability.

## Scheduling Your Program

Please contact our education staff by phone or email. They are often away from the office delivering programs, but will respond to you within 2 business days. Leave as much information as possible. Please include a way to reach you after school hours.

- Teacher/Contact Person Name
- Pre School/Organization Name
- Students Age
- Number of Students in the Group
- 1st/2nd/3rd Choice of Date and Time
- Teacher/Contact Person Primary Phone
- Teacher/Contact Person Secondary Phone
- Teacher/Contact Person E-Mail Address