



Lutz Children's Museum

Preschool Newsletter

The Lutz Children's Museum offers engaging science, art, and history education experiences to students across the state of Connecticut. We stay true to our founder, Hazel Lutz, and her vision by providing hands-on learning opportunities that prepare students for academic success. Our Connecticut standards based programs make learning a positive experience for children as they explore natural artifacts and meet live animals. Enjoy programs as a field trip to the LCM, visit the trails of Oak Grove Nature Center, or a museum educator will bring the excitement and knowledge right into your classroom!

Outreach Resource Lessons

An experienced museum educator will lead your classroom in fun and educational activities while utilizing live animals, artifacts, and experiential games. We offer relevant and supplemental programs related to science and the humanities.

Science and humanities programs are 45 minutes in length. Visual Arts programs are 60 minutes.

The Cost: \$125 per program and 60¢ per mile of travel.

Plan A Field Trip

Visiting the museum is an exciting 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 our live animal collection. Increase the educational value of your trip by adding an inspiring program taught by a museum educator. Visit for a few hours or stay the whole day!

The Cost: \$7 per person for a self-guided field trip. \$12 per person for a field trip with programming.

Educational Standards

All Lutz Children's Museum programs are designed to meet Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) for the state of Connecticut. Please contact us if you would like more information about how individual programs meet these standards.

Booking Your Program

Educational programs and field trips can be scheduled by contacting museum staff at **(860) 643-0949 x 30951** or by sending an email to frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org. When leaving a message please provide as much detail as possible including a contact name, phone number, email, school name, age/grade, and requested visitation date. Our educators are often out on programs, but will respond within two business days. Our programs fill quickly, please book your field trip or outreach program at least two months in advance for the best availability.

Lutz Up!

Our quarterly newsletter is distributed through many school districts with permission of your superintendent. Each newsletter is packed with educational classes, concerts, trips, and special events. We count on teachers to unroll the bundle and promptly distribute it into student's backpacks. **Thanks for your help!**

SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Fur, Feathers, Scales

Take a peek at Earth's animals without ever leaving the classroom! Together, we will discover and explore the various coats that animals wear by touching mammal furs, bird feathers, and even the scales of a reptile. Then, let's meet these animals up close and see what makes them so unique.

Growing Up: Amphibian Style

Growing up can be tough! Amphibians go through big changes as they transform from tiny eggs into their adult form. The steps in between are fun and fascinating to explore. We will learn the stages of an amphibian's life cycle and meet a live representative of this animal classification.

Lots of Legs

Become an amateur entomologist and explore the life of insects! Let's figure out what these crawling creatures use to get around and how they compare to other invertebrates such as arachnids and crustaceans. We may even find a few of these animals crawling in your classroom.

Who Lives in a Shell?

Are you strong enough to carry a house? A turtle certainly is! Both aquatic and terrestrial animals make their home in a shell. Let's find out who does this and why it is so important. As a class, we will even meet some of these heavy lifters.

Wild Shelters

What does it take to survive in the wild? Animals have to hunt for their food, find their water, and defend their home. But, where can we find these homes and what makes them so great? Together, we will explore common Connecticut animal habits on where they make their habitats.

ART PROGRAMS

Carle's Creations

Read, learn, tough, and 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 collections, including a live animal. Using watercolors, students will paint their own impressionist art.