



# Lutz Children's Museum

## *Summer Newsletter for Schools, Libraries and Camps*

# Summer 2014

**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 Offer...*

**Resource Lessons** – Museum educators will visit your facility for 45 minutes of fun and educational activities. The fee for a Resource Lesson is \$100 per program (maximum of 25 students), with a travel charge of 60 cents per mile. Night and weekend programs may be possible for an additional fee. We are available to travel within a 25-mile radius of Manchester.

**Group Visits** – Visiting the museum is a fun and educational field trip! You will find three galleries which house our exhibits, as well as a *Shadow Room* and a museum store. Come explore our newest exhibit *Connecticut Forests*, stroll around *1940's 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 chaperones will be admitted free with groups of 10 or more children. One of our museum educators will present an informative 45-minute educational program of your choice for a fee of \$9 per child, which includes museum admission for the day. A self-guided visit without a program is also available for \$6 per child. Our programs book quickly. Please book in advance for the best availability.

**Scheduling a Program** – Educational programs can be scheduled by contacting museum staff at (860) 643-0949 x10 or [frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org](mailto:frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org). We also offer Scout programs, after-school programs, group visits to the Oak Grove Nature Center, special-events booths, educational loan kits, and programs at the museum.

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## Science Programs

### **Fur, Feathers, and Scales**

A museum educator will visit your school with interesting artifacts and live animals from the museum's collection. We will compare the major vertebrate animal groups (animals with bones) and take a hands-on approach to discovering their differences. Then we will meet a real mammal, bird, and reptile.

*Recommended Ages: 2-10*

### **Metamorphosis**

Growing up can be tough! Learn the in, outs, and cycles of growing up as an amphibian. This class will focus mainly on amphibians and insects as we consider the physical and habitat changes these animals must grow through to be an adult. We will bring some live animal friends in different stages of their life cycles.

*Recommended Ages: 2-10*

### **Animal Protection**

Animals have developed a variety of adaptations to avoid predators. Some animals have spikes or hard shells, some emit foul odors, some use camouflage, and some can even shed their own tails when threatened! We will meet some live examples of well-protected creatures.

*Recommended Ages: 2-10*

### **Little Printmakers**

Let's get messy when we dive into the exciting world of printmaking! Discuss symmetry in art and nature. Students will try their hand at woodblock printing and monoprinting. Make your own stamp and use it to decorate a keepsake of your very own.

*Recommended Ages: 6-10*

### **Animal Art**

From Rousseau's fierce jungles to Audubon's scientific sketches, many artists over the centuries have been inspired by animals. Now is your chance to join their ranks and create some animal artwork of your own! Students will learn about some famous wildlife artists and have the opportunity to observe and sketch a variety of animals that call the Lutz Children's Museum their home.

*Recommended Ages: 2-10*

### **The Podunks of Connecticut**

The Podunk Tribe lived in the places now called Manchester, Glastonbury, Bolton, East Hartford, Vernon and South Windsor almost 400 years ago. We will examine of the lifestyle and culture of our native people. Explore the similarities and differences between their lives and the way we live today!

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## Humanities Programs

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