

Summer Workshops for Children K-5

Registration is now open for our 2012 Summer Workshops for Children! These three hour workshops provide fun, scientific explorations of our natural world and are offered on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the summer. See below for full course descriptions.

Each workshop meets for three hours from 9:00 am - noon at the CU Museum of Natural History on the CU-Boulder Campus. Healthy snacks will be provided.

The fee is \$25 per workshop (\$20 for Members at the Family Level). Advance registration and payment required (cash, check, or credit card).

Call 303-492-1666 or email us at museumed@colorado.edu to sign up today!

Workshops for students in kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade:

An Eye for Color

Friday, June 29 or Wednesday, August 1

From brilliant blue butterflies to black and white zebra stripes, we'll explore the amazing colors and patterns of the natural world. Search for colors on a campus nature walk, create camouflage collages, design your own colorful finger puppet, and more.

Dinosaur Detectives

Friday, June 15 or Wednesday, July 18

Spend some time with our Dinosaurs, exploring them inside and out! What can you learn about dinosaurs by examining their fossils? Become a "junior paleontologist" as you go on a mock dig and unearth a real fossil.

Ice Worlds: Exploring the Polar Regions

Friday, July 13 or Friday, August 3

Take a break from the summer heat to journey above the Arctic Circle as we explore the icy world of people and animals near the North Pole. Find out how animals (and people) survive in the cold. Learn about and create Inuit arts and tools. Wear a blubber mitten, carve a soap animal, and more! We'll top it all off by making our own ice cream!

Rainforests

Wednesday, July 11 or Friday, July 20

Explore the plants, animals, and people of the Mayan Rainforest. From birdsongs, to insect chirps to howling monkeys, the rainforest is a noisy place! Join us to make your own natural musical instruments from plants of the rainforest, decorate a mask, and more.

Wild Babies & Little Sprouts

Friday, June 22 or Friday, July 27

Kits, cubs, and caterpillars; seedlings, squeakers, and cygnets. Explore the amazing, changing lives of baby animals and budding plants. We'll use touchable museum specimens to learn about animal life. Come grow with us!

Snacks and Attacks!

Friday, July 6 or Wednesday July 25 or Friday, August 10

A workshop all about food. Climb your way up the food chain as we figure out who eats what. Real museum specimens will be our guides to what animals eat. We'll explore how ancient humans hunted and grew food, and we will use plants to make some foods for us to eat.

Workshops for students in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade:

An Insect's World

Friday, June 29 or Wednesday, July 18

Join us at the CU Museum as we become entomologists, the scientists who study insects. Use nets to gather insects from the air and scoop them out of the water. We'll identify what we find and create a field guide. Beetles will play a prominent role in our explorations of the vast insect world.

Art and Nature

Friday, July 6 or Wednesday, July 25

Explore our natural world through the eyes of an artist. Create your own masterpiece with natural earth pigments, paper collage, and recycled materials. Try your hand at scientific illustration and create a wearable work of art.

Prehistoric Water World

Friday, June 22 or Friday, July 20

Colorado used to be an inland sea full of weird and wonderful creatures. Explore the clues they left behind, excavate a fossil, take a behind-the-scenes tour of our fossil collection where we keep over half a million fossils, get a look at ancient creatures – large and small– that lived in our own backyard! Create your own watery diorama.

A Day in the Life...

Friday, July 13 or Wednesday, August 1

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to do field work? This is your chance to try out some of the tools our museum scientists use to track and study animals, and to collect plants. We'll orienteer with compass and GPS, explore motion-activated cameras and other non-harmful techniques of gathering animal behavior information, and make plant presses.

Left Behind

Friday, June 15 or Friday, July 27 or Friday, August 10

Scat, skeletons, fossils and footprints. These are just a few of the clues that animals leave behind. Polish your detective skills as you learn about animal tracking, bone identification, fossil analysis and more. We will make plaster casts of animal tracks, excavate a fossil, examine skulls and see what amazing things we can learn from scat. Don't be left behind – join us in this exploration of the hidden world of animal life!

A Better World

Wednesday, July 11 or Friday, August 3

From trash to treasures. This workshop will use the resources of our "invisible connectedness of things" exhibition to explore ways to lighten our footprint on the earth. We'll use pollution as a source of artwork to create smog prints; make buttons and stickers to 'spread the word', and study museum specimens for recycled art inspiration.



At the CU Museum Summer Workshops, your child will:

- Engage in fun, hands-on, and stimulating science activities
- Touch and explore real museum objects
- Enjoy expeditions through museum exhibits and collections
- Participate in entertaining activities & games
- Make creative crafts and take home projects



Birthday Parties!

Celebrate your child's sense of wonder with a birthday party at the Museum! Choose from our list of themes and we'll provide fun, guided activities, a private room for birthday treats, and party favors for each of your guests. Call (303) 492-1666 for more info.

Membership

Support the Museum at the family level and receive a \$5 discount on all workshops for kids! Members also receive invitations to members-only receptions and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours. Plus, 100% of membership costs are tax deductible. For more info and membership forms, go to the home page and click on the Get Involved tab.

Museum Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Museum is free and open to the public - please come see us anytime!

