



Hello Teachers and Happy Spring!

We are bringing back the For Teachers Newsletter in a new twice a school-year format - at the start of each semester - to fill you in on any changes or updates on school programs at the Tar Pits. Spring is a busy time for all of us, at the museum and in the classroom, so we want you to have the latest tips and tricks for your field trip visits and beyond. Find out all about our spring offerings: before you visit, when you're here, and educator workshops to extend your museum experience. And don't forget, because the La Brea Tar Pits Museum is an active research site, we are always finding new fossils! Keep your students excited about science by coming to see Project 23 in person!

Molly Porter

Director, Education

Your field trip requests have been pouring in and we can't wait to see you and your students at the Tar Pits in the coming months. As we dive into our busiest season, there are a few things to note about our free add-on reservations:

- Until May 31, the popular [Observation Pit](#) exhibit is available for schools every weekday. In it, students of all grades can interact with educators and get up close to a real, partially excavated fossil deposit.
- [Ice Age Encounters](#) (Fridays only) is sticking around for the spring season for grades 2-6. In this live performance, students can meet a life-sized saber-toothed cat and learn all about our current excavation, Project 23.
- Through the end of May, our documentary film [Titans of the Ice Age 2D](#) (Monday - Thursday) will require a free reservation. This film will give your students global context for all the amazing research happening at the Tar Pits.

Want to do it all? We ask that schools limit advanced reservations to one add-on per grade level per field trip. This lets us provide memorable experiences for the most students possible. If you're already booked for one of these opportunities and want to add another, check in with us on your visit day. If we have availability, we will absolutely get you in!

Please note our chaperone tickets have increased in price and are now \$12 - this is still a discounted ticket and only additional adults beyond the 1:5 ratio will have to purchase one. Exemptions apply.

Our parking rates have also increased and parking is now \$15 per car. School buses park for free on Curson Avenue.

Check out our new video!

With the busy spring season ahead of us, make sure all your students see our introductory video before your trip! This will expedite your check-in and give students a preview of your Ice Age adventure and tips on how to make the most of your visit.



Upcoming Educator Workshops

Did you know that we host monthly educator workshops each year? These Saturday morning sessions give teachers the opportunity to practice new techniques, hear from our scientists behind the scenes, and connect with fellow educators. Check out the "Teacher Resources" pages on our websites—[here](#) for NHMLA and [here](#) for the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum. Keep an eye out for our reminder emails about these professional development opportunities!

Extinction Past and Present with EEI at the La Brea Tar Pits & Museum

April 21, 2018

9 am - 12 pm

Join the Tar Pits School Programs Team and EEI Environmental Education Specialist Kirk Amato for a free educator workshop focused on change and extinction in California. We will examine the La Brea Tar Pits as a unique case study for biotic and abiotic change, and you'll leave with a suite of resources to bring everything

you've leaned back to your classroom.

Teacher Talk at NHMLA

June 16, 2018

9 am - 12 pm

Participants from past workshops will share how they've incorporated ideas from the Museum into their teaching. Participants will have the chance to practice techniques from our Museum school programs, and brainstorm ways to make it work in their own classroom.



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