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LA BREA TAR PITS

For Teachers



Happy summer!

You've worked so hard during the school year, and now it's time to kick back and have some fun! California PreK - 12th teachers with school ID are always free at the Natural History Family of Museums, and we'd love to see you at the Page Museum this summer. You can stroll through our collection of Ice Age flora in the Pleistocene Garden, count the ripples in the bubbling Lake Pit, and visit our excavators out at Project 23, where new fossil discoveries are being made every day.

School may be out, but we know that you're already thinking ahead to next year. The School Programs team is on site Monday through Friday, working to make next school year even better than the last. Thinking about bringing your class for a trip? Curious about programs or how to book? We'd love to talk to you, answer your questions, and give you the most up to date information on all the experiences we can offer your students. Just ask for a School Programs team member at the main desk.

So come out and enjoy your summer with us!

The Page School Programs Team

Breaking News from Project 23

Even with the weather heating up, our excavators are diligently chipping away in our current excavation, Project 23! We are currently two months into excavating our newest box of Project 23, Box 13. Already, we have noticed that this is a deposit packed with many fossils including a saber-toothed cat skull, dire wolf teeth, plant material, and the femur and pelvis of a large herbivore.

Even after 100 years of excavation, we are still making new discoveries about Ice Age Los Angeles. Just recently, one of our Lab volunteers identified a species of freshwater limpet (*Ferrissia walkeri*) that had never been documented at Rancho La Brea. This exciting find was taken from the matrix surrounding a sloth skull excavated from Box 7 in Project 23. From 7 foot tall ground sloths to limpets barely over 2mm long, Project 23 continues to help us refine our knowledge of Los Angeles, our home. Stop by and see what we've found today!



Sabertooths and bison and dire wolves, oh my! Here's a sneak peek at the beautifully preserved fossils in Box 13.

Upcoming Dates:

August 15th:

Booking Opens for 2013-2014 school year

September 7th:

Page Teacher Open House

October 1st:

Fall Programming Begins

To keep up with the latest fossil finds, check out our blog! Written by our excavators, it will give you the most-up-to-date information on Project 23. Find it at: <http://www.tarpits.org/blog>.

