

**PAGE
MUSEUM**
LA BREA TAR PITS

For Teachers



Celebrate Spring at the Tar Pits

Dear Teachers,

With spring break right around the corner, there is a lot to celebrate! Here at the Page Museum, we're enjoying the weather outside the Museum on our rooftop terrace. From there, we can see the tar pits and Project 23, where we're excavating new fossils every day. When you visit the Page Museum on a field trip, your students will start their experience with an introduction from a museum educator in front of the Lake Pit's iconic mammoth statue or at an active tar seep. By beginning their visit outside in the Park, students can imagine Los Angeles 10-60 thousand years ago, when giant sloths and saber-toothed cats roamed La Brea. This is just one of the ways we bring the Ice Age to life here at the Page Museum. Join us on the adventure!

Molly Porter
Manager, School and Teacher Programs

What's New!

Program Changes

Spring is in the air, and as the seasons change, our school programming changes too! Fossil Detectives, Windows into Nature, and Guided Tours are getting packed up with our heavy coats until next fall, but don't fret! There are still plenty of opportunities for you and your students at the Page.

The spring season brings with it a new program, Encounters Jr.! In this live performance, students PreK-1 will learn about life in the Ice Age from a very special educator: Nibbles the saber-toothed kitten. Encounters Jr. is available every Wednesday morning through June 26. Our popular Ice Age Encounters show continues to run every Wednesday for older elementary school visitors as well. Space in both programs is limited, so reserve your spot soon! Find out more at <http://www.tarpits.org/for-teachers/school-visits>.

Teacher Opportunities

We are proud to announce that the Page is now accepting applications for the For Teachers By Teachers program. By participating in the program, you'll help to develop curriculum and lesson plans for the thousands of school visitors grades K-12 who visit the Museum every year.

More exciting news that we just can't wait to share—The Page Museum has been awarded a grant to provide bus scholarships to a select number of Title 1 schools in LA County! You'll find all the information you need to apply for a bus and For Teachers By Teachers on the second page of this newsletter.

Happy Spring!

Kelsey Ziff
Coordinator, School Programs



This Month's Issue:

Celebrate Spring at the
Tar Pits

What's New!

Can You Dig It:
Bringing the Ice Age to Life

Program Information

Resource Reminders

Can you Dig It?: Bringing the Ice Age to Life



Every Wednesday morning at the Page, a Pleistocene predator comes to life. Nibbles the saber-toothed kitten, the star of our Encounters Jr. program, helps our youngest school visitors learn about the animals of the Ice Age in a whole new way. With some help from our performing artists, Nibbles shows students grades PreK-1 how playful behavior can teach a kitten all the skills he needs to become a powerful adult hunter.

Bringing an extinct cat out of the Ice Age and into the present day is no easy task. Our Paleo-puppeteers observed the movements of housecats--pouncing, chasing, and hiding--to add depth and realism to Nibbles' behavior. As Michael Serwich, who is both a puppeteer and the program's playwright, says, "Encounters Jr. combines science, artistry, and a healthy dose of imagination to transport students back in time to the world of Pleistocene Los Angeles."



Fossil Fact

Nibbles is constructed from materials that you'd find at your local craft store! Who knew that faux fur, resin, and aluminum rods could come together to create a juvenile version of one of the most ferocious predators to ever roam Los Angeles?

Program Information

For Teachers By Teachers

Get paid for your creativity!

Collaborate with Museum educators to create Museum activities and lesson plans that work for your classroom. When you're done, we'll post the curriculum on our website to share with the thousands of teachers who visit the Museum each year. Interested? Print, fill out and submit an application; we'll get in touch the next time we need someone to join the team!

Find out more and download an application at <http://www.tarpits.org/for-teachers/resources>.

Bus Scholarships

If you are a Title 1 school in the Los Angeles area, you may qualify for a bus scholarship for your visit to the Page Museum! If you are interested in a bus, just fill out our application online. If you are awarded a scholarship, book your visit and then schedule your bus using the information provided with your award. It's that easy.

Find the application at <http://www.tarpits.org/for-teachers/school-visits>.

Resource Reminders

Chaperone Guide

Looking for a museum map, park guide, or tips for your visit? Our new Chaperone Guide has everything you need to stay organized.

Download a PDF here: <http://www.tarpits.org/for-teachers/resources>.

Are you an after school program?

Just a reminder—if you are an after school program that provides academic instruction and is based on-site at school, you qualify for a free school visit!

Go Metro!

Even though we will be able to provide some bus funding, we encourage you to check out the Metro Student Field Trip Program as a way to get your class to the Museum!

Read about it at: www.metro.net/about/metro-student-field-trip/.

We need your feedback!

If you've brought your students recently on a field trip to the Page Museum, please fill out this brief 10 question survey about your experience:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PAGEschools13A>

How to Book!

Go to www.tarpits.org/for-teachers and click on the **School Visits** link for step-by-step instructions on how to plan your day and submit a visit request!