School Programs

The museum offers gallery activities and hands-on workshops that explore science and promote inquiry. Check www.nhm.ku.edu/Hdocs/SchoolPrograms.html for updates.

If you plan to visit the galleries — but don’t want a formal education program — we ask that you call to let us know in advance how many will be in your group. For gallery visitors, we suggest a contribution of $2 for children and $3 for adults.

**Gallery tours and activities**

**Cost:** $50 per group (25 maximum)

**Duration:** 45 minutes

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**Panorama Tour**

This program summarizes the different habitats seen in the Panorama exhibit and includes a search-and-find animal activity.

**National science standards:** A, C, G

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**Dinosaur Discovery**

Everyone knows what a dinosaur is — or do they? How do you tell a dinosaur from other extinct groups of animals or other reptiles? Using the fossil gallery, students will discover important features of this most famous group and put their skills to the test.

**National science standards:** A, C, G

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**Walking with Dinosaurs**

Students investigate dinosaur footprints — what they can tell us and why — and learn how to calculate the speed of dinosaurs.

**National science standards:** A, C, G

**Math curriculum link:** Standard 1

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**Kansas Seas**

Kansas was once covered with vast oceans. Discover how we know this and learn about some of the amazing creatures that lived in these seas.

**National science standards:** A, C, D, G

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**School workshops:**

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**Planning a visit to the galleries?**

Want to sign up for a tour or workshop? Please call (785) 864-4173

Please call at least 3 weeks in advance.
School workshops
Cost: $3.50 per person (30 maximum, 12 minimum; one adult teacher or parent free for every 5 students)
Duration: 45 minutes

Fossil Fun
This workshop is designed for younger students and provides an introduction to geological time and fossils. Hands-on activities include digging for and identifying fossils, and developing dinosaurs complete with scientific names.
National science standards: A, C, D, G

Rock Clocks
This workshop provides an introduction to geological time with activities that investigate relative and absolute dating.
National science standards: A, D, G

Hands-On Geology
An introduction to minerals, rock types, and how they are formed. Students learn techniques to identify different rocks and minerals.
National science standards: A, D, G

Hands-On Mammals
Explore the characteristics of mammals and their adaptations through a series of demonstrations and activities.
National science standards: A, C, G

Flight
This open discovery-based workshop challenges students to work in small groups and demonstrate some of the scientific principles behind flight using everyday items.
National science standards: A, B, G

DNA Discovery
This workshop introduces DNA — what it is and how it works. Hands-on activities include DNA extraction and making DNA jewelry.
National science standards: A, C, G

Travel Guide to Space
Students explore our solar system through the view of alien tourists and are challenged to select the best destination to meet their needs.
National science standards: A, B, D, G

Matter Matters
Students investigate the properties and classification of matter. Topics covered include the particulate nature of matter, changes of state and temperature.
National science standards: A, B, G