

Your children are invited to explore the wonders of the natural world!

Young Explorers

2011 – 2012

Fun science classes for kids ages 2 1/2 through 5



Kids love exploring nature while making new friends!

Young children are natural scientists, truly curious about the world. Science for young children is not performing an experiment — it's investigating everything around them. Investigation involves children observing, wondering, predicting, exploring, and explaining what they can and cannot see. In the world of a young child, science can really be found EVERYWHERE!

Leading the way in science education.

The Delaware Museum of Natural History is the state's foremost authority in science education for young children. Our "Seeing Science Everywhere" initiative encompasses learning opportunities for preschoolers, parents, and teachers through:

Classes – Weekly Young Explorers classes expose young children to science basics in a preschool-style setting with songs, crafts, live animals, games, specimens, and discussion.

Exhibits – A dedicated area within the Museum called the "Nature Nook" features hands-on activities for children and parents to explore animals and habitats with guidance from specially trained docents.

Teacher Training – Initially supported by a Grow Up Great with Science grant from the PNC Foundation, the Museum provides statewide training for preschool teachers on how to incorporate science into daily lessons.

Advocacy – The Museum supports the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children in promoting high-quality early care and education programs.

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The Young Explorers program is divided into two age groups that are held simultaneously: **Tiny Trekkers (age 2 1/2 to 3)** and **Natural Wonders (age 4 to 5)**. Parents/caregivers must stay for Tiny Trekkers.

Classes explore a science theme each week. The instructor leads fun, age-appropriate, interactive activities from several content areas including math, language, art, music, movement, and social and emotional development.

Classes are held the second and fourth Friday from October through May, except on November 25 and December 23 due to holidays.

Can't make it to all the classes? Pick and choose your class schedule by registering for individual Young Explorers classes. Registration **must** be made in advance (**no later than 10 days prior to the class**) by calling the Programs Coordinator at 302-658-9111, ext. 328. Payment for individual classes is due at the time of registration. Online registration is available until 10 days prior to the class.

Choose one of two class times:

- Morning (10 – 11:15 a.m.)
- Afternoon (1 – 2:15 p.m.)



Cost for all 14 classes:

- Members: \$140 per child
- Non-members: \$175 per child

Cost for individual classes:

- Members: \$12 per child
- Non-members: \$15 per child

October 14 – Seasons: Fall Observe and explore the wonderful changes that happen in nature during the autumn months.

October 28 – All About Trees Learn why we need these “giant plants” all around us.

November 11 – Backyard Animals Discover all the fun and interesting animals that can be found in your backyard. Some may surprise you!

December 9 – Dinosaurs They were big, they were small, they were spiky, they were bumpy – and they are fun to learn about!

January 13 – Seasons: Winter Investigate where all the animals go when it gets cold outside.

January 27 – Ice and Snow The water cycle goes round and round and sometimes snowflakes fall to the ground. Find out why!

February 10 – Rainforest Come take a trip into this unique habitat that has four layers and many cool animals.

February 24 – Nutrition What do we need to eat every day to grow “big and strong?”

March 9 – My Body What has two eyes, two legs, two arms, two ears, one nose, and one mouth?

March 23 – Seasons: Spring As winter comes to an end, learn to look for clues that spring is on the way.

April 13 – Solar System Discover the eight spinning planets that circle around the sun.

April 27 – Frogs and Toads Yes, they are the similar – but also very different. Learn how!

May 11 – Oceans Dive on in and meet all the fun and interesting creatures that live in the ocean.

May 25 – Seasons: Summer Come and explore the critters found at the sunny seashore.

Registration:

Register online at www.delmnh.org, call 302-658-9111, ext. 328, or mail in the attached form with payment.

SPACE IS LIMITED, ENROLL TODAY!

Parent / Guardian details (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Emergency phone _____

E-mail _____

Class selection:

Child's name _____ Age _____

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OR

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Payment Please make checks payable to Delaware Museum of Natural History

Check ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ AMEX ___ Discover ___

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Name on card (PLEASE PRINT): _____

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