



Lutz Children's Museum's
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Preschool Newsletter

The Lutz Children's Museum was founded by a teacher, Hazel Lutz, to provide educational resources to families and schools. We remain committed to her vision of providing hands-on learning opportunities that prepare students for academic success.

We consider teachers our customers, our partners, and our friends. Many of our programs come from your suggestions. Grant funding is sometimes available to defray the cost of programs. Please review our current offerings, and contact us if you have any questions or requests. We would appreciate the opportunity to collaborate on special projects that enhance your students' educational experience.

Booking A Program

Educational programs can be scheduled by contacting Museum Staff at **860-643-0949 x10** or **frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org**. We also offer after school programs and special events at the museum and at the Oak Grove Nature Center.

Educational Standards

All museum programming for preschoolers is designed to meet Preschool Framework indicators. Please call if you would like to speak with one of our Educators about how individual programs meet standards. For additional information on the educational programming we provide, please visit **www.lutzmuseum.org**.

Programming

Resource Lessons are programs delivered in your classroom by an experienced Museum Educator.

Group Visits are field trips to the museum with an educational program included.

Nature Center Group Visits are also available. Have your group join us on a Bird Search or Bug Hunt at the Oak Grove Nature Center! These nature programs are 45-60 minutes in length and cost \$8 per child for groups of ten or more.

Educational Loan Kits are loaned out for a period of two weeks at a charge of \$25. The following topics are available: Puppetry, Music, Dance, The 1960's, Habitats, and Observe-A-Bird.

Lutz Up

Our bimonthly newsletter is distributed through many different school districts with the permission of your superintendent. Each newsletter is packed with fun and educational classes, concerts, trips, and special events. We count on teachers to unroll the bundle as soon as you receive it and distribute the newsletters into student's backpacks. **Thanks for your help!**

Having A Special Event For Large Groups?

We now have programs that can accommodate larger crowds in an auditorium setting. We can set up a booth to accommodate a steady flow of individuals. These programs are perfect for fairs. Call **860-643-0949** for details!

Resource Lesson Topics

Museum Educators will join your classroom for forty-five minutes of fun and educational activities with artifacts. The fee for a Resource Lesson is \$100 per program with an additional charge of 60 cents per mile. Night and weekend programs may be available with an additional \$25 fee. The following program topics are currently available. Customized programs may also be available.

Magnificent Monarchs

This class will focus on the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly as it grows from an egg to a beautiful winged insect. We will look at each stage of this amazing process and try to follow their incredible migration patterns.

Making Mosaics

People have been making mosaics for thousands of years. Come learn about the history and culture surrounding these beautiful, tiled works of art. During this hands-on program, students will see real mosaic artifacts, explore colors and patterns, and design their own mosaics.

In Your Backyard

How do you know if an animal is living in your neighborhood? In this class we will look at different clues they might have left behind, like footprints, feathers, and even scat! Use the evidence to figure out what animal friends are visiting your class.

Music, Color, and Mood

Can music change your mood? Do colors affect the way you feel? Could listening to music transform the way you make art? Students will explore these questions, and look for answers, as they perform a series of music, color, and art based experiments. Come explore the fun, interactive, and often overlapping worlds of emotion, color, and music.

Group Visit Topics

Visiting the museum is a fun and educational field trip! You will find three galleries which house our exhibits as well as a *Shadow Room* and a museum store. Come explore our *Under the Surface* exhibit on Long Island Sound, experience 19th Century Manchester *Farm Life*, or visit some of the wild and domestic animals housed in our *Animal Room*. Book your Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday group visit in advance and chaperones will be admitted free with groups of ten or more children. One of our Museum Educators will present an informative forty-five minute educational program of your choice for a fee of \$8 per child, which includes museum admission for the day. A self-guided visit without a program is also available for \$5 per child.

Beyond the Brush

Who says you need a paintbrush to paint? In this class we will use sponges, string, and other fun objects to make art. Bring your creativity and discover new ways to paint!

Little Paleontologists

Paleontologists learn about prehistoric animals by studying their fossilized remains. Come see examples of different types of fossils, dig for some of your own, and put together a dinosaur skeleton!

Programs Back By Popular Demand

We consider the yearly implementation of new and exciting programming to be essential to ensuring the vitality of educational experiences here at the museum. However, we also know it is just too hard to see some old favorites go! These popular topics are still available and can be brought to your classroom by calling **860-643-0949**.

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