

TRUASSIC TIMES

Akron Fossils and Science Center's Quarterly Newsletter



Summer Fun

What does summer look like at Akron Fossils and Science Center? The parking lot is full, the building is lively and the adventure park is buzzing with laughter. Campers are learning everything from zoology and how to care for and handle live animals to discovering the mysteries of science through STEAM education. Our CSI campers are learning how to test DNA, and our space explorers are examining our universe and the cosmos in greater detail. Families and groups are getting up close and personal with our collection of fossils, casting their very own Trilobite fossil replicas, meeting all of our furry animal friends, and gliding through the trees on our 200 ft. zip-line. Inquisitive minds are exploring the Creation Education Museum and sculpting mountainous landscapes in our NEW augmented reality sand table. Busy hands are searching for fossils in our dig pits, parents are chasing kiddos through the challenge course, and hungry bellies are being filled with yummy packed lunches at the outdoor picnic area. We love this time of year and look forward to all the adventures we'll have with the community.

From group trips to families of all sizes to our very own Day Camp kids, we never miss a chance to share knowledge through hands-on tours and activities. Rain or shine, AFSC is here to stave off summer boredom and keep your students' minds sharp and curious. Explore the following pages to read about all the fun, engaging educational programming and events we have in store for you this summer. We look forward to seeing you around!

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Founder's Fodder

By Bill Sanderson

This is the time of year when we look at the calendar and it says June 15th. What seems like moments later, the calendar says August 20th. This truly is the peak and busiest time at Akron Fossils and Science Center.

Some camps are full and have waiting lists. Carolann tells me that the slots remaining to schedule groups are few and far between. Birthday parties are going on weekly. As Angela has been communicating, we have a myriad of outdoor activities, some sponsored by us and others in partnership with select organizations. Preparations for the Golf Outing in September, as well as the Silent Auction and Carnival in October, are underway. Please consider supporting each of these events, as they are not only great fun, but are also critical to our fundraising necessities in making ends meet.

July 21st features an outstanding Speaker Series with Nate Loper, who will be discussing the "Flood of Evidence" found in the Grand Canyon.

In order to accommodate a larger audience, we have partnered with Covenant Grace Church in Copley, who will be our hosting location. This promises to be an outstanding event and I encourage as many as possible to attend.

Jodie tells me that classes are filling up quickly, and some have waiting lists. The educational opportunities offered by the Center are second to none. I encourage you to take a serious look at the options we offer for your children.

As I have requested in the past, please keep us in your prayers. Pray for our safety, good judgment, and that we effectively touch those who connect with us. Pray for our staff as well, that we might show excellent leadership and carry out our tasks with great enthusiasm and a caring spirit.

If you have the inclination and ability to support us financially, we are always deeply grateful for your support. Programming will probably never close the gap between income and expenses, so we depend upon the generosity of our supporters to keep us moving forward with our mission and message.

Wishing you all a prosperous and enjoyable summer season.



THE CREATION CONNECTION

Within the first eleven chapters of Genesis, the Bible records for us an answer for just about every philosophical question that man has ever asked. No wonder the first book of the Bible is the most attacked in this day and age. The Creation Education Museum is dedicated to helping you understand that through the detailed historical account of Genesis, we can answer these and many other questions that people will naturally have as they mature and grow.

The Creation Education Museum is a worthwhile exploration of the evidence across Creation that glorifies the Creator and sustainer of all the Universe. We hope you'll stop by and see us during the summer months, before we go back to our winter hours after Labor Day. Our last speaker series with Nate Loper about the majestic Grand Canyon was a great time to be encouraged in the Faith and explore that natural wonder. Look out for our next speaker series announcement and we hope to see you there!

Kid's Corner



Callie

Meet Callie

Callie is a ferret. Ferrets are sleepy animals, preferring to rest 14-18 hours a day. You can often find Callie and her bunk mate Chloe cuddled up together sleeping. When they are awake, they are playful and curious creatures. They love to explore their surroundings and try to fit through tiny holes and crevices. Callie is friendly, full of energy, and loves to play. She is definitely a favorite here at AFSC. For \$5/month, you can sponsor Callie or any of our other animal friends.

Learn more about sponsoring this animal by visiting our website at: www.akronfossils.org/animal-sponsorship

Silent Auction and Carnival

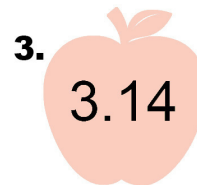


Online Silent Auction - September 30th-October 6th
Carnival - October 7th from 10am to 5pm at AFSC

Our annual Online Silent Auction and Carnival Event is approaching. There are so many ways you can help! Join the fun on October 7th, visit the online silent auction the week before, donate, volunteer and spread the word. We can't wait! Keep a look out for more information on our website and socials.

CAN YOU GUESS THE PHRASE?

1. mill**ONE**ion 2. **CELL**



3. 3.14



4. **once**

5. **HIJKLMNO**

6. **think**



7. **GRAVITY**

answers: 1. one in a million 2. cell division 3. apple pie 4. once upon a time 5. H2O 6. think outside the box 7. center of gravity

DIY Science Experiment - Bouncing Bubbles

Materials: 1 Cup Distilled Water, 2 Tablespoons Dish Soap (Dawn works best), 1 Tablespoon Glycerin (may substitute sugar or corn syrup), Cotton Gloves

Instructions: Mix the water, dish soap, and glycerin until combined. For best results, let it sit for a few hours or overnight. Use a bubble wand or straw to blow bubbles. With a gloved hand, see if you can bounce the bubbles.

The Science: A bubble is air trapped inside 2 layers of soap and 1 layer of water that form a sphere. The sphere forms because of surface tension. Bubbles pop when touched or when the water layer (the middle layer) dries up. The glycerin delays the evaporation of the water, creating a longer lasting bubble.



For more tips or to download a PDF visit www.akronfossils.org/downloads

Funder Spotlight

Our funders, supporters, and donors mean the world to us. Each time we receive a grant, gift, or donation, we feel honored and grateful. The R.C. and Katharine M. Musson Charitable Foundation has awarded Akron Fossils and Science Center a grant for our Super Science Saturday program. Because of their generosity, we can continue to offer fun, quality, and hands-on science education on a different topic every third Saturday of the month. Since the beginning of the year, we've welcomed over 100 students to explore chemicals, beautiful bugs, snakes, mammals, building materials and more. In July, August, and September we will be learning about playground physics, baby birds, and creative corn. Thank you, R.C. and Katharine M. Musson Charitable Foundation, for helping us fill the gap and making it possible to teach science to our community in the most creative and engaging ways.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- 5 August: Rappelling Day Trip
- 19 August: SSS - Baby Birds
- 7 September: Simply Open House
- 9 September: Golf Outing Fundraiser
- 11 September: Simply Classes Start
- 16 September: SSS - Creative Corn
- 30 September: Silent Auction Starts

Puzzle

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To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely. If you need a hint, check the solution to the right.

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SAVE THE DATE



Join us for AFSC's fourth annual Golf Outing Fundraiser. Get all the details and register by scanning the QR code below.

