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two FREE passes to the
Reptile Day Family Festival
on July 24, 2010!

2010

Summer Adventure Camps



Virginia Museum of
NATURAL HISTORY

Register by calling 276-634-4185 or
e-mail discover@vmnh.virginia.gov.

Optional Before and After Care

Pre-camp: 8 – 9 a.m. \$15

Post-camp: 4 – 6 p.m. \$30

\$1 per minute after 6 p.m.

JUNE

All Outside, All the Time!

Ages 6 – 8, June 14 – 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Studies show that kids benefit from spending more time outdoors. Every day we'll enjoy different activities outside in the park behind the Museum. Learn about nature, create fairy and gnome houses, explore the stream, play outdoor games, and create nature art.

\$105 non-members, \$95 members

Engineering Challenge

Ages 9 – 11, June 14 – 18, 9 a.m. – noon

Construct the tallest building, motorize a car, or build a fan to cool off! Campers will use Legos® to explore basic science and engineering concepts and have fun building at the same time.

\$55 non-members, \$50 members

I Spy

Ages 9 – 11, June 14 – 18, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Have you ever found yourself frustrated when someone sneaks into your room uninvited? Explore simple strategies to detect uninvited guests and investigate Morse code and other forms of communication to “talk” to your friends.

\$55 non-members, \$50 members

Dinosaur Adventures

Ages 3 – 5 with adult, June 15 – 17,

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and repeated at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Pint-sized paleontologists, join us as we dig for dinosaur bones, create dinosaur footprints, and create our own fossils. Take a trip back in time to when dinosaurs ruled!

\$35 non-members, \$30 members

Vacation Art Safari

Ages 5 – 7, June 21 – 25, 9 a.m. – noon

Come with us on an artistic journey through different types of imaginative jungles. Create crafts that represent our jungle safaris. This camp will be very entertaining and a little bit messy!

\$60 non-members, \$55 members

Scrumdidlyumptious Art

Ages 5 – 7, June 21 – 25, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Love food? Love art? Combine the two by making artwork that is good enough to eat. Come join us in this fun-filled camp that will tickle your taste buds!

\$60 non-members, \$55 members

Bacteria, Algae, and Fungi Oh My!

Ages 9 – 11, June 21 – 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what the slimy stuff that grows on rocks is? How about the fuzzy green puff on old bread or cheese? Find out in this interactive camp designed to explore the world of microbes. Find microbes in everyday spaces and grow some of your own!

\$110 non-members, \$100 members

Outdoor Adventure Girls

Ages 10 – 12, June 21 – 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Learn about the exciting outdoor fun you can have in our area by hiking, canoeing, geocaching, and camping. Enjoy nature, and learn to “leave no trace” while doing so. Camp includes an overnight camping trip at Fairy Stone State Park on Thursday night. Campers will learn about camping, fire building, tent set up, and campfire cooking. Female chaperones are welcome.

\$155 non-members, \$145 members

Uptown Explorers

Ages 9 – 12, June 28 – July 2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Spend the week exploring our community and learn what makes Martinsville special. Learn how to survey and draw to scale, use GPS and GIS to map Uptown, meet the people who make the city planning decisions, and construct a miniature model of the area.

\$105 non-members, \$95 members

Vampires and Werewolves!

Can Twilight be True?

Ages 12 – 14, June 28 – July 2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Vampires, werewolves, zombies, and crab people? Can this be real? Where did these creatures come from? Step back in time when these fictional creatures were not so fictional! Also, explore other bodily variations that will blow your mind!

\$105 non-members, \$95 for members

JULY

A Great Sense of Nature!

Ages 5 – 6, July 12 – 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This highly interactive camp will teach children principles of life using their senses. Campers will discover the world above and below them through hikes, crafts, and interactive games.

\$105 non-members, \$95 members

Under the Sea

Ages 6 – 8, July 12 – 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Have a whale of a good time learning about the watery world around us. Get up close and personal with ocean creatures and explore the mysteries of the seas. Sift through sandy shells to start your own collection. Be ready to get wet with exciting water activities too!

\$105 non-members, \$95 members

Where the Wild Things Are

Ages 8 – 10, July 12 – 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Discover what a zoo it is out there! Take a walk on the wild side with VMNH. Search for wildlife in the area, play games to uncover how animals behave, and visit the N.C. Zoo.

\$135 non-members, \$125 members

Vacation Art Safari

Ages 5 – 7, July 19 – 23, 9 a.m. – noon

Come with us on an artistic journey through different types of imaginative jungles. Create crafts that represent our jungle safaris. This camp will be very entertaining and a little bit messy!

\$60 non-members, \$55 members

Scrumdidlyumptious Art!

Ages 5 – 7, July 19 – 23, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Love food? Love art? Combine the two by making artwork that is good enough to eat. Come join us in this fun-filled camp that will tickle your taste buds!

\$60 non-members, \$55 members

Island Luau

Ages 3 – 5 with adult, July 20 – 22,

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and repeated at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Dive into this camp and learn about sea creatures and aquatic life. Enjoy beach ball games and practice sorting skills with sea shells. Adventurers will enjoy a luau complete with leis, stories, and summer-themed crafts.

\$35 non-members, \$30 members

Mesozoic Madness

Ages 6 – 8, July 26 – 30, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mad about dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures? Join us for a fossil-digging good time as we explore the creatures of the past through games, activities, and the Museum's current exhibit, *Messages from the Mesozoic*.

\$105 non-members, \$95 members

Roller Coasters-R-Us!

Ages 9 – 11, July 26 – 30, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Discover the ultimate thrill as we unlock the science and engineering behind your favorite amusement park rides like the roller coaster and drop zone. Find out how fast those coasters really go and much more. Design your own theme park and test theories on actual rides with an amusement park field trip!

\$120 non-members, \$110 members

Voyagers

Ages 12 – 14, July 26 – 30, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Experience the outdoors and have fun doing it! Learn about streams and lakes while canoeing and plants and animals while hiking. Spend the summer the way it's supposed to be – without classrooms, textbooks, or tests!

\$125 non-members, \$115 for members

AUGUST

Welcome to the Puppet Theater!

Ages 9 – 11, August 2 – 6, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Love to come up with stories and act them out? Team up with others to create a puppet show. Campers will make puppets, come up with a story, design the stage, and perform their puppet show in front of a live audience during this fun-filled camp!

\$105 non-members, \$95 members

Marvelous Messes!

Ages 8 – 10, August 9 – 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Who said that science is clean? Get messy with a week of hands-on science exploration! Create mystery goo, dig in the dirt, and make messes everywhere while performing fun scientific experiments.

\$110 non-members, \$100 members

Green Machine

Ages 12 – 14, August 9 – 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to design your own vehicle? How about a green vehicle? Learn why and how to go green and complete a top secret mission of developing an original green machine!

\$105 non-members, \$95 members

Creatures Great and Small

Ages 3 – 5 with adult, August 10 – 12,

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and repeated at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Calling all animal lovers! This fun-filled camp is designed for

young nature enthusiasts to explore the animal world through games, stories, crafts, and a lot of hands-on experiences with the Museum's many resources. Also, investigate neighboring J. Frank Wilson Park to search for animal clues and discover animals that call the park home.

\$35 non-members, \$30 members

Campers should bring a lunch and water bottle to day-long camps.

Campers may order lunch from the PALEO Café at \$4 per day or \$15 per week.

Special Summer Happenings

VMNH Youth Volunteer Program

Become a VMNH Youth Volunteer!

The Museum is looking for youth volunteers ages 13–18.

It's a great way to spend the summer learning about new, exciting things and helping people. Applications are available at: www.vmnh.net and are due no later than May 28.

Outdoor Fun Festival

June 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join VMNH for this Free outdoor experience with organizations from the area featuring fun activities, programs, a rock climbing wall, moon bounce, and exotic animals.

The Great American Backyard Campout

All ages – June 26, 4 p.m.; June 27, 10 a.m.

Celebrate the Great American Backyard Campout on June 26 at Fairy Stone State Park. VMNH educators and park staff will provide programming for the overnight event designed for families. Campers should bring their own camping equipment and tents. Camp includes moonlight canoe, campfire activities, a guided hike and dinner, snacks, and breakfast. \$45 non-members, \$40 members

Family Park Days

June 12, July 10, August 14, 10 a.m. – noon

Have you been to every park in Martinsville-Henry County? Would you like to see what great outdoor spaces our community has to offer? Come to our Family Park Days! Each Saturday we'll explore a different park in our community, play, and picnic. It will be fun for the entire family! \$5 per person.