



# *Museums: Children's Services*

# Early Childhood Virtual Resource Fair

*Name of Resource Program and/or Group:*

Mississippi Children's Museum



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## *Services Provided to Early Childhood*

MCM offers professional development for educators. We have several scheduled throughout the year at the museum but they can all be brought on site at any facility.

We also offer multiple outreach opportunities. Museum staff will come to your school/center and provide hands on educational experiences for your children. We also have multiple traveling exhibits that focus on health, literacy, and STEM that are available. Some exhibits are available for one day events and others can be installed at a center for multiple weeks or months.

*Is there a cost for your services or program?*

Yes  No

*Website Link:* <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/discover/professional-development/workshop-descriptions/>

*Other links for your services:* <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/discover/program-exhibit-outreach/>

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Mississippi Museum of Natural Science



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## *Services Provided to Early Childhood*

1) Self Guided Museum Visits

- \*Groups must be 10 individuals or less/ large classes can be divided
- \*Reservations required

2) Free Preschool Programs with reservation

- \*Classes are 20-30 minutes covering varying natural science topics
- \*Includes short discussion on topic, related story, animal presentation, and free play

3) Free classroom programs for schools outside the Metro Jackson Area

- \*An Outreach Educator will visit your school/center for free and lead a program
- \*Programs focus on MS wildlife, are age/grade appropriate and inquiry based

4) Resource Kits: includes lesson plans, handouts, storybooks, and artifacts

- \*Available via mail or in-person pick up
- \*Rentals for one week at a time
- \*Topic include: Invertebrates, Mammals, Fossils, Black Bears, Birds, etc

5) Teacher Workshops: Museum staff provide training in internationally recognized environmental education programs for teachers.

- \*Conducted at your school for teachers of all subjects and grade levels
- \*CEUs or Contact hours available

*Is there a cost for your services or program?*

Yes  \_\_\_ No  \_\_\_

*Website Link:* <http://www.mdwfp.com/museum.aspx>

*Other links for your services:*

# Teacher Workshops



Museum staff provides training in internationally recognized environmental education programs for teachers. These programs can be conducted either in your school or at the museum for teachers of all subjects and grade levels. These workshops are excellent for informal educators such as scout leaders, camp leaders, and youth leaders of any kind! CEU credit is available. The following workshops are available:

- **Project WILD** capitalizes on the natural interest that children and adults have in wildlife by providing hands-on activities that enhance student learning in all subject and skill areas K-12. Project WILD helps educators guide students through a process that begins with awareness, moves toward understanding, challenges preconceived notions, and instills the confidence, skills, and motivation to take responsible action on behalf of the environment.
- **Project WET**, for grades K-12, is a collection of innovative, water-related activities that are hands-on, easy to use, and fun! Project WET activities incorporate a variety of formats, such as large and small group learning, whole-body activities, laboratory investigations, discussion of local and global topics, and involvement in community service projects.
- **Growing Up WILD** features new activities designed to stimulate young children in new and exciting ways while connecting them to nature and many of its wonders. Growing Up WILD is a national early childhood initiative that builds literacy skills and environmental appreciation among early learners through participation in engaging wildlife-based educational activities. This workshop is suggested for teachers that work with ages 3-7.
- **Flying WILD** introduces students to bird conservation through standards-based classroom activities and environmental stewardship projects. Flying WILD encourages schools to work closely with conservation organizations, community groups, and businesses involved with birds to implement school bird festivals and bird conservation projects. This workshop is for teachers that work with grades K-12.
- **WILD Aquatic** is an aquatic wildlife and aquatic ecosystems focused conservation education program for K-12 educators and their students. Project WILD Aquatic capitalizes on the natural interest that children and adults have in aquatic wildlife by providing hands-on activities that enhance student learning in all subject and skill areas.

Visit online for upcoming workshop dates [WWW.MDWFP.COM/MUSEUM](http://WWW.MDWFP.COM/MUSEUM) or call 601.576.6000 to schedule a workshop in your area.

# Learning Resources

The Museum offers intriguing object kits and informative videos free of charge, as well as a variety of learning materials for purchase in the Museum's Dragonfly Shoppe. Our lending service provides most videos and object kits for one week and can mail to teachers. All teachers must reserve items at least two weeks in advance and are responsible for their safe return. To reserve materials or for more information, call 601.576.6000.

For an engaging learning experience, the Museum's lending program features object kits that contain a cohesive and interesting assemblage of objects, information and activities for grades K-12.

Titles include:

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| • Fossils, Rocks, and Minerals    | • Tracks and Trails of Mississippi | • Black Bear 3rd Grade                    |
| • Butterflies                     | • Mammals                          | • Reading & Math Kit                      |
| • Invertebrates: No Bones to Pick | • Plants                           | • Fur, Feathers, Scales, Shells and Skins |
| • Mammal Skulls                   | • Birds                            |   |
|                                   | • Black Bear                       |   |

## RESOURCES FOR SALE

The Dragonfly Shoppe is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and offers a thoughtful selection of books, posters, puzzles, models, puppets, and fossils that coordinate with current exhibitions and educational programming. Most items promote education and the natural wonders of our state.

# Free Statewide Outreach



Through a wide range of specially designed programs, projects, and events, the Outreach Conservation Educators bring the Museum to school children and adults statewide.

- Free classroom programs outside the Metro Jackson Area
- Grade-appropriate for grades K-12
- 45 minutes to 1 hour each - Registration Required

Programs focus on Mississippi wildlife. They are age/grade-appropriate and inquiry-based. Programs correlate with the Mississippi State Science Frameworks and are interactive presentations that may include live native animal demonstrations!

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