Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers at NHMU

Utah Science Core Workshops:

“What Rock Is That?”—Geology Workshop
Teachers will have the opportunity to interact with Museum-quality specimens while building a deeper understanding of geologic principles. Walk away with useful information and resources to effectively teach geology (and science) in your own classroom.

- Offered to school districts around the state. 3-hour long workshop.
- Earn 3 relicensure points for attending. Open to K-8 teachers.

Paleontology Workshop
Explore Utah’s fossil past by interacting with museum specimens in a classroom and lab setting. We will review the geologic history of Utah, explore the outdoors while becoming familiar with a GPS system, and even work in the fossil preparation lab with specialized tools on real fossil specimens!

- Open to K-12 teachers. 4-hour long workshop. Only offered at NHMU.
- Teachers earn 4 relicensure points for attending.

Archaeology Workshop
Learn first-hand how to use archaeology to engage your students in scientific inquiry! Teachers will have the opportunity to become familiar with Utah’s ancient peoples and their culture by engaging with the curricula we’ve developed for your students to use in their classroom or at the Museum.

- Open to K-12 teachers. 3-hour long workshop.
- Teachers earn 3 relicensure points for attending.

Other Teacher Workshop Opportunities:

Special Exhibits Workshop and Lecture for Teachers--GECKOS
Come meet live geckos from around the world while learning about their amazing adaptations and skill. Explore interactives that allow you to experience gecko night vision, listen to gecko voices, try to spot camouflaged geckos, and build a custom gecko for various environments.

- Saturday, February 13 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at NHMU
- Open to K-12 teachers. 2-hour long workshop.

Questions?
Contact Natalie Toth via email (ntoth@nhmu.utah.edu) or call 801.587.3536
Outdoor Exploration Workshops

Join museum educators and Utah scientists for an outdoor experience you won’t forget! Teachers will have the opportunity to connect with nature by participating in hands-on field experiences alongside experts in archaeology, ecology, insects, soils, and astronomy. We will provide resources, lesson plans, and materials to assist with translating these new field experiences into teaching moments back in the classroom.

This year we will be exploring the University of Utah’s Rio Mesa Research Center. This beautiful area is located just outside of Moab, Utah.

You will have the opportunity to stay in one of the canvas safari tents on an elevated platform, each of which is equipped with two cots. This means everyone will be sharing a tent with one other person. There is also plenty of room adjacent to the canvas tents for individuals to pitch their own tents if they like. The Rio Mesa Center also has a shower/bath house and shade pavilion that will be open for our use during the program.

We will depart from the Natural History Museum of Utah at the University of Utah on Friday morning in Museum vehicles. It is approximately a 4 – 5 hour drive, so we will plan to arrive at Rio Mesa Center on Friday afternoon. We will depart Rio Mesa Center on Sunday afternoon and arrive back at the Museum on Sunday evening.

All your meals, with the exception of lunch on our departure day, will be covered by Museum funds. If you have any special dietary restrictions or allergies, please let us know in advance.

Since we will be camping in a remote location, cell phone service is limited/unavailable.

Teachers must apply and be accepted to participate. Space is limited!

- Spring 2016: dates TBD
- Summer 2016: dates TBD, early-mid May

Contact Natalie Toth: ntoth@nhmu.utah.edu / 801-587-3536 for an application, or any questions regarding teacher workshops.