Experience the Nature Museum up close from your very own classroom or schoolyard!

**NATURE ON THE GO KEY COMPONENTS**

**THE MUSEUM COMES TO YOUR CLASSROOM**

This program brings an experienced museum educator to you to lead your students through an inquiry-based education program with a focus on local species and habitats.

All programs correlate with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

**FIELD TRIP BUS REIMBURSEMENT**

Teachers will receive a $100 field trip bus reimbursement* to bring their class to the Nature Museum.

*Bus reimbursement forms must be submitted by the end of the current school year (programs held September—February) or calendar year (programs held March—August)
NATURE ON THE GO | 2023–2024 STUDENT WORKSHOPS

**Schoolyard Science with our Senses**  
OUTDOORS NGSS: ESS3
Explore the outdoors around your school as a naturalist! Using senses as their tools, students will discover the sights, sounds, touches, and smells of nature in the schoolyard.

**Plant Detectives**  
NGSS: LS1
How can you tell if two plants are the same or different? Students will observe a variety of real leaves and flowers in order to compare and contrast parts of different plants. Students will use those observations to sort plant parts into different categories.

**Junior Critter Investigators**  
NGSS: LS1
Why do different animals have different coverings? Explore different animal coverings by observing preserved specimens from the Nature Museum’s collections. Students will use clues in a short story along with their own observations to match animals to their coverings.

**Schoolyard Exploration**  
OUTDOORS NGSS: ESS3
Observe and explore the outdoors around your school as a naturalist! Students will investigate the different plants and animals that call your schoolyard home, and learn more about what they need to survive.

**Schoolyard Sampling**  
OUTDOORS NGSS: LS4.D
Explore and sample the nature around your school as a naturalist! Students will use a variety of sampling techniques to learn more about the living things that call your schoolyard home and the ways they interact with their urban environment!

**Schoolyard Biodiversity**  
OUTDOORS NGSS: LS2.C
Explore and sample the biodiversity around your school as a naturalist! Students will use techniques from community science programs to record the biodiversity of your very own schoolyard and investigate the impacts that humans can have on their environment.

**Reptiles Up Close**  
NGSS: LS1, LS3, LS4
Meet two live reptiles from the Nature Museum’s collections! Students will observe the animals’ features and movements and use critical thinking skills to compare and contrast the animals’ bodies, behaviors, and habitats.

**Collections and Specimens**  
NGSS: LS1
Each one hour program includes local specimens from the Nature Museum’s collections and is led by an experienced Museum Educator. Students will observe and learn from preserved specimens such as nests, pinned insects and mammal study skins. Teachers can choose from one of two focus areas below:
- Focus on structure and function (NGSS:LS1.A)
- Focus on life cycles and development (NGSS:LS1.B)

**Collections and Specimens: Ecosystems** (6TH-8TH GRADE)  
NGSS: LS2.D
Each one hour program includes local specimens from the Nature Museum’s collections and is led by an experienced Museum Educator. Students will observe and learn from preserved specimens such as nests, pinned insects and mammal study skins.

**Collections and Specimens: Adaptations** (9TH-12TH GRADE)  
NGSS: LS4.C
Each one hour program includes local specimens from the Nature Museum’s collections and is led by an experienced Museum Educator. Students will observe and learn from preserved specimens such as nests, pinned insects and mammal study skins.

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**Registration**
Nature on the Go is available for your classroom all year round. Visit naturemuseum.org/nog or click the button below to get started!

Nature on the Go Registration Form

Please email natureonthego@naturemuseum.org for more information or special requests.

**Cost & Payment**
$275 for one workshop; $225 for additional workshops at the same school, on the same day. Workshops must be consecutive (no more than 30 minutes between programs). Distance limitations apply.
- Pre-K workshops: maximum of 20 participants per workshop
- Kindergarten–12th grade workshops: maximum of 30 participants per workshop
- Payment is due 14 days before the date of the program or programs will be canceled.

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