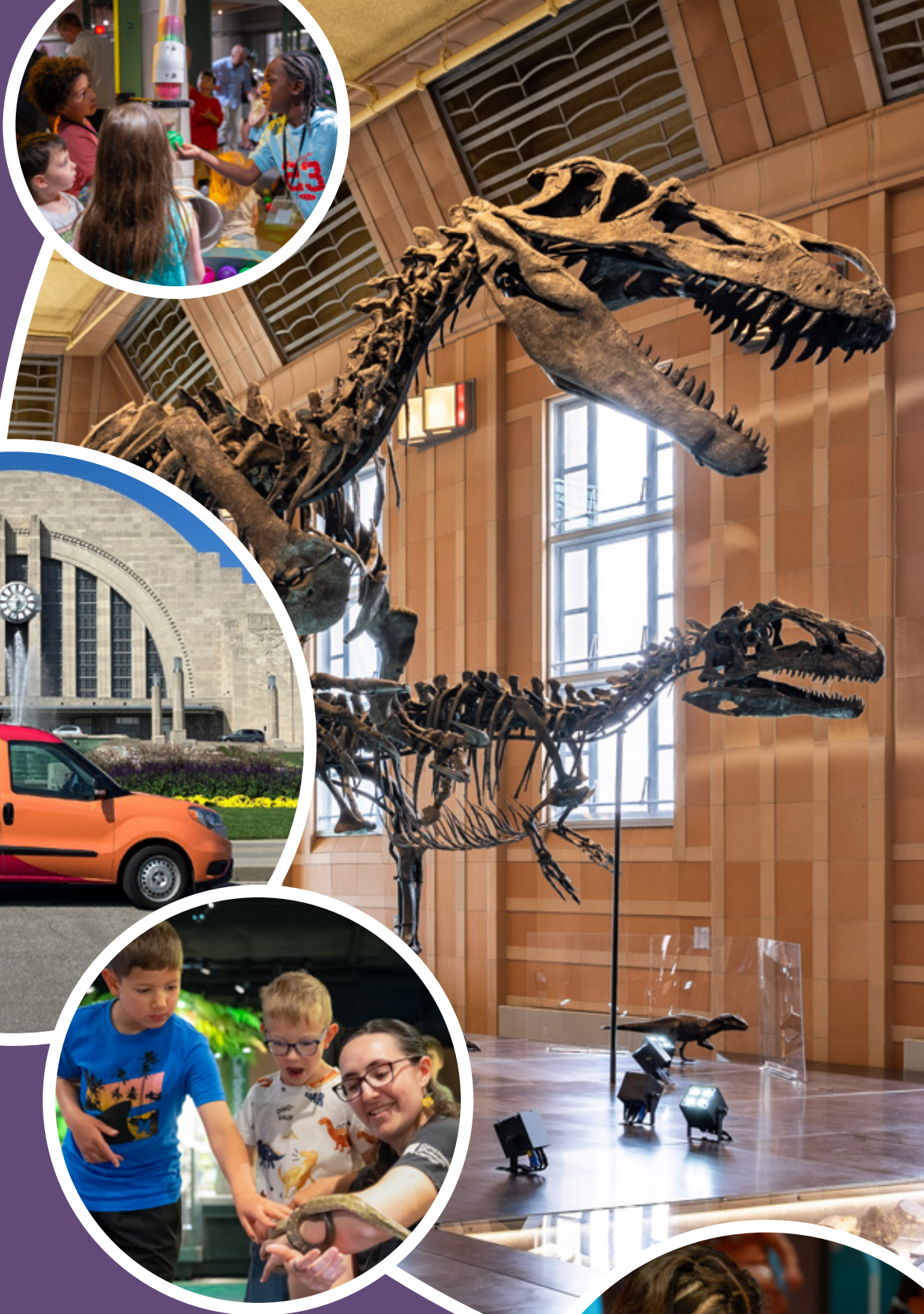


Cincinnati  
Museum Center



2025–2026

# Educator's Guide



Dear colleagues,

Welcome back – to the school year, and to Cincinnati Museum Center! The year ahead is full of new opportunities for learning and engagement:

- Are you ready for America's 250th anniversary in 2026? Beginning this Fall, check out CMC's new digital curriculum that highlights incredible objects and documents from our collections of U.S. and Native history. Through five key themes – Unfinished Revolutions, We the People, the American Experiment, the Power of Place and Doing History – help students learn how our region has always played a key role in the journey of our nation. Or bring one of our new A250-related Programs-on-Wheels to your classroom to deepen students' learning!
- The temporary exhibition *Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away.* makes what may be its final North American stop at CMC from October through April. Thanks to the generosity of local donors, **we can welcome school groups for free.** I hope you won't miss this opportunity to share this critical piece of history with your students and colleagues.
- As always, the Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater dazzles with compelling stories, including the return of *D-Day: Normandy 1944* and the launch of a brand-new film about our state's natural wonders, *Ohio: Wild at Heart*. Explore the world through these and other films that capture our imaginations with huge-scale science and history.

If you can't make it to Union Terminal, CMC's Programs-on-Wheels can come to you! Book early to bring engaging programs with live animals, real objects and hands-on activities to your classroom. You can also welcome us digitally through our Conversations with an Expert and Virtual Field Trips on a wide range of topics.

As we launch into another year of learning, we are proud to be your partners in curiosity, exploration and discovery. See you at Museum Center!

Kind regards,

Whitney

Whitney Owens  
Chief Learning Officer



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# Field Trip Planning Guide

## How to Schedule an Experience

Submit an online reservation request form at [cincymuseum.org/educators](http://cincymuseum.org/educators) or call 513-287-7021 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Requests are tentative until you receive confirmation by email. PTO members, curriculum coordinators and other support staff, please be prepared to share the contact information of the educator who will be present on the day of the experience.

## Payment

We accept credit card, check or purchase order. Payment is due no later than two weeks prior to your experience. Refunds will not be issued on the day of your visit if attendance numbers change; however, vouchers for general admission will be provided for previously scheduled attendees who were unable to visit as planned.

## Funding Opportunities

Funds may be available to cover field trip admission costs for schools with 60% or more of their students enrolled in free and reduced-price meal programs. To register for funding eligibility, please submit a letter to [schools@cincymuseum.org](mailto:schools@cincymuseum.org) that is written on school/district/agency letterhead, signed by an administrator and notes the group's percentage of students enrolled in free and reduced-price meal programs. Before scheduling a visit, please call 513-287-7021 to inquire about funding availability and confirm that your school's letter is on file.

## Cancellation

Please submit cancellations no later than two business days before the experience. Cancellations within two business days will pay 50% of the reservation. No-shows will pay 100% of the reservation. If your cancellation is due to weather, please call 513-287-7021 as soon as possible to cancel without penalty.

### INFORMATION NEEDED TO MAKE A RESERVATION

- ✓ School name
- ✓ School address
- ✓ Teacher name
- ✓ Teacher email
- ✓ Teacher day-of mobile phone number
- ✓ Form of payment
- ✓ Date of visit
- ✓ Backup date
- ✓ Time of arrival
- ✓ Time of departure
- ✓ Number of students
- ✓ Number of chaperones
- ✓ Grade level
- ✓ Any special accommodation requests
- ✓ Area of study inspiring the field trip

## Chaperones and Aides

The chaperone ratio for preschool through grade 1 is 1:5; grades 2 through 8 is 1:10; grades 9 through 12 is 1:15. Groups must maintain their chaperone ratio at all times, including during classroom programs. One school caregiver/aide per student(s) with disabilities may receive complimentary Museum Admission to provide care to the student(s). Due to per-person licensing fees, groups visiting OMNIMAX® or Featured Exhibitions must purchase caregiver/aide admission. Please provide the number of caregivers/aides when submitting the reservation request.

## Arrival and Parking

Please arrive 15-30 minutes early so the group's primary representative can check in with completed paperwork, including the number of students and chaperones. Vehicles should pull up to the front entrance door to unload. School buses and marked passenger vans may park for free in our South parking lot. Chaperones arriving in separate vehicles will pay the standard \$6 parking rate per vehicle.

## Lunches

All groups planning to eat during their visit must reserve a half-hour time slot at the lunch tables for \$.50 per individual. Tables are limited; please book them when you make your reservation. Day-of requests cannot be accommodated. Pre-ordered box lunches are available for groups with a minimum order size of 25 lunches. Orders are due 10 business days prior to the visit. Email [catering@cincymuseum.org](mailto:catering@cincymuseum.org) or call 513-287-7059 for details. Please pay for box lunches separately from museum reservations.

### TIPS FOR TEACHERS

- Please prepare your chaperones! Provide trip information, a list of students who will be in their group and a copy of the chaperone guide from your confirmation letter, which provides tips for engaging with the students and the exhibits. Please inform the chaperones that at group check-in they will receive a sticker with the schedule of the day's events. This sticker will serve as the group's admission ticket so it is important that students remain with their chaperones during their visit.
- Make the most of your experience by providing guided questions for students to deepen their engagement.
- Complete your check-in slip before you arrive.
- Ensure students are easily identifiable to your chaperones and our staff. If possible, have them wear the same color shirts.
- Assign students to a chaperone they will remain with throughout the visit before you leave school. Make sure students know to look for a Museum staff member if they get lost or separated from the group.
- Leave as much as you can in the bins provided at check-in to avoid lost coats, bags, etc.
- Look for Expert's Eye labels in certain galleries for videos you can access on your phone that provide more content.
- Visit [cincymuseum.org/accessibility](http://cincymuseum.org/accessibility) to learn about accessibility features and tools available during your visit.

# Museums at Union Terminal

## The Children's Museum

At The Children's Museum, we know play is critical to the development of social-emotional skills, motor skills and cognitive growth. Discover interactive fun for kids ages 10 and younger through our hands-on exhibits.

### Animal Spot

Study specimens from CMC's collections, learn about the needs of living creatures and discover how each living organism is connected to its environment. Complete a three-layer fish puzzle and explore how animals move!

### Energy Zone

Have a blast with ball-propelling stations that highlight cause-and-effect relationships, energy forces and simple and complex machines. Analyze which path a ball must take to reach its destination and determine which machines or forces can get it there.

### Inside the Grin

Step inside a giant mouth to learn about oral health and polish your dental "chops." Learn how to care for your smile and what to expect when visiting the dentist. Have fun practicing proper technique with oversized floss and a toothbrush.

### Kids at Work

Visit a construction site that provides spaces to design and build. Work cooperatively to move rocks and build with a variety of materials. Put simple shapes together to produce complex structures that make work easier.

### Kids' Town

Explore a busy town that includes a Kroger grocery store, diner, veterinarian's office and other places to imagine and pretend. Play in a park that builds literacy skills! Try out roles such as shopping for groceries, delivering mail and cooking meals.

### KidSPACE

Science. Play. Art. Creativity. Exploration. That's what KidSPACE, supported by the Dorsey Family Foundation, is all about. Tackle challenges and explore new opportunities while you use your hands and mind to create and invent.

### Nature's Trading Post

Explore the natural world and build science skills by examining and observing specimens from CMC's collections.

### Water Works

Observe floodplains and control a river's flow! Interact with learning stations that demonstrate water as a force of nature and source of energy. Use cooperation, problem-solving and the power of water to set machines in motion.

### The Woods (ages 5 and up)

Hike into the wilderness and explore our indoor treehouse, caves and crawling tubes that challenge your physical abilities and spark your imagination! Climb a rock wall and discover hidden treasures buried deep within Earth's layers.





# Museums at Union Terminal

## Cincinnati History Museum



### *Cincinnati in Motion*

Explore the city's urban development through a scale model of downtown Cincinnati during different decades. Identify landmarks that are still part of the cityscape.

### *Shaping Our City*

See how Cincinnatians developed and used steamboats, canals, inclines, streetcars and automobiles. Explore shifting regional transportation, from Indigenous riverways to steam power, from the internal combustion engine to the Hyperloop. How do our choices shape our future city?



### *Made in Cincinnati*

From Porkopolis to today's tech hub, discover how innovation is, and always has been, in Cincinnati's DNA. See stories of businesses — from handcrafted goods to industrial power — come to life through beautiful objects, narratives and interactives. Meet the next generation of entrepreneurs and celebrate our region's creative spirit.

### *You Are Here*

Discover Cincinnati's unique features, diverse population and rich cultural traditions. Connect with our region's history, present and future by exploring "only in Cincy" traditions and investigating what it means to live, work and play in the Queen City.



### *Public Landing*

Steam down the Ohio River to the Public Landing and experience Cincinnati during the mid-1800s. Investigate interactive storefronts representing the city's busy commercial center, while learning about immigrants who helped make Cincinnati one of the largest cities in the growing United States.



## Virtual Field Trips

Bringing your students to Union Terminal for a day of learning and enrichment? Use our free Virtual Field Trips — including expert interviews only found here — to introduce topics before your visit or explore more back in the classroom.

See page 20 for more information.

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## Museum of Natural History & Science

### ***Advancing Health, presented by Mayfield Brain & Spine***

Follow caregivers and patients as they explore how healthy systems and disease intersect, how environmental conditions impact health and how our region's medical, technical and social professionals help people feel better. Investigate how our bodies function, how we keep them strong and how interventions can help when we need care.

### ***Ancient Worlds Hiding in Plain Sight***

Built on the strength of our world-renowned fossil collection, explore Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky's exciting geologic past by traveling back over 450 million years. Encounter trilobites, armored fishes and more from the time our region was covered by a warm, shallow sea.

### ***Neil Armstrong Space Exploration Gallery, presented by the Harold C. Schott Foundation***

Appreciate Ohio's proud aviation heritage. Follow in the small steps and giant leaps of Neil Armstrong and see if you have the right stuff to explore Mars and beyond. Experience a 360° theater and artifacts that can only be seen in Cincinnati — including a moon rock presented to CMC by Armstrong himself.

### ***The Cave***

Investigate the world beneath us through 500 feet of darkened passageways inside our replica limestone cave. Experience a waterfall, underground streams, a formation chamber and the bat enclosure, home to CMC's own big brown bat colony!

### ***Dinosaur Hall***

Meet *Galeamopus* and *Torvosaurus*, two huge dinosaurs new to science. Learn about the Jurassic environment, and how dinosaurs and other plants and animals adapted to thrive. Measure yourself against an *Apatosaurus* leg bone and discover how scientists find and study fossils.

### ***Ice Age Gallery***

Journey back in time to see what the region looked like more than 23,000 years ago. Stand face-to-tusk with a mastodon skeleton and learn about the salt deposits that drew these incredible beasts and their hunters to the region. Discover the impact of humans on our environment and explore how and why ecosystems, biodiversity and landscapes change over time.

### ***John A. and Judy Ruthven Get into Nature Gallery***

Walk through the four seasons and get to know the plants and animals of the Eastern Forest. Mimic insect sounds, smell decomposing leaves and explore adaptations that help animals survive freezing conditions. Meet live animals and plants you can find in your environment, whether you live near the Edge of Appalachia Preserve or in the city of Cincinnati.

### ***Science Interactives Gallery, sponsored by Procter & Gamble***

Power a giant science playscape! Hoist yourself up with pulleys, watch clouds form and use physics to your advantage in a tug-of-war. Watch a tornado form in a vortex chamber and see your body in a whole new way with our infrared camera. On the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation Science Stage, catch a show that explores concepts such as electricity, chemistry and physics in fun (and often explosive) ways!



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# America 250

## Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary at CMC

2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary — the Semiquincentennial — of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a defining moment in the founding of our nation. The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) has established five guiding themes that help explore this Anniversary:

- Unfinished Revolutions
- Power of Place
- We the People
- American Experiment
- Doing History



CMC has created a variety of exciting resources to help you explore and celebrate this milestone with your students, both at the Museum and in your classroom.

## Featured Classroom Programs

Look for the “250” designation on pages 13-19 to explore classroom programs that tie into the A250 themes. Add these programs to your field trip to Union Terminal, or bring them to you as a Program-on-Wheels!

## Multimedia Learning Modules (Coming October 2025)

Visit our [Online Resources](#) webpage to access learning modules for each of the America 250 themes. Engage your students with audio, video and print content highlighting items from CMC's collections and featuring curators and other experts. Access curriculum ideas and learning standard connections to help you commemorate and explore this national anniversary.

## Scavenger Hunt (Coming October 2025)

Coming to CMC on a field trip? [Access](#) our America 250-themed scavenger hunt to guide your students to exhibits, documents and artifacts aligned with the national themes.

## Ohio History Pass

Did you know that all Ohio 4<sup>th</sup> graders can receive free admission to both Cincinnati Museum Center and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center as part of a statewide initiative for America 250? Fourth-grade students can present a digital or printed voucher from the America 250 Ohio [website](#) to receive complimentary admission with a paid adult. **Please note that vouchers cannot be redeemed as part of a group visit.**





# Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater

The Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater takes you to places you can only imagine. Immerse yourself in epic adventures in our five-story domed theater, traveling to the ocean alongside dolphins, to Ohio's natural spaces or to the beaches of Normandy. Each film is approximately 50 minutes long.

## Feature Films



### *Call of the Dolphins*

**Open through mid-October**

Take an unforgettable journey into the lives of wild dolphins. Uncover the profound bond we share with these highly intelligent creatures, and dive beneath the ocean's surface to explore how dolphins live, play and interact with humans and each other.



### *D-Day: Normandy 1944*

**October 18, 2025 through April 12, 2026**

View this compelling tribute to those who made history 80 years ago on and around the beaches of Normandy. Through animation, CGI and stunning live-action images, explore history, military strategy, science and technology to discover how this landing changed the world.



### *Ohio: Wild at Heart*

**Opening mid-October**

Explore the wild beauty of the Buckeye State on a journey through Ohio's stunning parks and waterways—and celebrate the epic comeback of Ohio's natural landscapes and wildlife. Experience a world of natural wonders waiting to be discovered—and discover the joy of reconnecting with the natural world!



# Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater

## Custom Films

Choose from our feature OMNIMAX® films or a suite of classics you can reserve at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Minimum 30 individuals. Dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### ***Backyard Wilderness***

Immerse yourself in a full year of seasons, revel in the wild that surrounds our homes and discover that Wi-Fi is not the only connection that matters.

[Backyard Wilderness Education Materials](#)

### ***The Blue Angels***

Journey into the sky for an in-depth look at what it takes to become a Blue Angel – from the selection process to the challenging training regimen and the demanding show season.

### ***Blue Whales: Return of the Giants***

Dive beneath the waves off the exotic Seychelles Islands on a high-risk mission to find a missing population of blue whales not seen in 50 years. Visit the stunning Gulf of California to explore the important role these remarkable animals play in the health of our oceans.

[Blue Whales: Return of the Giants Education Materials](#)

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### ***Deep Sky***

Go behind the scenes of the James Webb Space Telescope to see its launch and the release of the mind-blowing first full-color images of deep space.

### ***Jane Goodall: Reasons for Hope***

Be inspired by decades of work by the world's most famous living ethologist and environmentalist. Join this uplifting journey around the globe to highlight good news stories that will energize people to make a difference in the world around them.

[Jane Goodall: Reasons for Hope Education Materials](#)

### ***National Parks Adventure***

Experience the ultimate off-trail adventure into the nation's awe-inspiring great outdoors and untamed wilderness in an action-packed expedition that inspires the adventurer in us all.

[National Parks Adventure Education Materials](#)

### ***Secrets of the Sea***

Dive into an underwater world to meet some of the ocean's strangest and most spectacular creatures.

[Secrets of the Sea Education Materials](#)

### ***Serengeti: Journey to the Heart of Africa***

Join an incredible journey through the untamed wilds of Africa, where lions roar and wildebeests thunder. See stunning cinematography that takes you closer to iconic animals than ever before and proves that the circle of life is timeless.

[Serengeti: Journey to the Heart of Africa Education Materials](#)

### ***Space: The New Frontier***

Go behind the scenes of some of the most promising space technologies and missions of our time in the quest to make human spaceflight accessible to ordinary citizens.

### ***Superpower Dogs***

Marvel at the lifesaving superpowers and extraordinary bravery of some of the world's most amazing dogs, revealing the astonishing science behind their extraordinary abilities.

[Superpower Dogs Education Materials](#)

### ***T. rex***

Explore the life of this captivating dinosaur and creatures who lived alongside it while learning about famous specimens, landmark discoveries and the evolving interplay between speculation and scientific evidence.

### ***Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation***

Journey across the globe to see the archaeological ghost town of Pompeii, hydrothermal vents at the bottom of the ocean and the lengthy eruption and aftermath of the devastating 2018 Kilauea outburst in Hawaii.

[Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation Education Materials](#)

# Featured Exhibitions at Union Terminal



## *Civic Architecture: The Panoramic Photography of Thomas R. Schiff*

**Open through October 19, 2025**

Over the centuries, architects of capitol, courthouses and even libraries have sought to both project confidence in the democratic process and invite citizens to participate. Through the sweeping panoramic photography of Thomas R. Schiff, this exhibition celebrates and studies our nation's long tradition of civic architecture.

From small county courthouses to the U.S. Capitol, consider how we express our highest ideals in the structures of our buildings. See how these civic structures have been designed — from exalted temples to organic forms — and consider how these centers of government have sought to rise above or blend in with their surrounding landscapes.

[cincymuseum.org/civic-architecture](http://cincymuseum.org/civic-architecture)



## *Holiday Junction featuring the Duke Energy Holiday Trains*

**November 14, 2025 to January 5, 2026**

Enter a winter wonderland for a trip through time. Get track-level and bird's-eye views of model trains from 1904, the 1930s, 1950s and more. See this holiday staple since 1946, featuring more than 60 locomotives and 300 rail cars on 1,000 feet of track.

[cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction](http://cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction)



# Featured Exhibitions at Union Terminal



## *Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away.*

**October 18, 2025 to April 12, 2026**

Through this selection of more than 500 original artifacts from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Poland and an additional 20 global institutions and museums, *Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away.* portrays the complex reality of the notorious camp while sharing firsthand stories from those who survived and those who perished.

Enter the exhibition to confront one of history's darkest periods — and be part of an ongoing remembrance and responsibility to combat hate and evil everywhere.

This exhibition is recommended for students in grades 7 and above. All students through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and chaperones of these groups, will receive free admission. Each visitor will receive an audio device with a narrated tour of select items.

Optional add-on experiences for *Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away.* field trips include a visit to the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center, personal testimony by a Holocaust survivor or descendant and several workshop topics. Explore these options further on our [exhibition page](#).

We offer resources online to help you prepare for your visit, debrief after your visit and integrate the experience into your classroom curriculum. Access these materials within the student resources section at [cincymuseum.org/auschwitz](https://cincymuseum.org/auschwitz)

The opportunity to bring this impactful exhibition to Cincinnati has been generously supported by Rhonda and Larry Sheakley, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati and the Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission.



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# Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center



## Engage with History by Booking a Field Trip

Explore the Holocaust & Humanity Center's interactive, award-winning museum through the voices of those who witnessed history. Take a journey with local survivor stories featuring artifacts, photographs, quotes and video testimony. Learn about upstanders in the Humanity Gallery and leave feeling inspired to be the best of humanity today.

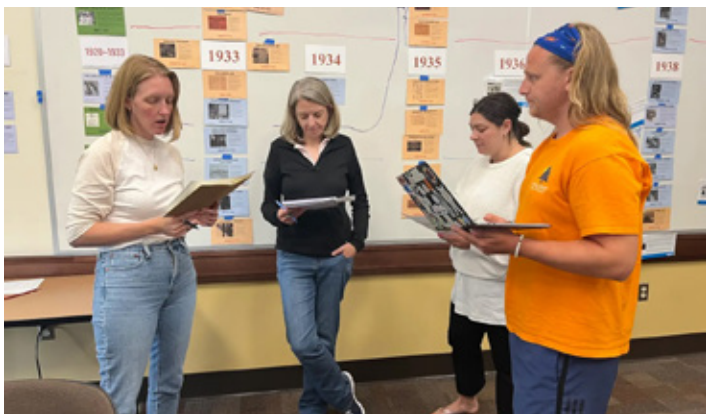
## Inspire Future Leaders

**Jacob G. Schmidlapp Bystander to Upstander: Youth Leadership Day**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026 (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders)  
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Inspire students to be changemakers and learn about what it means to be an *upstander*. This one-day workshop for middle-school and high-school students features interactive hands-on sessions with historical examples. During sessions, students dialogue with their peers from different schools and backgrounds. Nominate your students for this impactful experience starting in early December 2025.



## Learn with Us

Through professional development workshops, gain essential resources and strategies for effectively teaching the Holocaust, fostering critical thinking and inspiring upstander behavior. Choose from a variety of options, available at our Center or onsite at schools. Additionally this Fall, join the Roma & Sam Kaltman Teacher Fellowship, an immersive experience to ground you in best practices and equip you to teach the Holocaust to today's students.

## Upstander Youth Programs

Youth programs equip students with the leadership skills and tools to become upstanders. By exploring their character strengths, fostering a sense of community and defining personal beliefs, students harness their agency and find their purpose. Programs align with Ohio's social-emotional learning standards and can be delivered at the Center or on-site at schools, offering flexible and impactful educational experiences.

For more information, please visit [holocaustandhumanity.org](https://holocaustandhumanity.org).



# Group Educational Programs

Immerse your students in educational and entertaining topics such as dinosaurs, world cultures, archaeology, local history and animals with hands-on programs that meet state and national standards. Enhance your students' visit to CMC with any of our Programs at Union Terminal, or let us pack up the car and bring them to you as Programs-on-Wheels! You can even stream select programs digitally into your classroom. See pricing information by location on page 26.

## Early Childhood Programs (PreK-K)

- Minimum age requirement: 3 years
- Program length: 45 minutes
- Maximum 25 students per program

## Primary and Secondary Programs (1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- See program description for topic-specific grade levels
- Program length: 60 minutes
- Maximum 30 students per program

## Exploration Stations

- Hands-on, informal learning perfect for family nights, field days or other events where guests are on the move
- Designed to entertain guests of many ages and interests as they explore at their own pace
- Single stations can accommodate a maximum of 25 people at a time; please book multiple stations or host additional activities to accommodate larger audiences
- Look for the **ES** designation below for available topics

## Virtual Programs

- In-person connections not an option? Bring CMC's vibrant programs live to your classroom via virtual connection. CMC can supply the connection or present on a variety of platforms.
- Early Childhood Program length is 30 minutes. Primary and Secondary Program length is 45 minutes. Maximum number of students per session is the same as in-person programs.

## Scheduling Information

Group Educational Programs are available as Programs at Union Terminal Mondays through Fridays. Programs-on-Wheels are available at your location on any day or time, pending staff availability. Multi-session discounts are available, and seasonal value pricing applies. See page 26 for full pricing information. To schedule, call 513-287-7021 or visit [www.cincymuseum.org/educators](http://www.cincymuseum.org/educators) to fill out a program request form.

## Programs-on-Wheels Presenting Sponsor



### KEY

**ES**

Available as Exploration Station

**V**

Available to be presented virtually

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Requires large open space such as music room or small gym

### STANDARDS KEY

#### Science Standards

<b>ESS</b>	Earth and Space Science
<b>PS</b>	Physical Science
<b>LS</b>	Life Science
<b>ED</b>	Engineering Design
<b>Sci</b>	Early Education Science
<b>B</b>	Biology (OH only)

#### Social Studies Standards

<b>H</b>	History
<b>G</b>	Geography
<b>Gov</b>	Government
<b>E</b>	Economics
<b>C</b>	Civics
<b>SS</b>	Early Education Social Studies

# Group Educational Programs

## Early Childhood Programs (PreK-K)

### 3... 2... 1... Blast Off! \* ES V

Build the solar system in your classroom, then blast off with radio-controlled space shuttles to explore what's beyond our planet. View photos and learn about gravity, asteroids, orbits and more.

**OH ESS:** P, K; **PS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY Sci:** P; **PS:** K

### A Cultural Experience

Use music, toys, colorful clothing and role-playing to explore cultures from Peru, Japan and Mali.

**OH PS:** K; **Sci:** P; **H:** K; **G:** K; **SS:** P

**KY H:** K; **G:** K; **SS:** P

### Coral: A Colorful Community ES

Learn what coral is, where it lives, what it eats and how it protects itself. Explore real coral skeletons, role-play a coral polyp and view pictures of some of the creatures that live in a coral reef. Make a coral reef habitat come to life with beautiful puppets.

**OH LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

### Dino Dig \* ES V

Growl, claw and walk like a dinosaur! Dig up fossils and identify which dinosaurs they came from. Learn about different kinds of dinosaurs, including what they looked like, what they ate and how they protected themselves.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

### “Egg-cellent” Eggs

Explore bird eggs and learn about their shapes, sizes, colors and nests through hands-on activities. Learn about the other animals that lay eggs and crack open an egg to find out what's inside.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

### From the Backyard to the Barnyard

Use puppets to investigate animals that live in backyard or barnyard habitats. Meet one of our resident bats, investigate what this animal eats and discover how it finds food by echolocation.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

### How Does Your Garden Grow? \*

Gain an introduction to the diverse world of plants! Learn what they need to grow, what parts they have and the stages of the plant life cycle. Investigate the differences between fruits and vegetables. Then dig in the dirt and plant your own seed to take home.

**OH LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## Our Five Senses

It takes a nose to know — or maybe hands, ears, eyes or a tongue! Explore the magic of your senses through fun, hands-on activities and interact with a live animal.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY Sci:** P

## Rainforest Adventure

Take an imaginary journey to the tropical rainforest to learn about the many animals and plants that live there. “Shop” for important products that come from this unique habitat and meet three live animals that call the rainforest home.

**OH ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **PS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## Snug as a Bug ES

Build a bug, see through the eyes of a fly and learn the life cycle of a caterpillar. Explore how insects protect themselves by playing a game of hide-and-seek with a very hungry frog. Meet and touch live insects and marvel at incredible mounted bugs from around the world.

**OH PS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## Stuffee, the Amazing Anatomy Doll V

Meet Stuffee, a seven-foot-tall, blue-haired, smiling anatomy doll that unzips to show what's inside all of us. Feed Stuffee lunch and use stethoscopes to listen to your own beating heart.

**OH LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY LS:** K; **Sci:** P

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# Group Educational Programs

## Tall Tails

Hop, prop and crawl your way to learning about animal adaptations. Try on larger-than-life costume tails, morph into different animals, then hear a tall tale about two unique local animals.

**OH LS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P

## Wild About Animals \* ES

From Africa to Antarctica, become part of the wild animal kingdom. Take an imaginary safari across Africa and look through binoculars to see zebras, lions and more! Waddle like a penguin in the coldest place on Earth, then hop on over to a continent with some unusual Down Under residents.

**OH LS:** K; **Sci:** P; **G:** K

**KY ESS:** K; **LS:** K; **Sci:** P; **SS:** P

## Wonders of Weather

Investigate seasonal weather patterns, complete the water cycle, make snow and race clouds. Have a hair-raising experience with lightning and take home jewelry with sun-sensing abilities.

**OH ESS:** K; **Sci:** P

**KY ESS:** K; **PS:** K; **Sci:** P

## Primary and Secondary Science Programs

(Grade levels vary; organized by grade range, starting with younger grades)

## Awesome Animal Adaptations 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES V

Explore animal habitats and adaptations. Meet and touch live animals that may include a bat, snake, box turtle, lizard, frog and/or hissing cockroaches. Learn about and handle items from our collections such as baleen, caribou fur and armadillo armor.

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8

## Bats 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES V

Walk like a bat! Fly like a bat! Meet a live native bat! Explore echolocation to understand how it works and hear what it sounds like. Learn about these truly amazing, yet misunderstood animals through a slide presentation, game, specimens and more.

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

## Coral: A Colorful Community 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> ES

Biodiversity is the name of the game when it comes to the coral reef — the “rainforest of the sea!” Learn all about the organisms that build the reef. Touch real coral skeletons and learn how coral polyps feed and protect themselves. Explore the interconnectedness of the many organisms who make up the coral reef community through puppet play time and a symbiosis puzzle.

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3

**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3

## Digging for Dinosaurs 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> \* ES

Uncover fossils on a mock paleontological dinosaur dig. Discuss Cincinnati’s world-famous Ordovician fossils, learn how fossils are formed and unearth how to differentiate them from rocks. Touch fossils from dinosaurs including *Allosaurus*, *Triceratops*, *Iguanodon* and more — a junior paleontologist’s dream!

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4

**KY LS:** 1, 3, 4

## Engineer it! 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Explore engineering using step-by-step instructions and colorful construction kits. Solve problems by building working belt-driven machines. Utilizing the engineering design process, improve your inventions by conquering friction and making tension work for you!

**OH PS:** 1, 2

**KY PS:** 2, 3; **ED:** K-2, 3-5

## Fantastic Flora 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Animals aren’t the only ones with amazing adaptations; plants are champions of survival as well! Tour the plant life cycle with posters and hands-on activities, focusing on the unique ways plants disperse their seeds, attract pollinators and manufacture food. Topics covered include parts of a plant, photosynthesis, germination, pollination and more! Each student will leave with a planted seed of their own.

**OH ESS:** 1; **LS:** 1, 2, 3

**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3; **PS:** 1

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# Group Educational Programs

## Forces of Nature 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ES

Investigate weather patterns and natural phenomena through activities that shake, shock and erupt! Review the steps of the water cycle, learn about tectonic plates and model the power of earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanoes and lightning. Use teamwork to attempt to build a house that is unshakeable!

**OH ESS:** 1, 2, 4; **PS:** 2

**KY ESS:** 2, 3, 4; **ED:** K-2, 3-5; **PS:** 1, 4

## Incredible Insects 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> ES V

Get up close and personal with the creatures that make up Earth's largest group of animals! Learn the characteristics of insects, see the world through the eyes of a fly and learn amazing facts about insect defense, including camouflage and mimicry. Meet live insects and view mounted insect specimens from across the globe.

**OH LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**KY LS:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

## Rainforest Adventure 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Take an imaginary journey to the tropical rainforest! Discover where in the world to find this habitat and how much it really rains there. From the forest floor to the emergent giants, puzzle out the layers that compose this jungle environment and identify the animals who live in each. Learn about the many rainforest products we consume and why it is important to protect this habitat. Meet and interact with three live animals that call the rainforest home!

**OH LS:** 1

**KY LS:** 1, 2

## Reasons for the Seasons 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> ES

Using globes, rotate and revolve your way to learning about the seasons. Understand why summer is warmer and winter is colder. Create the sounds of spring and explore seasonal camouflage with mounted animal specimens from our collections. Win a wintry prize if you can identify animal visitors from their scat and tracks left behind.

**OH ESS:** 1, 2, 5; **LS:** 1, 3

**KY ESS:** 1, 2; **LS:** 1, 3, 4, 5; **PS:** 1

## What's the (State of) Matter? 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Learn about solids, liquids, gases and plasma through fun, bubbly, sticky and electrifying experiments. Mix different states of matter and be amazed by what happens. Energy in, energy out! Chemical reactions galore! As an added bonus, take home an entertaining substance that doesn't quite follow the state of matter rules.

**OH PS:** 1, 3

**KY PS:** 2

## Your Heart, Your Blood, Your Health 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Learn where the heart is located, the way it works, how it sounds, which system it's part of and what it pumps. Get a closer look at capillaries, run a little race, test your food group knowledge and identify some giant microbes.

**OH LS:** 6

**KY LS:** 4

## Dinosaur Discovery 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

**\*Available at Union Terminal ONLY\***

Step into the role of a paleontologist and work with your team to unwrap fossils from a variety of dinosaurs. Practice your paleontological skills by handling real and cast fossils, conducting research and presenting findings. Discover how dinosaurs adapted to survive in their habitats, and how scientists learn about them using fossils from *Tyrannosaurus*, *Stegosaurus*, *Velociraptor* and more!

**OH LS:** 3, 4

**KY LS:** 3, 4; **ESS:** 4

## Evolution of Diversity: A History of Earth's Changes 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES

Investigate how land masses have moved and shifted through time. Explore a timeline of major species evolution and extinction events. Learn about local ancient creatures, the habitat in which they lived and their adaptations. Program includes an Ordovician period diorama and fossil specimens from museum collections.

**OH ESS:** 8; **LS:** 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

**KY ESS:** 4, 6, 8; **LS:** 3, 4, 8



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## Experimenting with Physical Science

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> ES**

What shapes do bubbles take? Does sound vibrate? Explore bubbles, sound, electricity, magnets, motion, light, color, mirrors and optical illusions in this inquiry-based program. Create hypotheses, perform experiments, draw conclusions and share your discoveries.

**OH PS:** 3, 4, 5, 6

**KY PS:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; **ED:** 3-5

## Geology Rocks 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> ES

Become a geologist for the day! Learn about rocks and minerals while viewing and handling impressive samples from our collections. Examine and classify specimens to learn their true identity, then test your knowledge of everyday uses of minerals.

**OH ESS:** 3, 4, 6; **PS:** 7

**KY ESS:** 4, 6; **PS:** 5

## Tour the Solar System 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> ES V

Soar through the solar system with recent images from Mercury, Neptune and beyond. Touch rocks like the ones found on our Moon and learn about why the gas giants are so colorful. Figure out your galactic address, visualize the distance between planets and observe the crushing effects of air pressure!

**OH ESS:** 4, 5; **PS:** 3

**KY ESS:** 5, 6; **PS:** 4, 5

## Animal Identification: The Science of Skulls

**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES**

Who's there? Use clues such as skull size and shape, type and number of teeth and eye placement to identify a variety of mammals from our region using their skulls and a dichotomous key. Gain a great introduction to the science of classification. Strong reading skills are necessary for this program.

**OH LS:** 5, 6

**KY LS:** 4

## Chemistry in Your Hands 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Heat it up and cool it down! See and feel the evidence of physical versus chemical change. Watch your experiments change color as you create acids and bases. Learn chemistry basics and practice lab safety. Beware — the results you take home may be slimy!

**OH PS:** 4, 6, 7

**KY PS:** 4, 5, 6, 7

## ABC: Arches, Bridges & Construction 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Work in teams to build arches and a truss bridge you can actually crawl across. Learn what makes bridges work — anchors, beams and compression. Explore the concepts of live load, dead load and environmental stress.

**OH PS:** 8

**KY ED:** 3-5, 6-8

## Forensics: The Science of Crime 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> ES

Analyze human skull replicas to determine the sex and ancestry of a fictional victim. Combine clues from the skull with crime scene evidence to determine the identity of a missing person and speculate about the cause of death.

**OH LS:** 8

**KY LS:** 8

## Superheroes of STEMville 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> ES

Calling all science heroes! The citizens of STEMville need your engineering and math skills to solve a series of challenges and save the community. Use the engineering design process to define the problems; then imagine, create and test solutions. Improve as needed until the city is saved!

**OH PS:** 5, 6

**KY PS:** 7; **ED:** 3-5, 6-8

## Best of Biology 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> V

Apply the concepts of adaptation, taxonomy and genetics to the natural world. Gain hands-on practice interpreting and creating phylogenetic trees or cladograms. Then, investigate phenotypes and genotypes of an assortment of bird specimens from museum collections.

**OH LS:** 6, 8; **B:** 9-12

**KY LS:** 8, 9-12



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## Primary and Secondary Social Studies Programs

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### From Crown to Colonies to Country 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Available beginning January 2026

Pack your trunk and sail into the past for a colonial adventure! Map the colonists' journey from Europe to America and investigate replica artifacts to imagine what life was like in the colonies. Explore challenges faced by the colonists and the reasons they wanted to establish self-government.

**OH H:** 1, 2, 4; **G:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Gov:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **E:** 2, 3  
**KY H:** 3, 4; **G:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **C:** 1, 2, 4; **E:** 1, 3, 4

### Impact of Inventions 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

What is innovation? Who can be an inventor? How do you get credit for an invention? Many inventors, including Thomas Edison, Lewis Howard Latimer, Garrett Morgan, Eli Whitney, Henry Boyd and Patricia Bath, created items that changed our daily lives. Use a timeline, documents, artifacts and hands-on exploration to investigate the impact of their inventions and others on the past, present and future of our world.

**OH H:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **G:** 2, 3, 5; **Gov:** 2, 3; **E:** 2, 4, 5, 6  
**KY H:** 1, 2, 3, 5

### One World, Many Cultures 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Take a trip around the world using maps and travel buddies to navigate your way. Explore cultures from Africa, Asia, Australia and South and North America through clothing, crafts, games, celebrations, music and photographs.

**OH G:** 1, 2, 3  
**KY H:** 3; **G:** 1, 3

### Transportation Transformations 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Learn how canals, streetcars and inclines impacted the growth of Cincinnati from the 1820s through the 1950s. Hear a period folksong, load goods on a mock canal boat, experience one of Cincinnati's five inclines and view local historical photographs of these forms of transportation.

**OH H:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **G:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; **E:** 1, 2, 3, 5  
**KY G:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; **E:** 1, 2

### Uncovering Egypt 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Calling all Egyptologists! Explore archaeology, the science that unlocks the secrets of past civilizations. Excavate and analyze replica artifacts to learn about famous Egyptians and expand your knowledge of Egyptian culture. Immerse yourself in this world of hieroglyphs, pharaohs and gods and goddesses galore!

**OH H:** 6, 7; **G:** 6; **Gov:** 6  
**KY H:** 6; **G:** 6; **C:** 6

### Archaeology of Ohio Valley Native Peoples 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Gain an introduction to the major Indigenous groups that have called the Ohio River Valley home. Discover the tools, natural resources and skills that allowed them to survive. Using a timeline, view these local cultures within the context of civilizations around the world. Learn about techniques that archaeologists use to gather information and make inferences. Use artifacts to experience quadrant mapping and create an example of stratigraphy for your group to keep.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 5, 6; **G:** 3, 4, 5  
**KY H:** 3, 4, 6, 7; **G:** 3, 5; **E:** 4, 6





### Business Beginnings 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Investigate soap- and candle-making, meatpacking, furniture-making and brewing in Cincinnati in the 1800s. Review period business records, illustrations and historical artifacts. Learn how productive resources were used in these industries and how they impacted production and consumption. Get to know economic terms such as opportunity cost, scarcity, profit and loss. Strong reading skills are necessary for this program.

**OH H:** 3, 4; **G:** 2, 3, 4, 6; **Gov:** 3; **E:** 3, 4, 5, 6  
**KY E:** 3, 4, 5



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## Coming to America 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **V 250**

The 1800s brought people from all around the world to the United States. Contemplate the push-and-pull factors that influenced immigrants to leave their homes and consider what items they might have brought with them on the journey to America. Learn what immigrating through Ellis Island was like and explore the lives and accomplishments of immigrants who settled in our area.

**OH H:** 3, 4; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 7, 8; **E:** 3

**KY H:** 3; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 8; **E:** 3, 4

## Lotions, Potions & Strange Notions 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> **V**

Learn about cholera, the disease at the root of multiple Cincinnati epidemics in the 1800s. Use primary documents to review cholera's symptoms and the impact it had in our city. Explore the strange notions that people once had about the causes and treatments of illnesses and review the root causes of cholera outbreaks in our city. Identify colorful "giant microbes" responsible for other pandemics. Then, use mortars and pestles to roll herbal pills like those dispensed by 19<sup>th</sup>-century apothecaries.

**OH H:** 3, 4; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6

**KY G:** 3

## On the Trail with Lewis & Clark 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **ES 250**

Take an imaginary trip with Lewis and Clark to explore President Jefferson's recent acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase. Why were they going? What did they pack? Answer these questions and more as we head out on our adventure. Use maps, historical artifacts, primary source material and a choose-your-own-adventure game to study the wildlife, unknown lands and people that the Corps of Discovery encountered on their journey.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 7, 8; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; **Gov:** 6

**KY H:** 8; **G:** 3, 5; **E:** 4, 5

## The Underground Railroad: Its History, People & Glory 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **250**

Explore the journey from enslavement to freedom by learning about the Middle Passage and the experiences of those who endured it. Recreate elements of the Underground Railroad through photographs, maps, navigational tools, replica shackles and true stories of historical figures. Discover the resourcefulness, courage and determination of freedom-seeking enslaved people and abolitionists.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 5, 7, 8; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; **Gov:** 3, 4; **E:** 5, 6

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## Walking City 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **ES 250**

Explore how geographic factors kept Cincinnatians confined to the downtown basin and learn why our city remained a walking city longer than most. Use a giant authentic 1863 urban map, its key, advertisements from the city directory and illustrations to perform a series of tasks that help you understand what life was like then in downtown Cincinnati. Strong reading skills are necessary for this program.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 8; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**KY G:** 3, 4, 5, 8

## When Two Worlds Met 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> **250**

The North American fur trade connected people from two different worlds. Exchange furs and coins for replica goods from a late-1700s trading post. Learn about the Battle of Fallen Timbers by stepping into roles as the signers of the Treaty of Greenville. Experience a period beaver felt hat, wampum and a calumet.

**OH H:** 3, 4, 5; **G:** 3, 4, 5, 6; **Gov:** 6; **E:** 5

**KY H:** 4; **G:** 3; **E:** 4, 6

## American Revolutions 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **250**

Available beginning October 2025

Take a journey through four eras of American history: Colonial America, the American Revolution, the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. Through replica artifacts, historical documents, and hands-on challenges, explore the impact of individuals and groups on the establishment of our democracy and our nation's evolving fight for freedom and equality for all.

**OH H:** 4, 5, 8; **G:** 5; **Gov:** 4, 5

**KY H:** 4, 5, 8; **G:** 4, 5, 8; **C:** 4, 5, 8; **E:** 8



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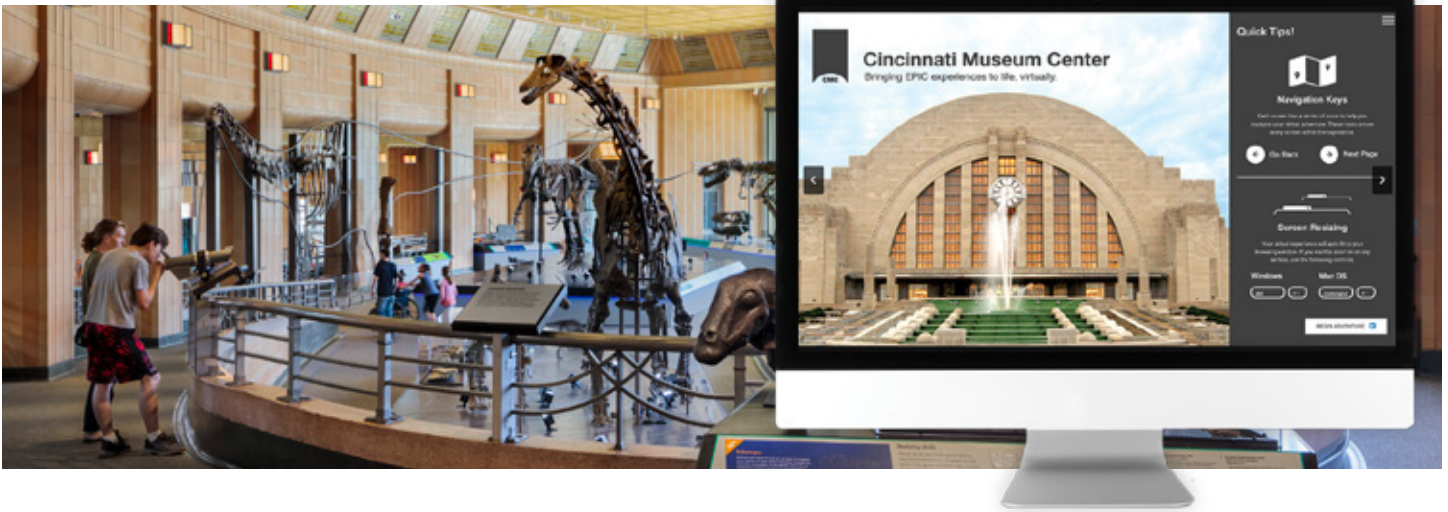
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# Connecting with Classrooms Virtually



## Virtual Field Trips

Ready to explore our exhibits from school or home? Our virtual field trips are in-depth exhibit tours with video walkthroughs, expert interviews and immersive content, all aligned with OH and KY content standards. Virtual field trips are free to access and provide fantastic opportunities to prepare for in-person field trips or explore additional content afterward.

[cincymuseum.org/virtual-field-trips](http://cincymuseum.org/virtual-field-trips)

## Available Now

### ***The Cave***

From waterfalls and stalactites to fossils and troglobites, discover all the features in the Cave's twists and turns. Designed for grades 2–7 but contains engaging content for grades 8–12 and adults.

### ***Dinosaur Hall***

Meet huge dinosaurs and learn what we know about the Jurassic environment from other animals and plants. Experience how dinosaurs adapted to thrive. Designed for grades 4–8 but contains engaging content for grades 2–3, high school and adults.

### ***Made in Cincinnati***

From Porkopolis to tomorrow's modern tech hub, discover how innovation is, and always has been, in Cincinnati's DNA. Designed for grades 4–12 and adults.

### ***Maya: Daily Life & New Discoveries***

Learn about Maya daily life and agriculture, the rise and fall of the Maya people, breakthrough discoveries from the University of Cincinnati and Maya culture today. Designed for grades 5–7 but contains engaging content for grades 3–4, high school and adults.

### ***Maya: Royalty, Art & Cosmic Balance***

Learn about the Maya people; cosmic balance, gods, goddesses and divine kingship; art; writing; timekeeping; and Maya culture today. Designed for grades 5–7 but contains engaging content for grades 3–4, high school and adults.

### ***Neil Armstrong Space Exploration Gallery, presented by the Harold C. Schott Foundation***

Follow in the small steps and giant leaps of Neil Armstrong and see if you have the right stuff to explore Mars and beyond. Designed for grades 4–12 and adults.

### ***Public Landing***

Learn how Cincinnati is a city of immigrants and transplants, a city whose defining features are inspired by the diverse population who have called it home. Designed for grades 5–7 but contains engaging content for grades 3–4, high school and adults.

### ***Shaping Our City Part I: First Settlement to 1920***

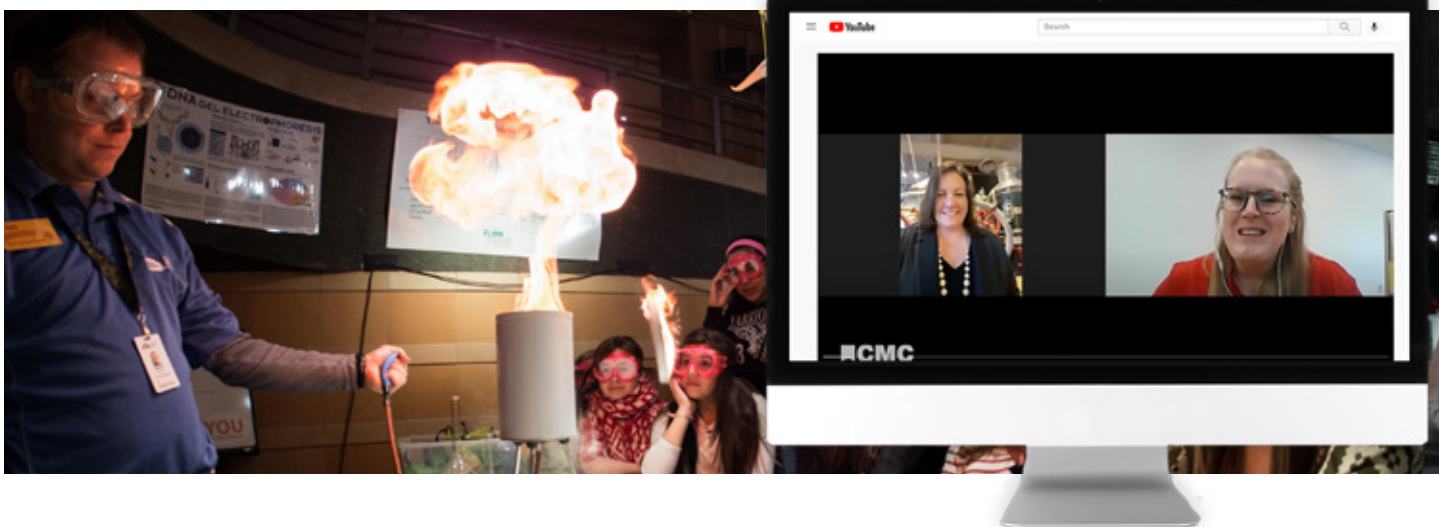
Venture through time to explore the Cincinnati region from before the 1700s to 1920. From canoes and steamboats, to inclines and streetcars, discover how Cincinnati's transportation story has changed. Designed for grades 3–8 but contains engaging content for high school and adults.

### ***Shaping Our City Part II: 1920 to Today***

Venture through time to explore the Cincinnati region from 1920 to the present. From trains and cars, to hyperloops and rideshare systems, Cincinnati's transportation story is still being written. Designed for grades 3–8 but contains engaging content for high school and adults.



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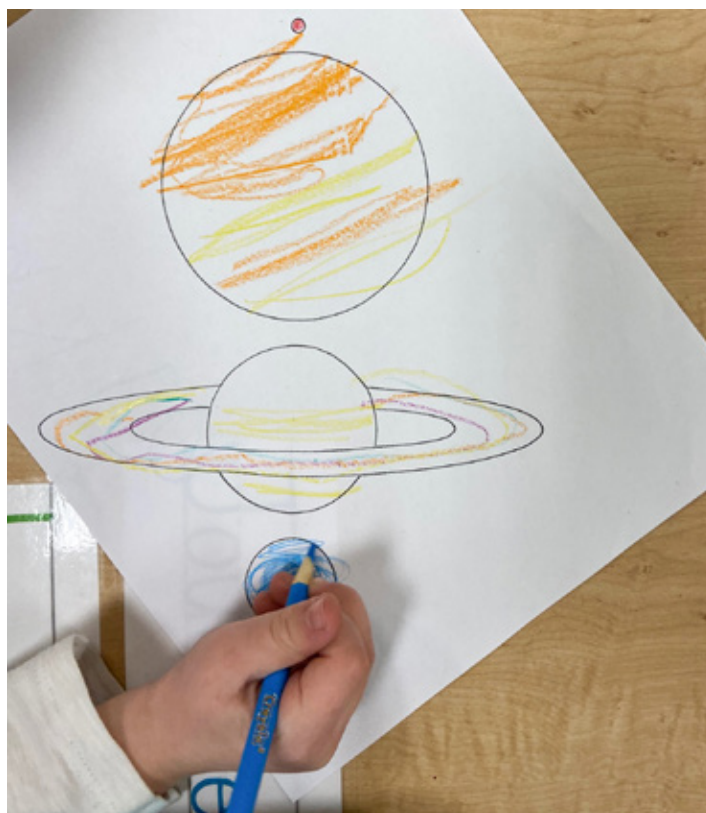


## Conversations with an Expert

Invite a CMC science or history curator, a librarian from the Cincinnati History Library & Archives, an exhibit designer or fabricator or other expert to a live, virtual conversation with your students! Learn about their background, explore their research and learn about their day-to-day responsibilities. In-person conversations can be scheduled during field trips to CMC, too! Contact [vhorobik@cincymuseum.org](mailto:vhorobik@cincymuseum.org) for a list of experts and topics.

## Virtual Group Educational Programs

In-person connections not an option? Bring CMC's vibrant programs live to your classroom via virtual connection. CMC can supply the connection or present on a variety of platforms. See pages 13–19 for program availability.



# Local History and Ohio History Day



## Cincinnati History Library & Archives

The Cincinnati History Library & Archives have been collecting and preserving materials related to Greater Cincinnati, Ohio and the Old Northwest Territory since 1831. This resource houses one of the most significant regional history collections in the United States with thousands of books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs and films. Collections include items related to the social, political, economic and cultural history of Cincinnati and the surrounding area. Original materials cover a vast array of topics, from abolitionism to wartime recipes to family histories.

Use the Library & Archives' extensive collection of primary and secondary source documents to examine events from Cincinnati's past from multiple perspectives. Contact [library@cincymuseum.org](mailto:library@cincymuseum.org) to schedule a group visit. We can accommodate up to 20 students at one time. Visit [cincymuseum.org/cincinnati-history-library-archives](http://cincymuseum.org/cincinnati-history-library-archives) for access to digital journals, online exhibits and other primary and secondary source material.

## Ohio History Day

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March 14, 2026

Cincinnati Museum Center

Ohio History Day asks students to be creative and collaborative and think critically about history. By engaging students in grades 6-12 in research, this year-long program provides an opportunity for students to practice cross-curricular learning and practical application while developing public speaking skills. Students choose to write an **essay**, create a **documentary**, build and display an **exhibit**, write and perform a **song or play** or create a **website** to share with an authentic audience of local historians and community partners.

Led by Ohio History Connection and coordinated regionally by CMC, Ohio History Day is an affiliate of the award-winning National History Day program. We are proud to co-host Ohio History Day's Region 8 competition for Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties. It's not just a day, it's an experience!

The theme for 2026 is **Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History**.

Find additional details at [ohiohistory.org/learn/education-and-outreach/ohio-history-day](http://ohiohistory.org/learn/education-and-outreach/ohio-history-day).

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# Youth Program and Educator Resources



## Cincinnati Museum Center Youth Programs

Cincinnati Museum Center's Youth Programs empower a diverse group of teens with valuable life experiences that prepare them for success in high school, college and beyond. Operating year-round, the program engages volunteers throughout the school year and summer. Participants can remain with the program until they graduate from high school. Participants gain hands-on experience by working with museum guests and enhancing their public speaking and customer service skills within CMC's three museums. Youth volunteers support museum operations by greeting visitors, leading programs and interacting with guests. CMC staff coach youth in career and leadership development and life skills, inspiring them to pursue educational opportunities beyond high school.

Serving students ages 13-18 from public, private and homeschool backgrounds, the program fosters mentorship and peer learning among youth from diverse communities. Youth may apply annually from January through March. Please reach out to [youthprograms@cincymuseum.org](mailto:youthprograms@cincymuseum.org) with any questions, to be notified when recruitment opens again or to nominate a student.

[cincymuseum.org/youth-programs](https://cincymuseum.org/youth-programs)

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## Just for Educators

### Educator eNewsletter

Sign up at [cincymuseum.org/educators](https://cincymuseum.org/educators) to receive the latest information about upcoming featured exhibitions, discounts, preview nights and much more.

### Exhibit-Related Resources

Enhance your field trip with scavenger hunts and exhibit guides. Discover more at [cincymuseum.org/educators](https://cincymuseum.org/educators).

### Discounted Membership

Receive a \$20 discount on a CMC Membership by showing your school ID. Memberships are not valid on group visits. Find the Educator Membership form at [cincymuseum.org/join](https://cincymuseum.org/join).

### Preview and Prep

Have you booked a field trip to CMC and want to visit to prepare? Educators may visit any museum for free one time before their scheduled field trip. Simply bring your confirmation letter and ID to verify you are the booking teacher.

### Teacher Preview Nights

Preview our new featured exhibitions or OMNIMAX® films and see if they're a good fit for your classroom. Talk with our team to get more information about related programming. Sign up for the Educator eNewsletter to receive dates.

# Teacher Education

## ECSITE

### Early Childhood Science Inquiry Teacher Education

CMC's ECSITE program helps early childhood educators create and implement inquiry-based science activities for their students. Participating educators complete the program with greater understanding of different approaches to teaching science and the skills students develop through science activities that will help them become successful learners.

ECSITE workshops are Ohio Approved Professional Development Trainings and Kentucky Approved Early Care and Education Trainings.

### Comparing Approaches to Hands-On Science

Children approach learning about science in different ways. Experience three approaches to teaching science that you can use to meet the needs of every student in your classroom.

### Science Process Skills

Children young and old use the same process skills when learning science. Experience them in this hands-on workshop to foster students' interest and success in science.

### Science Experiments

In order to help learners develop the process skills needed for science exploration and inquiry, teachers need to gradually shift to giving learners more responsibility for using these skills in science activities. Practice making small shifts in existing activities to help learners strengthen the process skills needed for scientific inquiry.

### Science Skills with Light and Shadows

Utilize the six science process skills through an inquiry-based investigation of light and shadows.

### Raising Questions

Students discover science through questions grounded in their own curiosity. Discover ways to stimulate curiosity and elicit student questions that ultimately lead to investigations.

Contact Tony Lawson at [tlawson@cincymuseum.org](mailto:tlawson@cincymuseum.org) for more details.

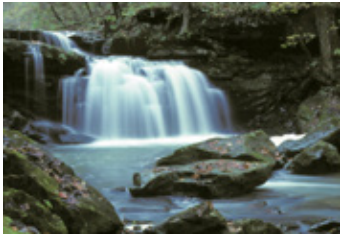




# Richard & Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System

The Richard & Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System in Adams County, Ohio, is a 20,000-acre nature preserve owned and managed by CMC and The Nature Conservancy in Ohio. The Edge is a perfect outdoor learning lab, with xeric limestone prairies, dolostone outcrops, high-quality streams and rare plants and animals. Please check the website for educational opportunities.

[cincymuseum.org/eoa-education](http://cincymuseum.org/eoa-education)



## National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

### What to Expect

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center connects the past to the present, using the lessons of the Underground Railroad to inspire today's fight for inclusive freedom. Located near the Ohio River, in an area once called Little Africa and the landing place of many on their journey to freedom, the Center shares powerful stories through exhibits, programs, and educational resources—sparking dialogue and action to create modern abolitionists committed to justice and equality for all.

[freedomcenter.org](http://freedomcenter.org)

### Learn with Us

Join us for an educational journey, spanning over 500 years, into Cincinnati's Underground Railroad story. Imagine your classroom and curriculum beyond four walls—where history, culture, and art come alive. Book your visit today or speak with our Sales team to create a customized experience.

[freedomcenter.org/fieldtrips](http://freedomcenter.org/fieldtrips)

Our resources expand beyond the historical events of the Underground Railroad to include topics from various periods in history, allowing educators to utilize social justice as a lens throughout the year.

[freedomcenter.org/learn/educators](http://freedomcenter.org/learn/educators)





# Pricing Guide

Experience			Cost		
Admission School groups with a minimum of 15 individuals	Museum Admission (The Children's Museum, Cincinnati History Museum, Museum of Natural History & Science) per individual		\$12.50		
	Museum Admission with OMNIMAX® per individual		\$14.50		
	Museum Admission with Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center per adult/student		\$20/\$17.50		
	Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater per individual		\$6.50		
	Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center per adult/student		\$7.50/\$5		
	Reserved seating at lunch tables per individual		\$0.50		
Group Educational Programs	Programs At Union Terminal (Learning Labs)	Early Childhood	Single August 16 – January 31	\$130	
			Single February 1 – August 15	\$145	
			2 sessions *	\$240	
			3 sessions *	\$330	
			4 sessions *	\$415	
		Elementary/Secondary Science and Social Studies	Single August 16 – January 31	\$155	
			Single February 1 – August 15	\$175	
			2 sessions *	\$280	
			3 sessions *	\$390	
			4 sessions *	\$480	
	Programs at Your Location (Programs-on-Wheels)	Early Childhood	Single August 16 – January 31	\$165	
			Single February 1 – August 15	\$180	
			2 sessions *	\$300	
			3 sessions *	\$420	
			4 sessions *	\$520	
			5 sessions *	\$600	
			6 sessions *	\$690	
		Elementary/Secondary Science and Social Studies	Single August 16 – January 31	\$180	
			Single February 1 – August 15	\$205	
			2 sessions *	\$340	
			3 sessions *	\$480	
			4 sessions *	\$600	
			5 sessions *	\$700	
			6 sessions *	\$810	
		Exploration Stations	Single Station – per hour (2-hour minimum)		\$180
		Travel fees for Programs at Your Location/Exploration Stations	0-35 miles		\$0
			36-55 miles		\$50
			56-75 miles (minimum of two sessions required)		\$65
	76-100 miles (minimum of three sessions required)		\$80		
	101-125 miles (minimum of four sessions required)		\$95		
Beyond 125 miles (minimum of four sessions required)			Call for price		
Conversation with an Expert	Virtual or in-person at CMC		\$130		
Additional Presenter Fee	If needed		\$35		

\* Same program, same day, same location



## Cincinnati Museum Center

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

[cincymuseum.org](http://cincymuseum.org)



## Stay Connected!

### Email

General Information

[schools@cincymuseum.org](mailto:schools@cincymuseum.org)

Group Educational Programs

[vhorobik@cincymuseum.org](mailto:vhorobik@cincymuseum.org)

### Online

Cincinnati Museum Center Website

[cincymuseum.org](http://cincymuseum.org)

Cincinnati Museum Center Educator Resource Pages

[cincymuseum.org/educators](http://cincymuseum.org/educators)

### Phone

School Reservations

(513) 287-7021

School & Teacher Partnerships

(513) 455-7166

General Information

(513) 287-7000