Enhance your school's teaching and learning with a virtual field trip to the Nature Museum that includes a live interactive workshop centered around unique museum resources!

Register for our creative science and nature workshops to focus your virtual visit and create meaningful connections between in- and out-of-school learning experiences in real-world contexts. All workshops are taught by an experienced museum educator and correlate with the Next Generation Science Standards.

1. **Pre-Visit**
   - Register for your workshop online at naturemuseum.org/workshops.
   - Then, you’ll receive your Virtual Field Trip Guide and Confirmation, where you’ll find your virtual student workshop time, FAQs, and an asynchronous pre-visit activity to ground your Nature Museum experience!

2. **Live Interactive Student Workshop**
   - Bring locally focused science education to your class and create meaningful connections to the Nature Museum through an interactive, educator-led virtual workshop.
   
   "My students were definitely the most engaged during the museum educator facilitated workshop part of our program. The addition of the amazing videos was super engaging!"

   — Virtual Student Workshop Participant 2020

3. **Post-Visit**
   - After your virtual visit, share the asynchronous post-visit activities and resources in the Virtual Field Trip Guide with your students and families to continue your Nature Museum experiences.

Find out more at naturemuseum.org/workshops and connect with us online! #NatureMuseum
**Virtual Field Trips**

**STUDENT WORKSHOPS**

**Butterfly Body Parts**
*NGSS: LS1*
Join us to get to know our butterflies! Using a live “collection cam,” images, and video, this rich sensory exploration will give students a close up view of butterflies. Students will see our most popular exhibit—the Judy Istock Butterfly Haven—and more while they observe beautiful butterfly bodies.

**A Habitat Hike**
*NGSS: LS4, ESS3*
Explore the diversity of living things where we live! Students will compare and contrast Chicago-area land and water habitats—and the living things that call those places home—on a virtual hike.

**Frogs & Salamanders Up Close**
*NGSS: LS1*
Get a look behind the scenes of our Istock Family Look in Lab, home for many of the animals in the Nature Museum’s living collection! Then, using a live “critter cam,” students will get up close with a local frog or salamander. Students will use observations and their critical thinking skills to compare and contrast the features and movements of local frogs and salamanders.

**Habitat Detectives**
*NGSS: LS1*
Investigate different local habitats and the plants and animals that call them home. Students will get an up close look at some of the preserved specimens from the Nature Museum’s collections. They will use close observations of structure and function to solve a mystery of which habitat in the Wilderness Walk exhibit each specimen belongs.

**Turtle Watch**
*NGSS: LS4*
Learn more about the turtles that live in Mysteries of the Marsh! Students will meet a living turtle and collect data to compare and contrast turtle behaviors. Students will then analyze the data to make conclusions about the ways different turtles survive in their environments.

**Investigating Illinois Butterflies**
*NGSS: LS2, LS4*
Practice sampling populations of local butterflies just like our scientists do! Students will unpack the importance of biodiversity in butterfly habitats, the work of Nature Museum scientists, and the ways in which people impact local butterfly populations.

**A Collection Close-Up**
*NGSS: ESS3*
Explore specimens from our Beecher Collections Laboratory in an interactive Collections Connection! Students will get a look behind the scenes to learn more about what’s in our natural history collection and why museums keep collections. Then, students will use their observations to generate questions and seek evidence to construct explanations.

**Pollinator Populations**
*NGSS: LS1, LS4*
Sample for pollinator diversity around the Nature Museum grounds! Students will sample pollinator populations in different habitats around the Nature Museum. Students will then analyze the data to explore differences in pollinator diversity in human altered environments.

**How to Register**
Visit naturemuseum.org/workshops or click below to register.

**Virtual Field Trip Registration Form**
E-mail fieldtrip@naturemuseum.org for accessibility accommodations or custom requests.

**Cost & Payment**
$120/45-minute workshop. Visit website for bulk pricing and available discount. Payment is due 14 days prior to the program(s) date, or the program will be canceled.

To ensure the quality of the interactive virtual experience, schools may not combine multiple classrooms into one workshop.

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