



**Dear Educator,**

Chicago Children's Museum is delighted that you and your group will be participating in the **Dinosaur Tales** workshop in our **Dinosaur Expedition** exhibit which features a reconstructed dig site. This program allows your students to experience the excitement of discovering a new species of carnivorous dinosaur in the Sahara Desert and explore what it might be like to walk and roar like a dinosaur. Dramatic play, creative movement and science all meet in this imaginative and hands-on workshop.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Chicago Children's Museum!**

### **In Preparation for Your Visit**

- In preparation for the workshop, please divide your class into **five** groups.
- We require that you have one chaperone for every five children. Chaperones will be expected to work cooperatively with student groups in all aspects of the visit.
- Have the children make name tags. If this is against your school policy, make name tags with first names to be used in the **workshop only**.
- You may want to preview the museum prior to your group's visit. Admission to Chicago Children's Museum is always FREE to educators with a valid professional ID.

### **Enrich the Experience**

Hands-on classroom lesson plans related to your workshop are available! These easy-to-implement activities are adaptable for students ages 3 through Kindergarten and are aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards. We hope that this will allow you to easily extend your museum visit into your classroom curriculum.

Visit [www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org](http://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org) to download the workshop-related activities.

### **Share Your Insight: Earn CPDU credit!**

We encourage you to reflect on how field experiences and playful activities can bolster students' learning.

We have a special opportunity for you to record your reflections and document the impact on your students. Your thoughtful insights will earn you CPDU credit as well as a special discount on your next CCM field trip.

Ask your workshop leader for more information when you arrive for your field trip.

# DINOSAUR TALES

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## Workshop Overview

The Dinosaur Tales workshop takes place in the Dinosaur Expedition exhibit and will last approximately one hour. This time will include facilitated activities and exploration of the exhibit. A half hour of museum exploration immediately following your workshop is included with your reservation.

\*\*Groups have the option to stay and explore the entire museum for an additional 45 minutes. Please check your confirmation letter to see if you are signed up for this option.

## Dress for the Day!

Your students will be active during the Dinosaur Tales workshop. We strongly encourage everyone to wear clothes that can get messy and are comfortable for moving around and sitting on the floor. Pants or leggings are recommended for girls.

## During the Workshop, students will:

- Participate together in exploration inside the Dinosaur Expedition exhibit
- Work together to unearth fossils buried in our reconstructed dig site
- Observe a dinosaur skeleton and make connections between a dinosaur body and a human body
- Explore the difference in size between a dinosaur and a person through active play
- Make hypotheses about *Suchomimus*, our resident dinosaur, and explore possible answers
- Use dramatic play to learn about the physical features unique to dinosaurs
- Participate in song, dance and story telling activities that bring the world of dinosaurs to life
- Use their imagination in an immersive environment

## Alignment with State Goals

### State and EC Goal 4

Listen and speak effectively in a variety of situations

### State and EC Goal 5

Use the language arts to acquire, assess and communicate information

### State and EC Goal 7

Estimate, make and use measurements of objects, quantities and relationships and determine acceptable levels of accuracy

### State and EC Goal 11

Understand the processes of scientific inquiry and technological design to investigate questions, conduct experiments and solve problems

### State and EC Goal 12

Understand fundamental concepts, principles and interconnections of the life, physical and earth sciences

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## Field Trip Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have your museum confirmation sheet?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you divided students into <b>five</b> groups? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have one chaperone for every 5 children?                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have bus confirmation?                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have you downloaded the workshop-related activities from our Web site? |   |