Explorer PLUS Field Trips

MUSEUM OF NATURAL CURIOSITY EXPLORER PLUS THEMES:

Kindergarten – Bits and Pieces  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by building with non-living materials and exploring how structures are made up of different parts.

1st Grade – Will it Float?  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring if things sink or float.

2nd Grade – Slow it Down?  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring how objects can be prevented from reaching the ground.

3rd Grade – Force Launcher  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring what happens to an object when a force is applied to it.

4th Grade – Unseen Substance  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring air as a substance.

5th Grade – Shock!  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring the behaviors of static electricity in a plasma ball.

6th Grade – It does Matter!  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring how energy affects matter.

MUSEUM OF ANCIENT LIFE EXPLORER PLUS THEMES:

Kindergarten - Rock Breakdown  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by looking at rocks and their parts up close.

1st Grade – Soil-Sort it Out!  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by sorting components of soil.

2nd Grade - Classy Rocks  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by looking at rocks and their characteristics.

3rd Grade – Heat it Up!  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring how heat is produced when objects are rubbed against one another.

4th Grade – Fossils Find  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring how fossils can be used to make inferences about their environments.

5th Grade – Swept Away!  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring how erosion changes the earth’s surface and how this has helped with the discovery of fossils.

6th Grade – The Space in Space  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by exploring the scale of objects in the solar system.
FARM COUNTRY EXPLORER PLUS THEMES:

**Kindergarten – Animals and their Senses**  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by comparing live animals parts.

**1st Grade – Environment and Senses**  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by comparing live animals and their environment to satisfy their basic needs.

**2nd Grade – Animals Up Close**  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by looking at live animals and how they meet their needs.

**3rd Grade – Home on the Range**  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by looking at the interaction between live animals and their environment.

**4th Grade – Animal Adaptations**  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by looking at how animals have adapted to their environment.

**5th Grade – Survival Traits**  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by discovering how some characteristics could give a species a survival advantage.

**6th Grade – What’s in your Ecosystem**  This field trip helps students enhance their observation skills by looking at the ecosystem around them.

**Ashton Gardens** – Lower graders receive an Explorer Backpack with every chaperone.