



PROGRAMS

FAIR WAYS TO PLAY (NEW!)

Our friendly monster puppet Sully is touring Maine and spreading kindness everywhere he visits! With this interactive puppet show, students will role-play fair ways to play, negotiate with peers, and vocalize needs in the preschool classroom. This program will complement any social emotional learning curriculum.

Related Exhibits: Dress Up Theatre (Dramatic play and puppetry are also available in many exhibits)

LIGHT AND SHADOW PLAY (NEW!)

Explore the folktale, *Abiyoyo*, in this unique and hands-on program that combines science, art, and theatre. Journey through the physics of light and shadow before diving into this classic tale using interactive shadow puppets. Use your whole body to manipulate the shadows to tell a story and learn a song!

Related Exhibits: Dress Up Theatre; Lights, Camera, Color

STORY OF A LAKE (NEW!)

Using a lake replica, storytelling, and natural science, experience how humans have impacted Maine lakes over the past three hundred years. Discover plants and animals affected by pollution, learn how humans have worked to clean Maine lakes, and problem solve ways to keep Maine's waterways healthy for generations to come.

Related Exhibits: Ranger Station; Discovery Woods

THE LIFE OF ISTAR, A HUMPBACK WHALE (MOST POPULAR!)

Using storytelling, props, artifacts, and a giant whale model, we'll share the life story of Istar, a real humpback whale who lived in the Atlantic Ocean. Learn about what humpbacks eat, where they swim, and how they survive in the ocean. After learning about this famous whale's life, we'll go inside an inflatable 45-foot, life-size replica of her body. **This program requires a large space such as a gymnasium or cafeteria. Outdoor reservations have restrictions based on weather conditions.*

Related Exhibits: Tide Pool Touch Tank; Lobster Boat

WE ARE MAINE: CULTURAL HERITAGE EXPLORATION (NEW!)

Meet two families, originally from different places around the world who now live in Maine. These stories of culture explore family traditions, foods, and holidays through first-person narrated videos. Launch into dynamic discussion, active games, and collaborative art, all celebrating the differences and similarities among all of us.

Related Exhibits: Creating Communities

MAINE ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Discover an array of Maine animal adaptations using real artifacts from our collection. Compare the natural abilities and limitations of a variety of animals through role-play and puppet interactions. Handle and explore amazing animal artifacts like moose antlers, turtle shells, mammal teeth, skulls, and furs. *Also available as a three-week kit rental.*

Related Exhibits: Ranger Station; Discovery Woods

MEET THE TURTLES

Get up close and personal with live yellow-bellied slider turtles! Use scientific observation skills while exploring real turtle artifacts such as shells and skulls. Learn all about the anatomy and biology of various turtles and tortoises from the land and sea before meeting a live turtle.

Related Exhibits: Ranger Station; Discovery Woods; Tide Pool Touch Tank

OCEAN EXPLORATION

Use imagination and puppetry to journey deep into the ocean. With the help of light levels to explore ocean zones, students will transform into ocean-dwelling creatures in our Dress-Up Theatre and meet creatures from the intertidal zone by visiting to our Tide Pool Touch Tank.

Related Exhibits: Tide Pool Touch Tank; Dress Up Theatre; Lights, Camera, Color; Lobster Boat

DINOSAUR FOSSIL DETECTIVES

What is a fossil, and what can it tell us? Travel back in time by completing a Mesozoic timeline, experience the life of a fossil through dramatic play, and explore our collection of prehistoric fossil replicas to determine the creatures to which they once belonged. Touch and examine casts of dinosaur fossils, as well as our life size T-Rex jawbone replica! *Also available as a three-week kit rental.*

Related Exhibits: Ranger Station; Discovery Woods

ROCKS AND MINERALS OF MAINE

Uncover the secrets of Maine's rocks and minerals using real specimens from our stunning collection. Handle and investigate watermelon tourmaline, green fluorite, and more as we experience what it's like to be geologists discovering the amazing beauty of earth's hidden gems.

Related Exhibits: Discovery Woods; Ranger Station

CAMERA OBSCURA

How do our eyes really work? Find out inside our Camera Obscura, a room-sized optical exhibit demonstrating principles of light, perspective, and vision. Discover the similarities between cameras, our eyeballs, and periscopes in this interactive show. Then create a collaborative piece of Camera Obscura art to take back to your classroom!

Related Exhibits: Lights, Camera, Color

MINI-PLANETARIUM SHOW: STARLAB®

What is a star made of? How did ancient people use stars as a compass and calendar? Learn about the intersection between science and culture by observing the night sky in our 20-foot StarLab dome. We'll also analyze a set of stars and make up our own constellation myth.

Related Exhibits: Space Shuttle

TAKE THE STAGE: THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

Bring the classic story of pigs and a wolf to life with a series of dramatic games and activities that will engage your entire class. This workshop is easily adaptable for any age group and promotes confidence, team-building, taking turns, and listening.

Related Exhibits: Dress-Up Theatre



Puppet Show:
Kids on the Block

PUPPET SHOWS

Experience the magic of live theatre with a classroom puppet show. Puppet shows encourage literacy through storytelling and offer opportunities for the audience to sing and play along.

Puppet shows are performed by two actor-educators and are available for groups of up to 60 people (children and adults).

Related Exhibits: Dress-Up Theatre

Choose from the following:

Stripes and Spots: Explore things that are the same and things that are different through the eyes of a young striped tiger and a young spotted leopard who set out in search of something to eat. By Maine writer and illustrator Dahlov Ipcar and produced with permission from Islandport Press.

3 Billy Goats Gruff: Compare goats of different sizes, from the smallest to the biggest, in this silly puppet show about the grass that's always greener on the other side.

Kids on the Block: Promote acceptance of differences and disability awareness with a *Kids on the Block* puppet show! *Kids on the Block* is a nationwide program using Bunraku-style puppetry as a way to break down barriers and create empathy and understanding. Each booking includes two puppet skits and an opportunity for the audience to ask the puppets questions afterwards.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS	IDEAL FOR	FIELD TRIP	OUTREACH	SHOW	KIT
Fair Ways to Play (New!)	Pre K-2	\$8/person	\$100		
Light and Shadow Play (New!)	Pre K-2	\$8/person	\$100		
Puppet Show: Stripes and Spots	Pre K-2		\$150		
Puppet Show: 3 Billy Goats Gruff	Pre K-2		\$150		

CULTURAL PROGRAMS	IDEAL FOR	FIELD TRIP	OUTREACH	SHOW	KIT
STARLAB	K-5	\$8/person	\$150		
We Are Maine (New!)	K-5	\$8/person	\$100		

THEATRE PROGRAMS	IDEAL FOR	FIELD TRIP	OUTREACH	SHOW	KIT
Take the Stage	Pre K-5	\$8/person	\$100		
Puppet Show: Kids on the Block	Grades 1-5		\$150	\$150	
See a Theatre Show	Pre K-Adult	\$8-\$15/person		\$450	

SCIENCE/STEM PROGRAMS	IDEAL FOR	FIELD TRIP	OUTREACH	SHOW	KIT
Maine Animal Adaptations	Pre K-5	\$8/person	\$100		\$125
Meet the Turtles	Pre K-5	\$8/person	\$100		
Ocean Exploration	Pre K-5	\$8/person			
Story of a Lake (New!)	Pre K-5	\$8/person	\$100		
The Life of Istar (Most popular!)	Pre K-5		\$150		
Dinosaur Fossil Detectives	K-5	\$8/person	\$100		\$125
Rocks and Minerals of Maine	K-5	\$8/person	\$100		
Simple Machines	K-5				\$125
Camera Obscura	K-Adult	\$8/person			

KITS

Enhance your curriculum with a kit! Kits can be rented for up to three weeks and can be picked up at the Museum & Theatre or shipped for an additional charge. These comprehensive kits contain activity plans, artifacts, and books.

**Dinosaur Fossil Detectives
Maine Animal Adaptations
Simple Machines (New!)**

THEATRE

Consider checking out our next show! The Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine produces theatre for kids, by kids, in the Dress-Up Theatre. Engage and inspire your students with live theatre! Shows are approximately one hour long. Shows available on select dates. Inquire about seat availability or limited dates for a private performance.

GROUP OPTIONS

FIELD TRIPS

- \$7 per person
- 2 hours of exhibit play
- Groups of 10 or more
- Two adults per 10 children are admitted free
- Available Tuesday through Friday (9:30am-5pm)

Field Trip + private program or show

- (options listed inside)
- \$8-\$15 per person
- 30 minute program
- 90 minutes of exhibit play

THEATRE SHOW

- \$8 per ticket to a main stage production (shows listed inside)
- Groups of 10 or more OR
- Private show - \$450 for up to 60 people

KITS

- \$125 (shipping fees may apply)
- Three-week kit rentals include artifacts, books, puppets and lesson plans

OUTREACH

- \$100-\$150 per program, plus mileage
- Host an educator to bring a hands-on, interdisciplinary, educational program to your school, camp, party, homeschool or event
- Maximum of 25 students per program or maximum of 60 students per puppet show
- Two program minimum beyond 10 miles and a three program minimum beyond 25 miles of the Museum & Theatre

OVERNIGHTS

- Starting at \$625
- Participate in private programming (options listed inside) and exhibit play
- Breakfast included
- Up to 75 people
- Friday or Saturday nights from 6pm to 9am the following morning



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Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance and are based on availability. Some events require more advanced notice. Please contact us with any questions.

WHY US?

- ✓ Experiential learning addresses areas of art, literacy, cultural awareness, science, civic engagement, and theatre, as well as skill development such as creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.
- ✓ Our programs and exhibits have undergone rigorous prototyping and testing to reflect success.
- ✓ Our theatre is for kids, by kids... the only one like it in the state!
- ✓ Our outreach programs bring the Museum & Theatre to you through creative, interdisciplinary hands-on programming including artifacts and materials not available in most classrooms.

Plus...we are FUN!

FIELD TRIPS
 OVERNIGHTS
 GROUP BOOKINGS
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