

Homeschool Days Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION?

Reservations can only be made through our online system:

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/education/school-programs/programs-school-groups-calendar>

When registering, make sure to only select "Q?rius Homeschool Day" options. Homeschool Day slots close a week before the program.

HOW DO I CANCEL MY RESERVATION?

Please e-mail NMNHschoolprograms@si.edu to cancel your reservation.

WHAT IS THE GRADE LEVEL/AGE REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A Q?RIUS HOMESCHOOL DAY?

In order to participate in a Q?rius Homeschool Day program, participants must be in 6th through 12th grade, and at least 11 years old by the date of the program. **Participants that do not meet the age and grade requirement will not be allowed to participate.** For younger students in grades K through 5th, please explore the [Q?rius jr. Homeschool Kits](#).

CAN YOUNGER SIBLINGS (10 AND UNDER/GRADES 5 AND BELOW) ATTEND Q?RIUS HOMESCHOOL DAY?

No, Q?rius school programs are designed for grades 6th through 12th. We unfortunately cannot accommodate younger siblings waiting in Q?rius during the program unless a Q?rius jr. Homeschool Kit has been reserved in advanced.

CAN PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WAIT IN Q?RIUS DURING THE PROGRAM?

Parents and guardians can remain in the space if they are acting as their group's chaperone. As a chaperone, you will play a very important role in guiding and encouraging students to actively learn throughout the program. You will receive our Chaperone Guide a week before your schedule program.

IS PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED IN Q?RIUS?

Yes! Feel free to photograph your participant(s) during the program and in the space.

WHAT IS YOUR LATE ARRIVAL POLICY?

10:15 AM CLASS - Participants that arrive after 10:30 am will not be permitted to join the class. If there is available space in the 11:45 am class you may transfer your reservation. Late participants can explore the museum and report to the lobby by 11:40 am to see if there are any available slots.

11:45 AM CLASS - Participants that arrive after 12:00 pm will not be permitted to join the class.

No exceptions will be made to the late arrival policy.

WHAT IF I ARRIVE AT THE MUSEUM EARLY?

You cannot enter the museum before 10 am. If you arrive before your class start time, feel free to explore the museum exhibits.



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WHAT IS YOUR INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY?

We follow the DCPS delay calls. In case of a two hour delay, the 10:15 am class will be cancelled. You will receive an e-mail confirming the cancellation the morning of the program, along with a notification of any available spaces in the 11:45 am timeslot.

HOW CAN I RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MY SCHEDULED PROGRAM?

Three weeks prior to your program, you will receive our full confirmation materials, which include our Field Trip Guide, Chaperone Guide, and Museum Map.

WHAT MATERIALS DO PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BRING TO THE CLASS?

Everything needed for the programs is provided. Participants may bring their own pencils, but pens are not permitted in Q?rius.

CAN I BRING IN FOOD OR DRINKS?

Food and drinks are not permitted in Q?rius.

WHAT IS THE CLASS DYNAMIC?

All Q?rius programs are led by a Museum Educator and involve working together in small groups. Depending on the program, participants may be grouped by age and grade level. Participants should be prepared to meet new people and work together!

HOW CAN MY PARTICIPANT OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM THE MUSEUM?

In order to obtain a certificate of completion, participants must attend all 8 classes: *A "Grizzly" Discovery*, *Bird Strike Whodunit*, *Deep Time Paleobiology*, *Dig Deep*, *Mystery at Yorktown Creek*, *Q?rius Collections Challenge*, *Reefs Unleashed*, and *Unearthing Egypt* on a Q?rius Homeschool Day. All 8 classes do not need to be completed during the same school year.

To receive the certificate, e-mail us at NMNHschoolprograms@si.edu with the dates of completion for all 8 classes. If you would like to receive your certificate on site after the completion of the final class, you must contact us at least a week in advance.

