

NATURAL HISTORY INVESTIGATIONS

Natural History Investigations Frequently Asked Questions

CAN I BRING A GUEST?

Each registration is only valid for the student named in the official acceptance email from YouthNMNH@si.edu. No guests will be permitted to attend, and acceptances are not transferrable. Family members are invited to participate during the Student Showcase on the final day of the program.

CAN I SWITCH TO A DIFFERENT WORKSHOP SERIES?

If you wish to change workshops please e-mail YouthNMNH@si.edu or call 202-633-4588 to be placed on the waitlist for another topic. Please note that you will not be guaranteed a space.

CAN I ATTEND TWO DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS?

Due to the crossover in content between the workshops, participants will only be allowed to attend one workshop series.

HOW MANY DAYS DO I HAVE TO ATTEND?

Participants are required to attend all scheduled days of their workshop series.

WHAT IS YOUR ARRIVAL AND LATE POLICY?

Participants are allowed to arrive 15 minutes before the start of their workshops. If you think that you will arrive after your scheduled start time please call the Youth Programs Cell 202-257-7294.

WHERE IN THE MUSEUM SHOULD I GO?

Unless informed otherwise, all workshop days will take place in Q?rius, The Coralyn W. Whitney Science Education Center. You can find the entrance to Q?rius in the Constitution Avenue Lobby on the Ground Floor of the museum.

WHAT IS YOUR INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY?

We follow the inclement weather decisions of DC Public Schools (DCPS). If DCPS cancels their after school programming, we will also cancel our workshops for that day. You will receive an email and a phone call from us confirming the cancellation.

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?

Participants will have the opportunity to work with real museum specimens and for the safety of the collections, food and drink will not be allowed in the workshop spaces. We highly recommend that all participants eat before coming to the museum. Participants will be allowed to bring a water bottle if it has a secure closure that prevents any liquid from spilling if knocked over. Participants in the all day DCPS workshops may bring a packed lunch.

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WHAT IS THE CLASS DYNAMIC?

The workshops will be led by Museum Educators and Scientists and involve working together in small groups. Participants should be prepared to meet new people and work together!

HOW CAN I USE MY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION WHEN APPLYING FOR OTHER NMNH YOUTH PROGRAMS?

If you are currently applying for YES! or Q?Crew we will note your completion on our end.

HOW DO I CANCEL MY REGISTRATION?

Please e-mail YouthNMNH@si.edu or call 202-633-4588 to cancel your reservation. Once you do so, your slot will immediately be given to someone on the waitlist and we will not be able to reinstate your reservation.

I PARTICIPATED IN A NATURAL HISTORY INVESTIGATION LAST YEAR, AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AGAIN THIS YEAR?

Yes, but preference will be given to first time participants.

