

# MOR

WINTER 2024  
JANUARY – APRIL

# SEASONAL SNAPSHOT

Welcome to your glimpse into behind-the-scenes news as well as upcoming programming, exhibits, and events at your world-class museum.



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## WINTER HOURS

Main Museum | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Museum Store | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## CLOSED

January 1, 2024

*Hours and days open are subject to change.*



MUSEUM OF  
THE ROCKIES

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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# MOR FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Members,

As we move from Winter to Spring, your museum is alive with activities. In this issue of the *Seasonal Snapshot*, you will read about our many youth programs that keep families engaged, the winter exhibit *Conserving America's Wildlands: The Vision of Ted Turner*, some of the research going on in our paleontology lab, new members events, a digital membership card that opens doors to increased benefits and opportunities, planetarium shows that take us to distant worlds, and so much more.

In addition to all the events taking place, such as the new *On The Rocks Ice Bar*, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Pour & Roar: Raptors & Romance*, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Dinosaurs and MOR!*, the museum is investing in itself. The rear-changing exhibit space will be closed for most of the winter as we renovate this key gallery to accommodate bigger and better shows with increased ceiling height and better lighting. It will reopen in May when we host New York's American Museum of Natural History's (AMNH) *Dragons, Unicorns, and Mermaids: Mythical Creatures* exhibit. This will be the first time that MOR has collaborated with AMNH, a renowned leader in the field of Natural History.

To maintain a state-of-the-art planetarium, we are also updating the Taylor Planetarium's computer and projection system. The planetarium will close on January 29 for this upgrade and is scheduled to reopen on February 8. While costing MOR over \$450,000, it is a critical investment in the museum's future and our ability to serve the public and members. This upgrade will allow us to continue to present shows in the planetarium and inspire visitors of all ages with science and culture.

In addition to these two significant improvements, thanks to the Board of Trustees, the museum is investing in new seating around the museum, painting and recarpeting key public areas, and based on popular demand, exploring a café option that might open as soon as May.

We could not do all of this without your support and involvement. Museum of the Rockies is here to serve you. This Winter, we are making lasting improvements to be a better museum while also trying to continue the high caliber of exhibits and programs that are expected of a world-class institution.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing MOR of you at the museum,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris".

Christopher Dobbs  
Executive Director

## ASTC Travel Passport Benefits

With your MOR membership, you are eligible for free or reduced general admission when you travel 90+ linear (not driving) miles outside of Bozeman to visit over 360 museums and science centers worldwide through the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) Travel Passport Program. Remember to take your current MOR membership card when you travel to receive this benefit!

**Learn more and search for participating venues at [astc.org](http://astc.org)**







**JANUARY 26 – APRIL 21, 2024**

Emmy-winning filmmaker Rhett Turner's photography celebrates his father's conservation efforts across 23 family properties, promoting sustainable land stewardship.

Rhett Turner is an Emmy award-winning filmmaker whose photography book, *Conserving America's Wildlands: the Vision of Ted Turner*, published by Rizzoli New York, celebrates his father's historic conservation efforts on twenty-three Turner family properties.

These lands, once totaling over two million acres, range from the Rocky Mountains and Dakota prairies to the foothills and coastal plains of the American Southeast. Turner's dramatic landscapes and wildlife portraits from these locales illustrate ways in which private land stewardship, practiced for the benefit of native species, and done in an economically sustainable way, can be successful and sustainable.



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

**Members-only Exhibit Opening  
& Meet the Photographer**

5:30 p.m. Light Refreshment,  
6 p.m. Ribbon Cutting  
6:10 – 7:30 p.m. Exhibit Preview,  
Book Signing, Slide Presentation

Join photographer Rhett Turner  
for the special exhibit opening,  
featuring a book signing, slide  
presentation, and Q&A session.





**APRIL 12 – 14, 2024**

Join us for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinosaurs & MOR!**, a family-friendly weekend bringing together leading paleontologists to showcase cutting-edge research in fun and engaging ways.

For information, ticket prices, and registration links, please visit [museumoftherockies.org/dinos](https://museumoftherockies.org/dinos)

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## **DINOSAURS & MOR!** **MEMBERS-ONLY APPRECIATION EVENING**

Friday, April 12, 2024

5:30 – 8 p.m. | RSVP is not required

Light reception of drinks & snacks

*Dinosaurs and MOR!* kicks-off with a night of appreciation exclusively for MOR members.

- **Paleo-themed passport activity stations** in the exhibit galleries. Some stations will have touchable material, microscope stations, short activities, and stamps for the passport. Participants will include Carter County Museum, Montana Dinosaur Museum, MOR's Histology Department, MSU's Dead Lizard's Society, the Montana Dinosaur Trail, and many more.
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Book signings by **Dr. Steve Brusatte**, University of Edinburgh, paleontologist and author of *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs* and *The Rise and Reign of the Mammals*, and **Anne Brusatte**, educator and author of *Dugie the Dinosaur*.
- 6 – 7 p.m. Booth and book signings by author and illustrator **Ted Rechlin**.
- Many of the weekend's **world-class paleontology guest speakers** will be present to meet.
- 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., & 6:30 p.m., the new ***Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*** planetarium show will premiere to members.
- 7 p.m. presentation by Michael Serio and **unveiling of the newly 3D printed *Troodon* skeleton**. Q&A follows.
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## **ART CONTEST!**

### **DINOSAURS AND MOR!** **PALEOARTAPALOOZA 2024**

Submission accepted  
January 2 – March 1, 2024

Winners displayed April 12 – 14, 2024

Free and open to the public to submit  
Limit one art piece per age per category

Artists of all ages are invited to submit their best dinosaur-themed art for a chance to win special prizes and showcase their talent at Museum of the Rockies during *Dinosaurs and MOR!* Choose from categories such as

'Most Scientifically Accurate,' 'Most Creative,' and 'Best Use of Materials' in both 2D and 3D formats. You will be asked to select the age group that best describes you or your child: Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Adult. No AI art.

A photo and description of the art must be uploaded by March 1 using the online submission form. Winners will be asked to mail or drop off their art pieces. Winners in each category will be recognized at the April 12 Member's Appreciation Evening (travel at own expense) to receive special prizes.





## DINOSAURS AND MOR! FAMILY WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | All Ages  
Included with membership/admission

Enjoy paleo-passport activity stations throughout the Siebel Dinosaur Complex and view *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival* in the Taylor Planetarium. Some passport stations will have touchable material, microscope stations, and short activities. Participants will include Carter County Museum, Montana Dinosaur Museum, MOR's Histology Department, MSU's Dead Lizard's Society, the Montana Dinosaur Trail, and many more. Get your passport stamped at all stations and receive a Jr. Paleontologist Certificate once the passport is complete.

## DINOSAURS & MOR! WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

### Happy Hatchling Dino Party

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14  
9 – 10 a.m. | Registration Required  
Free/Member Child + 1 member adult,  
\$10/Non-member Child + 1 adult museum  
admission

Babies and toddlers (0 - 3 years old) and their grown-ups are invited to join us for a dino-mite party! We will be joined by children's book author Anne Brusatte, for a reading of her book titled *Dugie the Dinosaur: Scotland's Sauropod*. Children will have an opportunity to engage their senses in a variety of dinosaur activities and will have a chance to create some take-home art. The cost of materials is included in the workshop fee. Limited to 25 children.

### Prehistoric Preschooler Playdate

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Registration Required  
Free/Member Child + 1 member adult,  
\$10/Non-member Child + 1 adult museum  
admission

Bring your preschool-aged child (3 - 5 years old) to join us for a morning of prehistoric dinosaur fun! We will be joined by children's book author Anne Brusatte for a reading of her book titled *Dugie the Dinosaur: Scotland's Sauropod*. Your preschooler will also have opportunities to dig for dinosaur fossils like a paleontologist, play dinosaur games, and create some take-home art. The cost of materials is included in the workshop fee. Limited to 25 children.

### Drawing Megalodon with Ted Rechlin

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14  
1 – 2 p.m. | Registration Required  
\$25/member, \$35/non-member +  
museum admission

Learn how to draw the mighty *Otodus megalodon* with expert paleoartist Ted Rechlin and unleash your inner artist! Ted is the author and illustrator of award-winning graphic novel-style books such as *Sharks: A 400 Million Year Journey*. All supplies provided. Limited to 25 people.

### Dinosaur Puppet Workshop

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Registration Required  
\$50/member, \$65/non-member +  
museum admission

Make your own scientifically accurate *Triceratops* head puppet out of specialized materials with TRX Dinosaurs owner Keegan Kuhn. Learn about his process of making a scientifically accurate puppet *Triceratops* and make your own to take home with you. The cost of materials is included in the workshop fee. Limited to 25 people.

## DINOSAURS & MOR! ALL-ACCESS LECTURE SERIES

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Registration Suggested,  
Museum Admission included  
Hager Auditorium

### 1-Day Pass

Member: \$35 Youth, \$50/adult  
Non-Member: \$50 Youth, \$65/adult

### 2-Day Pass

Member: \$60 Youth, \$80/adult  
Non-Member: \$80 Youth,  
\$100/adult

MSU student scholarships are available. Email programs@montana.edu if interested.

Over the course of two days, 18 renowned paleontologists will be presenting on a variety of topics

ranging from trilobites to *T. rex* to fossil whales. Each presentation will be 30 minutes long, making it an informative and engaging experience for all attendees.

The lineup includes Dr. Thomas Holtz, Dr. Stephanie Drumheller, Dr. John Foster, Dr. Sabre Moore, Lee Hall, Dr. Robert Boessenecker, Dr. Eugenia Gold, Dr. Mark Goodwin, Dr. Ray Rogers, Sarah Boessenecker, Dr. Julie Meachen, Dr. Karen Poole, Ashley Hall, Dr. Brenda Chinnery, Dr. Patrick Druckenmiller, Rhi LaVine, Dr. Victoria Arbour, and Dr. David Evans.

Throughout the weekend, there will be multiple opportunities to get books signed, bid on paleontology theme collectibles, fossil casts, unique pieces of paleoart, and more!

## DINOSAURS & MOR! DINNER & KEYNOTE WITH DR. STEVE BRUSATTE

Saturday, April 13  
6:30 p.m. | Registration Required  
\$60/member, \$75/non-member  
Inspiration Hall

Join us for an exciting evening filled with fun and learning! You are invited to a dinner event featuring a keynote speaker, Dr. Steve Brusatte, a renowned paleontologist at the University of Edinburgh. He has discovered several new dinosaur species, authored best-selling books such as *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs*, and has appeared in many documentaries about dinosaurs. A special appeal for MOR concludes the evening. It promises to sell out and be a dino-riffic night, so don't miss out!

Inspiration Hall is in Norm Asbjornson Hall at the intersection of W. Grant and S. 7th. Avenue. Parking is available in the attached parking garage.





LEFT: *Dinosaurs and MOR!* MIDDLE: Fossil Friday on Zoom with Ashley Hall. RIGHT: Summer Camp.

## EDUCATION & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### *Explore, Learn, & Create: MOR's Programs Bring Science and History to Life!*

Chelsea Hogan, Director of Education and Public Programming



This winter, join us at MOR for fun, immersive programs that inspire curiosity, inspiration, and lifelong learning about history and science for all ages.

I'm excited to share that we've added a new, all-ages drop-in drawing program for serious artists and art-curious folks alike. Whether you consider yourself an artist, enjoy drawing, or want to spend time getting to know museum objects better, our new Stop, Drop, and Draw program is for you. Please bring your family, friends, or yourself to draw with one of our talented teaching artists in the galleries.

Dinosaur lovers, get ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Dinosaurs and MOR!* This year will be bigger and better with more programming than ever! Whether you are science-minded, artistic, or both, there will be something for everyone. You can enjoy paleo talks from some of the world's most notable paleontologists, and we have added more workshops than in previous years.

Parents of young children can register for the Happy Hatchling Dino Party and Prehistoric Preschool Playdate. We'll also have a DIY puppet-making workshop with puppet master Keegan Kuhn from TRX Dinosaurs, and a MEGALODON drawing workshop with Ted Rechlin! And for the first year in *Dinosaurs and MOR!* history, we will have a juried paleoart contest for all ages and

abilities; and the winners will display their art prominently at MOR. Tell the artists in your life to submit their best paleo artworks via the website by March 1.

And speaking of dinosaurs...don't miss Virtual Fossil Friday, a new series that takes place every Friday on Zoom with MOR Outreach Manager Ashley Hall. This program is free and open to all, so bring your dinosaur questions! Those who want to dive deeper into deep time, attend Presenting Prehistory, an ongoing lecture series that explores fascinating topics with some of the nation's leading paleontologists.

For the first time, I'm proud to share that we are working with community partners such as Family Outreach, PeachTree MT, Eagle Mount, Reach, and AACT Montana to develop Inclusive Imagination, a thoughtful program designed to serve neurodivergent museum-goers better. Please share this upcoming program with anyone who may enjoy a sensory-friendly experience.

Oh! And before I go, don't forget that our popular Summer Camp registration opens in January. Mark your calendars for January 8 because registration is open for members a week before the public, and camps will sell out.

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Dane Johnson, Paleontology Lab & Field Specialist working in the field and in the lab for Museum of the Rockies.

## PALEONTOLOGY



### *Managing Microscopes and Mastering Plaster*

**Dane Johnson, Paleontology Lab & Field Specialist**

It started with some words of advice. I was fortunate to meet paleontologist Dr. Kelli Trujillo as part of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade school project on careers in the field. “Dane, if you want to do this, you need to go where the bones are,” she said.

After graduating high school, my college plans focused on just that, a school with a paleontology program and a backyard loaded with dinosaurs. Before my first semester at Montana State University (MSU) even started, I emailed the museum’s director of paleontology, asking if any fossil preparation positions were open.

Dr. John Scannella, the John R. Horner Curator of Paleontology, referred me to a federal work-study position in the paleohistology lab, where I could work part-time while in school. “I am very interested!” I wrote excitedly, while my mind began to swirl, “What the heck is paleohistology?”

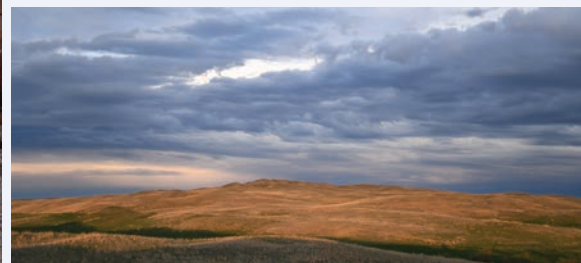
Under the guidance of Paleohistology Lab Manager Ellen-Thérèse Lamm, I was introduced to this phenomenon of grinding down fossil bone to the thickness of a sheet of paper and observing it under a microscope. I was transported to another

world, where the very small microstructures within the bones make a very large impact.

At MSU, my geology and paleontology classes were preparing me for lab techniques and fieldwork. Learning fossil preparation taught me how to take apart and re-assemble specimens, skills vital to the paleohistology process. As a student, I also gained field experience. First, by looking for microfossils in the Cretaceous Blackleaf Formation of Southwest Montana as part of a field paleontology class. Those methods carried over to digging with MOR Lab and Field Manager Lee Hall and MOR’s field crews, getting a taste for large dinosaur excavations across the state.

I am grateful to now be working professionally with such a dedicated staff and volunteer base. Their guidance, patience, and expectations have prepared me for my new role as Paleontology Lab and Field Specialist. Capitalizing on my passions for both paleohistology and fieldwork, I look forward to exploring Montana’s natural history, providing a valuable scientific resource to a place and community I have been able to call home and family for over four years now. Here’s to many more!





An exhibit featuring photographs by Rhett Turner, opens January 26, 2024.

## EXHIBITIONS & TAYLOR PLANETARIUM



### ***Wildlife, Renovations, and Celestial Adventures: A Triad of Winter Wonders Unveiled***

**Scott A. Williams, Director of Exhibitions and Taylor Planetarium**

As we take the first transformative steps into winter and look forward to spring, we're excited to announce a new exhibit *Conserving America's Wildlands: The Vision of Ted Turner*. This 3,000-square-foot exhibit will showcase numerous framed photographs of wildlife from over 20 properties conserved by Ted Turner across the United States. The photographs will feature bison, desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, grey wolves, and songbirds of every color.

All the photos were taken by Ted's son, Emmy Award-winning and acclaimed photographer, Rhett Turner. Rhett's work has been featured on PBS and his travels have taken him all over the world to places including the Antarctic, Greenland, Italy, the Galapagos Islands, Rwanda, and North and South Korea. The exhibit was inspired by the best-selling book of the same name by Rhett Turner and Todd Wilkinson.

MOR is undergoing some changes, so instead of discussing the second special exhibit, I would like to inform you about some renovations being made. The rear exhibit hall, which is 40 years old, has some deficiencies that have become

increasingly difficult to work around. Its drop ceiling limits the height of the traveling exhibits we can display to objects that are under 11 feet tall.

The track lighting in our exhibit space is outdated and not suitable for many special exhibits. I am pleased to inform you that MOR is using this winter and spring to renovate and enhance our rear-changing exhibit area with a higher ceiling and better lighting. This will enable us to showcase a wider variety of blockbuster special exhibits. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our members as we work to improve the services and experiences we offer.

Meanwhile, there are still many exciting things going on in the Taylor Planetarium. Several new planetarium shows this season include: *Incoming*, which allows you to hitch a ride on comets and asteroids while George Takei narrates; *One Sky*, which explores the night sky through indigenous peoples' perspectives; and *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival* helps our younger viewers learn about the reign of dinosaurs. In addition, we will have updated *Montana Skies* and favorites like *Voyager*, *Secret of the Cardboard Rocket*, and *Faster Than Light*.



## MUSEUM STORE



### ***New Year, New Products: A Look at What's in Store in 2024***

**JoAnne Karnop, Museum Store Manager and Buyer**

The welcoming of the New Year brings refreshing new products, book signings, and special offerings that align with our exhibits and member events! Here is a little taste of what the Museum Store will be introducing in 2024:

- After many years of being out of print, MOR is reprinting the fabulous children's book *Maia, A Dinosaur Grows Up*, written by Jack Horner and Jim Gorman and illustrated by Douglas Henderson. It will be available to purchase in January.
- Another children's book, *Prehistoric Worlds*, written by MOR's Ashley Hall, has a March release date. We will have it in stock and possibly signed.
- In addition, I have pulled out the stops on my obsession of creating and sourcing unique, high-quality, functional branded merchandise! Hand-thrown mugs and apparel from Minnesota to Native-designed contemporary products from 8th Generation based in Seattle, Washington.



- We are proud to represent several Montana authors and makers and the selection continues to grow. Exclusive to MOR, new designs in pins, magnets, and stickers that are sure to adorn a water bottle, refrigerator or backpack! Not to mention caps, hoodies, and t-shirts for the whole family.
- Last, don't forget to check out the latest eco-friendly plush, educational products, and on-trend items to inspire even our youngest Museum guests!

My team and I invite you into the amazing Museum Store to explore, say hello, and find a treasure. We value you, and your purchases do make a difference.

## MARKETING



### ***New Marketing Coordinator Brings Fresh Energy***

**Alicia Harvey, Director of Marketing**

It is a pleasure to introduce Jensyn Stewart, a new member of our team! Originally from Tracy, California, Jensyn made Bozeman her home when she enrolled and started working at Montana State University. Beginning as a summer writing intern for MOR's marketing department, Jensyn assumed the role of Marketing Coordinator in September 2023.

With five years of experience working at Montana State University and a degree in English Writing, Jensyn brings a wealth of knowledge to her role. She is enhancing and



Jensyn Stewart

refreshing our social media outreach and online reputation management. Jensyn will also assist me in promoting our exhibits, events, programs, and overall brand to increase member/visitor engagement and enhance our public image.

Beyond her professional pursuits, she enjoys outdoor adventures on Pipestone and Storm Castle trails, fishing, and floating the Madison River. In winter, you will find

her immersed in books and movies or cheering on hockey teams in the Haynes Pavilion. Join us in welcoming Jensyn to our vibrant MOR community!

## DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP



### ***Common Ground: Business & Corporate Giving at Museum of the Rockies***

**Dr. Patricia 'Tricia' Erikson, Director of Development and Membership**

From small boutiques to global corporations, Museum of the

Rockies partners with dozens of businesses and corporations to better serve the Montana community. The common ground centers around finding ways to create, strengthen, or celebrate the Montana community through an alignment of the company's values with the museum's mission.

These partnerships are expressed in many ways, for example:

- Business memberships.
- An in-kind contribution of goods or services by a business.
- Business sponsorship of events, exhibits, or programs.
- Business donations to support educational mission or access initiatives.
- Comarketing and share of product sales.

Some of the museum's business partnerships with Gibson Guitar, Wells Fargo, and Northwestern Energy, for example, have spanned many, many decades. The longevity of this loyal support is truly remarkable. Other partnerships are forged with brand-new local businesses, such as The Flower Bar, Italian Bespoke Pantry, or Basiclai Studio.

Each type of partnership comes with its own benefits. Corporate giving is a way for employers to reinforce a particular culture in their workplace or to create a pathway for employees to get involved in the community and experience a sense of belonging.



JP Morgan Chase's Claudius Duncan, Tucker Erdmann, and Sean Paulauskis, pose for a picture with 2023 *Evening at the Museum* Keynote Speaker Barbara Van Cleve.

The many ways that the museum says thank you include:

- *Business Partner Night at the Museum* is an invitation to employees and their families of business partners to enjoy the museum all to themselves for the evening at no charge.
- Visibility to our 250,000 visitors, and over 5,500 households and businesses who are members.
- Invitations to VIP and behind-the-scenes events.
- Museum admission passes.

Museum of the Rockies appreciates the contributions that Montana businesses make to the community, and we are grateful for their ongoing partnership.

For more information about sponsorship and giving opportunities, please contact me at [patricia.erikson@montana.edu](mailto:patricia.erikson@montana.edu) or 406.994.4973.

**Thank you to all of our business supporters, with special thanks to the leadership of the following companies:**







## Museum Membership Cards Go Digital: Museum Anywhere

### Jennifer Miller, Membership & Annual Giving Manager

Exciting news! We have transitioned to digital membership cards which can be saved to your digital wallet using the **FREE eMembership Card app** on your smartphone or tablet.

You do not have to search for your membership card anymore because it will be on your phone. By downloading your digital card, you help Museum of the Rockies to serve our member community better by redirecting staff hours where we need them the most. This allows us to create more member perks and programming for you!

#### HOW TO DOWNLOAD AND USE THE APP

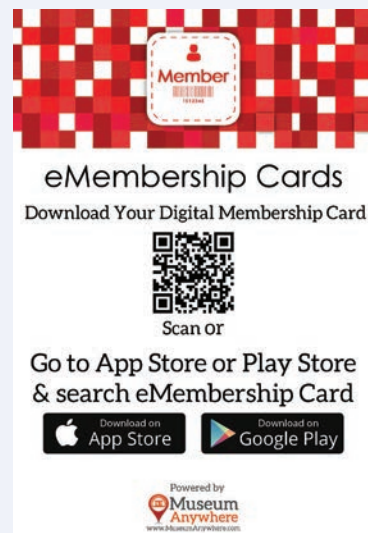
- 1) **Download the eMembership Card app** from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. The app has a red silhouette icon with the word 'Member' and a barcode.
- 2) Open the eMembership Card app and search for Museum of the Rockies.
- 3) Once you have selected Museum of the Rockies, click the "Find my Membership Cards" button.
- 4) Enter your phone number **or** membership # **and** your last name. Click "Find".
  - a. If you search using your phone number, be sure to enter the phone number you provided when you purchased your membership. If you did not provide a phone number, you will need to have your member # to find your card.
- 5) When your membership information is found, click the "Show My Membership Card".
- 6) Select the "Download my Card" button to store your membership card in the app.
  - a. You can display your membership card at any time by clicking the "Show my Membership Cards" button.
  - b. You can also choose to add your membership card to the digital wallet on your device by selecting, "Add to Wallet".

**For admission to Museum of the Rockies**, you will be asked to show a photo ID along with your digital membership card.

**To view the benefits associated with your membership level**, including ASTC Travel Passport reciprocal admission benefits, click the "Membership Benefits" button.

**Thank you for downloading your Museum of the Rockies digital membership card.**

If you are having trouble downloading the app or finding your membership card, please see the FAQs on the Membership page at [museumoftherockies.org/membership](http://museumoftherockies.org/membership) or email us at [members@montana.edu](mailto:members@montana.edu).



# MOR JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit [museumoftherockies.org/calendar](https://museumoftherockies.org/calendar) for exhibit, lecture, program, and event details, as well as registration links. All events and programs are subject to change or cancellation.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Happy New Year! MOR is closed for the holiday.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

**Dinosaurs & MOR!**  
**Paleoartapalooza**  
**Submission Begins**  
See page 3 for details.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

**\*Virtual\* Fossil Friday**  
9 a.m. | Via Zoom  
Free and open to the public



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

**Spotlight on History:**  
**Yellowstone National Park**  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.  
Paugh History Hall  
Included with membership/admission

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8

**Homeschool Monday**  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required  
Free for homeschooling families



**Summer Camp Registration**  
**Opens for MOR Members**  
10 a.m. | Online Only  
See page 21 for details.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

**Preschool Pioneers**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Ages 3 – 5 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

**Little Learners**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Ages 1 – 3 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

**Sensational Babies**  
1 – 2 p.m.  
Ages 0 – 18 months  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12



**\*Virtual\* Fossil Friday**  
9 a.m. | Via Zoom  
Free and open to the public

**Little Learners**  
10 – 11 a.m.  
Ages 1 – 3 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

**Sensational Babies**  
1 – 2 p.m.  
Ages 0 – 18 months  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

**Raptor Meet & Greet**  
Redstart Classroom  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Included with membership/admission  
Join Montana Raptor Conservation  
Center educators to meet  
modern-day dinosaurs.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

**Preschool Pioneers**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Ages 3 – 5 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

**Summer Camp Registration**  
**Opens to the Public**  
10 a.m. | Online Only  
See page 21 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

**Little Learners**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Ages 1 – 3 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

**Sensational Babies**  
1 – 2 p.m.  
Ages 0 – 18 months  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission



Sensational Babies





## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

### **NEW! On the Rocks Ice Bar**

5:30 p.m. | Age 21+ only

\$45/member, \$50/non-member

Registration required

Details on the back cover.

Explore Rocky Mountain ice harvesting history with 2 cocktails, hot cider, hot chili, dessert, and an educational program.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

### **Homeschool Monday**

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required

Free for homeschooling families

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

### **Preschool Pioneers**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

### **Little Learners**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

### **Members-only Exhibit Opening & Meet the Photographer**

5:30 p.m. Light Refreshment,

6 p.m. Ribbon Cutting

6:10 – 7:30 p.m. Exhibit Preview, Book Signing, Slide Presentation

Join photographer Rhett Turner for the special exhibit, *Conserving America's Wildlands: The Vision of Ted Turner*, featuring a book signing, slide presentation, and Q&A session.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

### **\*Virtual\* Fossil Friday**

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### **Little Learners**

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



Preschool Pioneers

## JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 7

Taylor Planetarium is closed for an upgrade to Digistar 7.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

### **Preschool Pioneers**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

### **Little Learners**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



### **Finding Your Roots with Nick Sheedy**

Hager Auditorium | 6 – 8 p.m.

Members-only Exclusive Event

Limited tickets available.

Registration Required.

Join genealogist and research historian Nick Sheedy for an evening of conversation about the hit PBS show *Finding Your Roots*.

# MOR FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## FEBRUARY 1 – 7

Taylor Planetarium is closed for an upgrade to Digistar 7.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**Presenting Prehistory: Horned Dinosaurs with Dr. Brenda Chinnery**

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium  
Free and open to the public  
After the lecture, there will be a meet-and-greet with refreshments.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

#### **\*Virtual\* Fossil Friday**

9 a.m. | Via Zoom  
Free and open to the public

#### **Little Learners**

10 – 11 a.m.  
Ages 1 – 3 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

#### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.  
Ages 0 – 18 months  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

#### **NEW! Stop, Drop, and Draw: Bison**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
*Welcome to Yellowstone Country* Exhibition  
Included with membership/admission  
Join MOR's teaching artists in a drop-in program to draw bison and other museum specimens. Perfect for all ages! No experience is necessary. Materials are provided.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

#### **Preschool Pioneers**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Ages 3 – 5 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

#### **Little Learners**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Ages 1 – 3 years | Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

#### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.  
Ages 0 – 18 months  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission



**Conservation Conversation: Bison, Wolves, and Land**  
6 p.m. | Virtual via Zoom  
**Free for members, \$10 for non-members.**

Experts discuss wildland conservation in Montana, home to dynamic landscapes and iconic wildlife.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

#### **Cosmos & Coffee: A Member-only Series of Events**

7:30 p.m. | Coffee and light morning refreshments  
7:45 p.m. | *One Sky* planetarium show  
For MOR Members  
Registration required

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

#### **\*Virtual\* Fossil Friday**

9 a.m. | Via Zoom  
Free and open to the public

#### **Little Learners**

10 – 11 a.m.  
Ages 1 – 3 years  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

#### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.  
Ages 0 – 18 months  
Registration required  
Included with membership/admission

#### **Cosmos & Cookies:**

##### **A Member-only Series of Events**

5:30 p.m. | Enjoy cookies & meet other MOR member families  
5:45 p.m. | *One Sky* Part 1  
6:15 p.m. | Cookie Break  
6:30 p.m. | *One Sky* Part 2  
For MOR Members  
Registration required

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

#### **Raptor Meet & Greet**

Redstart Classroom  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Included with membership admission  
Join Montana Raptor Conservation Center educators to meet modern-day dinosaurs.

#### **Spotlight on History: Montana and the Bison**

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.  
Paugh History Hall  
Included with membership/admission  
Learn about the bison's impact on the Great Plains and Indigenous peoples, complementing the *Conserving America's Wildlands* exhibition.



## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

### Homeschool Monday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required  
Free for homeschooling families

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

### Preschool Pioneers

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



### Pour and Roar: Raptors and Romance

6 p.m. | Age 21+ only

\$60 per ticket

Registration required

Details on back cover

Join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual prehistoric Valentine's date-night experience! Enjoy complimentary wine tasting from Plonk, delectable appetizers, and a special lecture on fossil fornication from *EONS* host Kallie Moore. Additionally, check out adult-related historical objects with Curator of Cultural History Michael Fox, and a special show in the Taylor Planetarium. Don't miss this unique night before it sells out!

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

### \*Virtual\* Fossil Friday

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### Little Learners

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

### \*Virtual\* Fossil Friday

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### Little Learners

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

### Montana Day: Free Admission to MOR

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Explore MOR

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Taylor  
Planetarium show

12 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Hager  
Auditorium shows

Free to all Montana Residents  
Explore MOR for free on Montana  
Day, for this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event for all  
Montana residents. Join thousands  
of visitors to see special exhibits,  
planetarium shows, natural history  
displays, and more.

Underwriting Sponsor:

**US Bank**

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

### Homeschool Monday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required  
Free for homeschooling families

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

### Preschool Pioneers

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months  
Registration required

Included with membership/admission

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## FRIDAY, MARCH 1

### **\*Virtual\* Fossil Friday**

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### **Little Learners**

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### **Dinosaurs & MOR!**

#### **Paleoartapalooza Last Day for Submissions**

See page 3 for details.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

### **Preschool Pioneers**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

### **Little Learners**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7

### **Presenting Prehistory: Soft-tissue Fossilization with Dr. Mary Schweitzer**

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Free and open to the public

After the lecture, there will be a meet-and-greet with refreshments.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8

### **Little Learners**

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### **Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



## SATURDAY, MARCH 9

### **Women's History Family Day 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Included with membership/  
admission

Celebrate women's achievements, contributions, and impact in the Northern Rockies. Learn about women's important work in history and STEAM from community organizations, artists, and MSU student groups. Enjoy inspiring talks and activities to spark the young leader in your family.

## MONDAY, MARCH 11

### **Homeschool Monday**

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required

Free for homeschooling families

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

### **Inclusive Imagination: A neurodivergent sensory-friendly museum event**

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Free for participating families

Registration required

Enjoy a sensory-friendly museum experience at our special event with Quiet Corner, Scavenger Hunts, Sensory Play Station, Puzzle Zone, Sensory Craft Station, Storytelling Area, Crash Zone, and more. Secure environment with single entry/exit. Drop in anytime during event hours. Meet our community partners including Family Outreach, PeachTree MT, Eagle Mount, Reach, and AACT Montana.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

### **\*Virtual\* Fossil Friday**

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### **NEW! Stop, Drop, and Draw: Bison**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*Welcome to Yellowstone Country*  
Exhibition

Included with membership/  
admission

Join MOR's teaching artists in a drop-in program to draw bison and other museum specimens. Perfect for all ages! No experience is necessary. Materials are provided.





Preschool Pioneers

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

### Raptor Meet & Greet

Redstart Classroom

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Included with membership/  
admission

Join Montana Raptor Conservation  
Center educators to meet modern-  
day dinosaurs.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

### Preschool Pioneers

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



Homeschool Mondays

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

### \*Virtual\* Fossil Friday

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### Little Learners

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Included with membership/admission



### Observe the Moon: Members- only Series of Events

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

Observe craters and mountains  
on the moon with telescopes  
outside the museum. Celebrate  
the moon's splendor with *Forward  
to the Moon* under the planetarium  
dome. Activities available for  
young explorers and light  
refreshments will be provided.

## MONDAY, 25

### Homeschool Monday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required

Free for homeschooling families

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

### Preschool Pioneers

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29



### \*Virtual\* Fossil Friday

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### Little Learners

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



Sensational Babies

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## MONDAY, APRIL 1

**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

## TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**Preschool Pioneers**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



**View of the Vault: A Members-only Series of Events**

**Unveiling Egg Mountain: 45 Years of Dinosaur Discoveries**

6 p.m.

Director's Guild, Curator's Circle, and Collector's Circle Members will receive email invitations to RSVP as a thank-you for their philanthropic support. RSVP is required as this event is limited to 20 attendees.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**Little Learners**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years | Registration required

Included with membership/admission

**Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**Presenting Prehistory: Dinosaur Dispersal with Dr. Chris Organ**

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Free and open to the public

After the lecture, there will be a meet-and-greet with refreshments.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**Little Learners**

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

**Sensational Babies**

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



**History is a Joke**

6 – 8 p.m. | Hager Auditorium  
\$15/person | Ages 18+

Let's make fun of history in honor of April Fool's Day. Bozeman's best comics and historians compete in wacky challenges to give hot takes on famous and infamous history. The audience will vote for the top three funniest acts.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 6



**NEW! Stop, Drop, and Draw: Bison**  
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## TUESDAY, APRIL 9

**Preschool Pioneers**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

### \*Virtual\* Fossil Friday

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### DINOSAURS & MOR! MEMBERS-ONLY APPRECIATION EVENING

5:30 – 8 p.m. | RSVP is not required

Details on pages 3 & 4

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13

### DINOSAURS & MOR!

Family Weekend, Workshops,  
Lecture Series, & Dinner  
with Dr. Steve Brusatte

Various times and registration is  
required for many events

Details on pages 3 & 4



## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

### DINOSAURS & MOR!

Family Weekend, Workshops,  
& Lecture Series

Various times and registration is  
required for many events

Details on pages 3 & 4

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

### Homeschool Monday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required

Free for homeschooling families

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16

### Preschool Pioneers

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years | Registration  
required

Included with membership/admission

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19

### \*Virtual\* Fossil Friday

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### Little Learners

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

### Preschool Pioneers

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission



Preschool Pioneers

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

### Little Learners

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26

### \*Virtual\* Fossil Friday

9 a.m. | Via Zoom

Free and open to the public

### Little Learners

10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 1 – 3 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

### Sensational Babies

1 – 2 p.m.

Ages 0 – 18 months

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

## MONDAY, APRIL 29

### Homeschool Monday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Registration required

Free for homeschooling families

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30

### Preschool Pioneers

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Registration required

Included with membership/admission

# MOR TAYLOR PLANETARIUM

With a 40-foot dome and 110 reclining seats, join us for immersive shows that change with the seasons. The team consists of staff, volunteers, and Montana State University students, providing an educational and awe-inspiring experience for all ages.

**Show Pricing** is Free for MOR members, \$3 per non-member age 5+, and Free for non-members age 0 – 4.

**Tickets** are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the show and can be obtained at the Front Desk. Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable.

**Seating** is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please arrive 10 – 15 minutes early to secure your seat, as the doors close promptly at the top of the hour. Food and beverages are not allowed in the planetarium.

## JANUARY 2 – JANUARY 28

### Monday – Friday

- 12 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
- 1 p.m. | *Faster Than Light: The Dream of Interstellar Flight*
- 2 p.m. | *Montana Skies*

### Saturday – Sunday

- 10 a.m. | *Secret of the Cardboard Rocket*
- 11 a.m. | *Faster Than Light: The Dream of Interstellar Flight*
- 12 p.m. | *Voyager: The Never-ending Journey*
- 1 p.m. | *Faster Than Light: The Dream of Interstellar Flight*
- 2 p.m. | *Voyager: The Never-ending Journey*
- 3 p.m. | *Faster Than Light: The Dream of Interstellar Flight*

## JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 8

The planetarium is closed for an upgrade to Digistar 7, offering a higher-resolution and immersive visualization of astronomical data.

## FEBRUARY 9 – APRIL 12

### Monday – Friday

- 12 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
- 1 p.m. | *Incoming!*
- 2 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
- 3 p.m. | *Incoming!*

### Saturday – Sunday

- 10 a.m. | *Secret of the Cardboard Rocket*
- 11 a.m. | *Incoming!*
- 12 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 1 p.m. | *Incoming!*
- 2 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 3 p.m. | *Incoming!*

## APRIL 13 & 14

- 10 a.m. | *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*
- 11 a.m. | *Impact!*
- 12 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 1 p.m. | *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*
- 2 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 3 p.m. | *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*

## APRIL 15 – 23

### Monday – Friday

- 12 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
- 1 p.m. | *Incoming!*
- 2 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
- 3 p.m. | *Incoming!*

### Saturday – Sunday

- 10 a.m. | *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*
- 11 a.m. | *Incoming!*
- 12 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 1 p.m. | *Incoming!*
- 2 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 3 p.m. | *Incoming!*

## APRIL 24

Montana Free Day! *Forward! To the Moon* will show throughout the day.

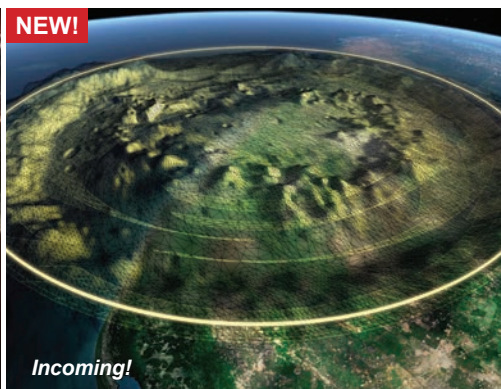
## APRIL 25 – 30

### Monday – Friday

- 12 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
- 1 p.m. | *Incoming!*
- 2 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
- 3 p.m. | *Incoming!*

### Saturday – Sunday

- 10 a.m. | *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*
- 11 a.m. | *Incoming!*
- 12 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 1 p.m. | *Incoming!*
- 2 p.m. | *One Sky*
- 3 p.m. | *Incoming!*







Montana Skies

### Montana Skies

Join our interactive live-narrated show, which is tailored to each season and covers the visible stars and planets. Witness the majestic Orion and the nearby nebulas, Taurus with a supernova remnant, along with the latest James Webb Space Telescope releases. Suitable for ages 10+.

### Faster Than Light: The Dream of Interstellar Flight

Astronomers are racing to find habitable worlds, including any that might exist in the near our Sun. If we find one, how will we get there? Experience virtual rides on futuristic spacecraft powered by new technologies and exotic rocket fuels. Suitable for ages 8+.

### Voyager: The Never-ending Journey

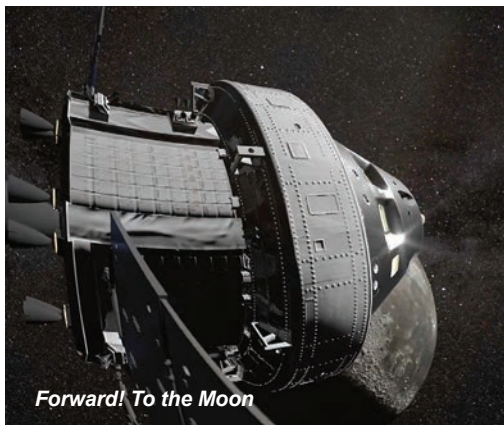
Launched in 1977, two space probes now explore interstellar space. They carry the Golden Record - an interstellar message intended for any alien civilization. The record contains sounds and images from Earth, along with instructions on how to play them. Suitable for ages 8+.

### NEW! Incoming!

Narrated by George Takei, explore the past, present, and future of our Solar System and the landmark discoveries scientists have made by sending spacecraft to visit tiny worlds. Suitable for ages 8+.

### NEW! One Sky

Experience an international collaboration aimed at building cross-cultural connections and increasing understanding of Indigenous perspectives while highlighting our shared sky. Suitable for ages 8+.



Forward! To the Moon

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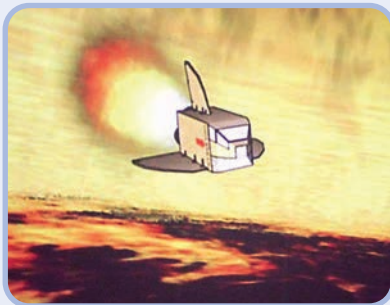
Narrated by Kari Byron, discover NASA's Artemis program exploring the universe and landing the first woman and person of color on the Moon. Suitable for ages 8+.

### FOR THE YOUNGER KIDS!



### NEW! Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival

Discover the evolution of dinosaurs from millions of years ago to their extinction due to a catastrophic event. Perfect for children under age 10.



### Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

Join two children and their talking astronomy book on a journey through the solar system in a cardboard rocket! Visit the Sun, planets, Moon, and more. Perfect for children under age 8.

## HAGER AUDITORIUM SHOWS

Auditorium shows are included with museum membership/admission and are selected for all ages. Food and beverages are not allowed in the auditorium. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and shows may be canceled for special events.

## JANUARY 2 – APRIL 30

### Monday – Friday

12:30 p.m. | *The Bird and the Tree*  
1:30 p.m. | *Great Yellowstone Thaw*  
2:30 p.m. | *The Bird and the Tree*

### Saturday – Sunday

11:30 a.m. | *The Bird and the Tree*  
12:30 p.m. | *Great Yellowstone Thaw*  
1:30 p.m. | *The Bird and the Tree*  
2:30 p.m. | *Great Yellowstone Thaw*  
3:30 p.m. | *The Bird and the Tree*

### The Bird and the Tree

Explore the remarkable relationship between Whitebark pine trees and the resilient Clark's Nutcracker.

Flourishing in North America's rugged terrains, these trees and birds are pivotal in shaping entire mountain ecosystems. In just 20 minutes, witness the evolution of two distinct organisms, creating an intricate tapestry of life. Suitable for ages 8+.

### Great Yellowstone Thaw

Experience one of the toughest seasonal transformations on Earth. Accompany a team of scientists and wildlife photographers as they document the wildlife's response to this change and observe the effects of an altering climate. View the dramatic events that unfold during the thaw and study the individual impacts on many of Yellowstone's most iconic wildlife. Suitable for ages 8+.



Great Yellowstone Thaw

# MOR HAPPY CAMPERS

## 2024 SUMMER CAMPS

Hey there! Do you have a student entering 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2024? If yes, then you must check out the amazing STEAM-themed camps at MOR! These camps will allow you to explore the worlds of history, paleontology, science, art, and much more, all summer long! Learn from the experts, make new friends, create craft projects, and participate in active games. These camps are in high demand, so make sure to secure your spot before they fill up!



### 5 – Day Camps | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday – Friday

\$275/camper for museum members, \$315/camper for non-members

### 4 – Day Camps (week of July 4<sup>th</sup>) | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday – Wednesday, and Friday

\$220/camper for museum members, \$250/camper for non-members

### Registration and payment is online only at [museumoftherockies.org/camps](https://museumoftherockies.org/camps)

- Registration opens for current Museum of the Rockies members on Monday, January 8 at 10 a.m.
- Non-member registration opens Tuesday, January 16 at 10 a.m.
- All sales are final and non-refundable.
- Limited scholarship funds are available to apply for via the LearnMOR scholarship application found on the summer camp webpage

For questions, please email our education team at [programs@montana.edu](mailto:programs@montana.edu).

Week	GRADE 1 – 2	GRADE 3 – 5	GRADE 6 – 8	GRADE 9 – 12
JUNE 17 – 21	<i>Astronauts in Training</i>  <i>Backyard Ballistics</i>	<i>Jr. Paleontologists</i>	N/A	N/A
JUNE 24 – 28	<i>Jr. Paleontologists</i>	<i>Astronauts in Training</i>  <i>Backyard Ballistics</i>	N/A	N/A
JULY 1 – 3, 5	<i>Surviving Yellowstone</i>  <i>Jr. Paleontologists</i>	<i>Art and Science</i>	N/A	N/A
JULY 8 – 12	<i>Art and Science</i>	<i>Surviving Yellowstone</i>	<i>Fossil Fanatics</i>	N/A
JULY 15 – 19	N/A	<i>Paleo Art</i>	<i>Surviving Yellowstone</i>	<i>Fossil Fanatics</i>
JULY 22 – 26	<i>Little Museum on the Prairie</i>	N/A	<i>Paleo Art</i>	N/A
JULY 29 – AUGUST 2	<i>History Hunters</i>	<i>Little Museum on the Prairie</i>  <i>Monsters and Mysteries</i>	N/A	N/A
AUGUST 5 – 9	<i>Monsters and Mysteries</i>	<i>Museum Masters</i>  <i>History Hunters</i>	N/A	N/A



## CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

### **ASTRONAUTS-IN-TRAINING**

Are you curious about what it takes to become an astronaut? We are searching for kids who possess the “right stuff” to join us on a thrilling journey beyond our planet, where they will explore the inner workings of rockets and discover how people can sustain long-term living in space. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **JR. PALEONTOLOGISTS**

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a true paleontologist? How are fossils discovered, prepared, and ultimately displayed for the public to see? Join us for an immersive experience in paleontology where you will learn about the entire process, from excavating fossils to preparing them for display. By the end of our camp, you will have the opportunity to create your own mini exhibit, showcasing the fossil you discovered and prepared. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore the world of paleontology! **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **HISTORY HUNTERS**

What historic hijinks and mysteries lurk in Montana's past? In this camp, we will discover the stories of mountain men, gold seekers, homesteaders, and more. Explore ancient artifacts and dust off forgotten manuscripts as we hunt Montana's historic treasures. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **BACKYARD BALLISTICS**

Look out! If it is flung, shot, launched, or thrown, it's ballistic. We will have an explosive time with spears, arrows, rocks, rockets (and potatoes?) in this exciting physics-based summer camp with plenty of hands-on projects. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **SURVIVING YELLOWSTONE**

Investigate the wide variety of science about Yellowstone! Learn what it takes to survive in its open wilderness! Meet microbes, plants, animals, and geysers, make Yellowstone-themed crafts, and much more in this camp all about the first National Park. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5, 6 – 8**

### **PALEO ART**

How do we know what the ancient Earth looked like? How would a dinosaur fit into the living environment around it? In this camp, express your creative self and scientific mind as we paint, draw, sculpt, and study the dinosaurs of ancient Montana. **Grades 3 – 5, 6 – 8**

### **ART AND SCIENCE**

You do not need to be an artist for MOR's art-specific summer camp! Projects will be inspired by our exhibits and collections, including paleo art, modeling, watercolor, chemical reactions, and more. We will get creative and put the A in STEAM education. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **MUSEUM MASTERS**

Try a little bit of everything that Museum of the Rockies has to offer. Each day we will dabble in a different topic – paleontology, space, history, engineering, and more, featuring the best bits and alternative projects from MOR's favorite camps. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **MONSTERS AND MYSTERIES**

Is it science, pseudoscience, or movie magic? How can you tell if something is real or not? Explore strange topics like UFOs and aliens, Loch Ness monsters, and even look for Sasquatch while making a short film about our odd experiences. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **LITTLE MUSEUM ON THE PRAIRIE**

Travel back in time to the late 1800s with our Living History Farm and Bozeman experience. Immerse yourself in the daily activities of the Tinsley family, such as gardening, completing chores, making crafts, and playing pioneer games. **Grades 1 – 2, 3 – 5**

### **FOSSIL FANATICS**

Calling all future paleontologists! If you love fossils, this camp is for you. Spend a week at Museum of the Rockies immersed in learning about the museum's world-class dinosaur discoveries and learn the skills it takes to become a paleontologist. We will explore nearby fossil sites of interest and spend time outdoors exploring Montana's incredible geology. Lace up your boots and get ready to DIG in. **Grades 6 – 8, 9 – 12**



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NEW!

## ON THE ROCKS ICE BAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30 p.m. | Age 21+ only

\$45/member, \$50/non-member

Tickets available at  
[museumoftherockies.org/ice](http://museumoftherockies.org/ice)

Join your neighbors and make new friends by gathering around the campfires. Whether you're in your snow boots or inside the historic Tinsley House, there's always a cozy corner for you. Step up to the carved ice bar to order a cold cocktail or warm up with a hot cider heated over the wood stove.

In the educational program, learn about the history of Rocky Mountain ice harvesting and how early residents, such as the Tinsley family, preserved food before the invention of refrigerators. Also, learn about Montana's winter skies in our Taylor Planetarium.

Your ticket price includes two icy cocktails, hot cider, hot chili and cider, dessert, and an educational program. This event is a benefit and supports MOR's educational mission.



POUR  
AND  
ROAR



*Raptors & Romance*

## Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

6 p.m. | Age 21+ only

\$60 per ticket | Registration required at

[museumoftherockies.org/roar](http://museumoftherockies.org/roar)

**Join us for our 3rd annual prehistoric  
Valentine's date-night experience!**

Enjoy complimentary wine tasting from Plonk, delectable appetizers, and a special lecture on fossil fornication from *EONS* host Kallie Moore. Additionally, check out adult-related historical objects with Curator of Cultural History Michael Fox, and a special show in the Taylor Planetarium. Don't miss this unique night before it sells out!

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