

# PAGE MUSEUM AT THE LA BREA TAR PITS

School Visits General Information Sheet  
September 2005 - June 2006

*Please Note that this year's School Visits Program has changed!*

The George C. Page Museum is located at the Rancho La Brea Tar Pits in the heart of Los Angeles. Rancho La Brea is one of the world's most famous fossil localities, recognized for having the largest and most diverse assemblage of extinct Ice Age plants and animals in the world. Visitors can learn about Los Angeles as it was between 10,000 and 40,000 years ago, during the last Ice Age, when animals such as saber-toothed cats and mammoths roamed the Los Angeles Basin. Through windows at the Page Museum Laboratory, visitors can watch bones being cleaned and repaired. Outside the Museum, in Hancock Park, life-size replicas of several extinct mammals are featured.

The Page Museum School Visits Office is pleased to announce that all school visits information including available dates and printable reservation forms are obtainable on our website, [www.tarpits.org](http://www.tarpits.org). You can even submit your School Visits request on-line! Just follow the link labeled "Education & School Visits."

The Page Museum Offers Two Types of School Visits (Reservations are required.):

## Guided School Visits

These visits are available for 3rd grade classes and above only and are offered on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, every half-hour between 9:30-11:00am, and until 10:30am on Fridays. These guided tours are offered during the traditional school year from October 12th, 2005, to June 23rd, 2006. Guided tours are not offered on the following dates:

11/11/05 (Veteran's Day)  
11/24/05-11/25/05 (Thanksgiving Holiday)  
12/19/05-1/3/06 (Winter Break)  
4/10/06-4/14/06 (Spring Break)

## Self-guided Visits

Self-guided visits are available to all grade levels all day Mondays and Tuesdays, and after 12 noon Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, during scheduled breaks (see above), and on all days after June 17th, 2005. K-2nd grade classes must visit on these self-guided days, as guided visits are only available for 3rd grade and above.

## **School Visits Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):**

### How do we schedule a visit?

Reservations are required for both guided and self-guided school visits and must be made through your District Representative. Only schools without District Transportation Coordinators should fill out the accompanying reservation form and mail or fax it back to us. School visits must be booked at least three weeks in advance. *\*\*LAUSD schools must book through the district School Journeys office at (323) 342-1342. \*\**

### How long is the visit?

Approximately one hour.

### What is the cost?

Accredited schools with reservations are admitted free. We require that your school group have at least one adult leader per every ten students. There is no limit to the number of adult leaders accompanying school groups.

### Do we need a confirmation number?

We do not issue confirmation numbers. Instead, you will receive either a fax or letter stating the date and time we have booked your school visit. About three weeks prior to your visit, we will send a detailed confirmation packet containing pre-visit materials, an admission ticket to bring with you when you visit, a map, and information about our exhibits. These materials are also available online at [www.tarpits.org](http://www.tarpits.org).

### What time should we arrive for our school visit?

Please be prompt and arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to check in. Due to spatial restraints, we cannot allow school groups to enter the Museum early. However, you may visit the tar pits in Hancock Park before your tour. You are welcome to visit the gift shop *after* your visit.

### Is there parking?

There is free bus parking on Curson Avenue. Private vehicles parking in the lot on Tuesdays-Fridays pay \$8 upon entering, and receive \$2 back with validation upon exiting. Private vehicles parking on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and holidays pay a flat rate of \$6.

### Can we see the tar pits?

The tar pits are located in Hancock Park, immediately next to the Museum, and have labels which can be used for self-guided tours.

### May we eat lunch in Hancock Park?

You are welcome to bring your own lunches and eat in the Park. You are responsible for removing all food and beverage containers and disposing of all trash back at your school site.

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School Visits Program Reservation Form

You may also use our online reservation form, located at <http://www.tarpits.org/education/onlres.html>

SCHOOL INFORMATION (REQUIRED):

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (if not teacher) and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (AP, ESL, Special Education, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Date and Time of School Tour:

1st Choice: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you very much. We will email or fax you to inform you of your scheduled date and time with your admission ticket and a pre-visit information packet. We look forward to seeing you at the Page!

Please read the program information on the previous page BEFORE filling out this Reservation Form. Mail or fax the completed form to the Page Museum Education Department (contact information listed below.) Please keep a copy of this form for your own records. Note that requests must be received at least three weeks prior to your visit.

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