



## News for Immediate Release

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### State Museum Announces Series of One Day Summer Day Camps for Kids

**Harrisburg** – The State Museum of Pennsylvania is expanding its roster of special one-day summer camps from two to three programs for 2013. The camps are:

**Fossil Day Camp** highlights the exciting paleontology exhibit “Life through Time” which features The State Museum’s restored Marshalls Creek Mastodon. Led by museum educators and featuring hands-on activities, day campers will explore “behind-the-scenes” at the adjacent Dino Lab and learn about fossils and how paleontologists perform their scientific work.

- Ages 9 to 12 on June 26, 27 and 28; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Native American Camp** draws from the vast archaeological collections and staff expertise at The State Museum. It will include hands-on activities to investigate early communities in Pennsylvania. This camp will demonstrate how we learn about the Native American experience through a simulated dig and artifacts.

- Ages 7 to 10 on July 9, 10, 11; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Mammals of Pennsylvania Day Camp** is new to the State Museum. It will take place in the museum’s most popular gallery, Mammal Hall. The camp focuses on the state’s fascinating habitats and native animals with an emphasis on conservation and stewardship. It features a giant floor map of Pennsylvania on which kids can use to track the state’s animals. Mammal Hall is noted for its life-like dioramas of animals presented in their natural environs.

- Ages 7-10 on July 16, 17, 18; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The cost for each one-day camp is \$35 per child or \$30 per child for State Museum Affiliate Members.

Reservations can be made by calling 717-772-6997. Space is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, adjacent to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®. The State Museum offers expansive collections interpreting Pennsylvania’s fascinating heritage.

With exhibits examining the dawn of geologic time, the Native American experience, the colonial and revolutionary era, a pivotal Civil War battleground, and the commonwealth's vast industrial age, The State Museum demonstrates that Pennsylvania's story is America's story.

For more information about the museum, visit [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).

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