



Museum of Natural Science

## SPECIAL SATURDAY SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Special Saturdays are FREE science programs especially appropriate for children ages 5-12. Sessions are held in the exhibit area of the LSU Museum of Natural Science (Foster Hall) one Saturday per month. All programs begin at 10:00 am and last ~one hour, but our exhibit area will be open from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Please [pre-register](#) on our website ([museum.lsu.edu](http://museum.lsu.edu)) at least one week prior to each session (under "Education & Exhibits" --> "Special Saturdays").

### ADVENTURES IN ANTARCTICA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

**Special Guests: Jade Lawrence<sup>2</sup> & Krista Myers<sup>2</sup>, Geologists**

Come learn about the ecology and climate of the Earth's southernmost continent, Antarctica, with Geologists Jade Lawrence and Krista Myers. Get a glimpse into the type of research they do including an up close view of what field work is like in such an extreme environment!

### SKELETAL MYSTERIES

OCTOBER 8, 2016

**Special Guest: Emily Wiegert<sup>3</sup>, Forensic Anthropologist**

Ever wonder how human skeletal remains are identified? Come learn about research at the LSU Faces Lab with Forensic Anthropologist, Emily Wiegert.

### CREepy CRAWLERS

OCTOBER 29, 2016

**Special Guest: Emily Kraus<sup>4</sup>, Entomologist**

Bugs Bugs Bugs! Join us for our special halloween themed program with Entomologist Emily Kraus and friends as we learn about the amazing life cycle of insects and get an up close view of some really cool live arthropods!

### BIRDS & BEAKS

DECEMBER 10, 2016

**Special Guest: Glaucia Del-Rio<sup>1</sup>, Ornithologist**

A bird's beak is used to perform many functions like weaving nests, grooming feathers, and gathering and capturing food. They come in many different shapes and sizes. Come learn how the shape of a bird's beak relates to the type of food they eat and how they capture their food.

### EXPLORING MARS

JANUARY 14, 2017

**Special Guests: Don Hood<sup>3</sup> & Nicki Button<sup>3</sup>, Planetary Scientists**

Mars is a fascinating planet that may have a history not too

different from our own. We will explore the history of this planet as observed by the rovers, landers, and satellites that we have sent over the past several decades. Come and learn about the geological and hydrological past of Mars, whether life ever existed there, and where we might find it today.

### BIRD COLORATION

FEBRUARY 4, 2017

**Special Guest: Rafael Marcondes<sup>1</sup>, Ornithologist**

Why are some birds brightly colored and others dull? Ornithologist Rafael Marcondes will speak about the function coloration plays in a bird's life.

### HERPS AT RISK IN LOUISIANA

MARCH 4, 2017

**Special Guest: Cathy Newman<sup>1</sup>, Herpetologist**

What are "herps"? Herps include frogs, salamanders, turtles, alligators, lizards, and snakes! Some of these animals are at risk for extinction in Louisiana. Herpetologist Cathy Newman will help us learn about these Louisiana amphibians and reptiles and tell us how we can help protect them.

### MIKE'S NATIVE HABITAT

APRIL 1, 2017

**Special Guest: Carol Wilson<sup>2</sup>, Coastal Geologist**

Ever wonder where Mike the Tiger would live in the wild? Geologist Carol Wilson will tell us what life is like in Sundarbans, Bangladesh - the native habitat of Mike the Tiger.

### RISKY RODENTS

MAY 13, 2017

**Special Guest: Dr. Jacob Esselstyn<sup>1</sup>, Mammalogist**

Rodents can be very diverse in terms of their coloration, size, teeth, body type, etc. Mammalogist Dr. Jake Esselstyn will explore why unique adaptations are great for some things, but also come with certain risks.

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