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Museum of  
Natural History**

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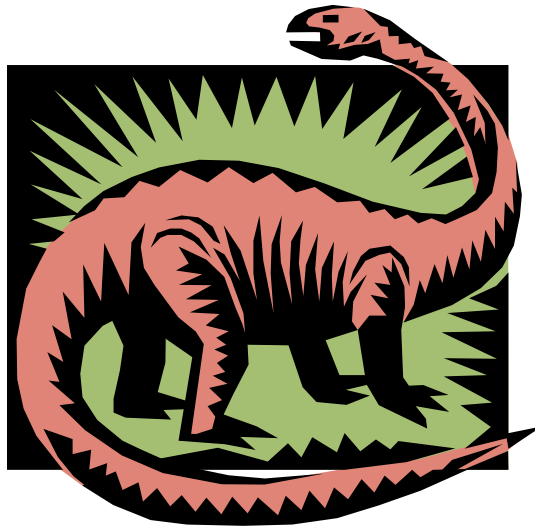
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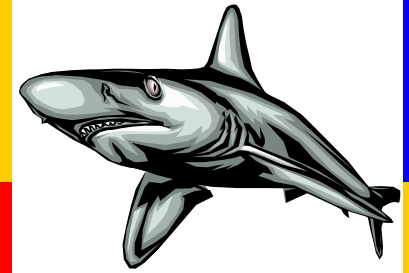
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*School Field Trips  
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## *Museum Field Trips*

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The Buena Vista Museum of Natural History will enlighten and entertain your class for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Field trips include either a docent-led explanation or self-guided tour of the exhibits and a hands-on experience in our Learning Center.

### *Exhibits*

How does a tree turn into petrified wood? What was life like fifteen million years ago in Bakersfield? Our exhibits show all this and much more.

The geology exhibits contain extensive displays of rocks, minerals, and petrified wood. Maps show earthquake faulting and plate tectonics. The museum's paleontology section features the world's largest collection of marine fossil mammals; most are from Kern County. Included are extinct whales, sea lions, and turtles. The shark exhibit features a life-sized model of the jaws of a 50 foot shark that swam the oceans of Kern County

during the Miocene Epoch. Also on exhibit are jaws from modern-day relatives, as well as fossil teeth from many ancient sharks. Elephants, camels, horses, and saber-tooth cats are some of the terrestrial animals represented in our collection. Your class can also view the restoration lab, where students can observe actual fossil restoration work in progress.

The museum's Native American exhibits feature Yokuts, as well as other California and Southwestern groups. The use of basketry, stone tools, and points are explained.

### *Education Center*

The Education Center offers a variety of interactive and hands-on programs in natural history subjects. Students gain basic knowledge of geology and paleontology. Native American ethnographic materials help students understand how early Kern County residents, utilizing indigenous material, adapted to daily life.

### *Gift Shop*

The Museum gift shop is filled with interesting and educational items for both students and teachers. Posters, books, minerals, and other materials are available.

## *Museum Guidelines and Rules*

Tours may not exceed 65 students without special arrangements. Large groups are divided so that each group alternately experiences all of the museum's displays and the Education Center.

One adult must accompany every 10 students.

Tours on regular Museum business days will be \$1.50 per student and \$2.00 per adult/chaperone.

On days when the Museum is normally closed, prices will be \$2.00 per student and \$3.00 per adult with a \$75 minimum.

One teacher per class is admitted free.

Payment (cash, check, Visa or MasterCard, or purchase order) is required at the time of the tour.

Tours require 1 1/2 to 2 hours.; plan your travel accordingly.

No food or drink in the Museum.

Loud voices are discouraged, so that our docents can be heard by the whole group.