

Paleofest 2012

March 3 – 4 at the Burpee Museum of Natural History in Rockford, IL

Don't miss the next popular Paleofest at the Burpee Museum coming up the weekend after next! Events include lectures by paleontologists, family workshops, children's activities, and a special dinner with keynote speaker Dr. Scott Sampson of "Dinosaur Train" fame! Other famous paleontologists scheduled to speak include Dr. Larry Agenbroad, Dr. Thomas Holtz, and Dr. Lawrence Witmer among others. At the museum, view the new Neanderthal Exhibit and two smaller paleo-exhibits. Also, you still have a chance to see the Ice Age Mammals special exhibit. Registration fees apply. Visit www.burpee.org now to register and for more detailed information.

2012 Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

March 17 – 18 at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids

The next Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show is coming up in Cedar Rapids this weekend! This popular annual weekend event is held at the Hawkeye Downs Expo Center, 4400 6th St SW in Cedar Rapids from 8:30-6 on Saturday and 9:30-5 on Sunday. The theme for this year's event is "Geodes, Nature's Grab Bags". See replica skeletons of a giant Stegodon & Ice Age Cave Bear! Visit vendors selling all kinds of rock and fossil-related merchandise. Enjoy other displays, demonstrations, silent auctions, educational programs and many activities for children. This event is sponsored by the Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society. A small entry fee applies for those over age 11. Visit www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org for more details.

Mid-America Paleontology Society (MAPS) Fossil Expo XXXIV

March 30 – April 1 at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL

Don't miss the largest fossil-only show in the world in Macomb, IL in April! Buy, sell, swap, & display of fossil-related items only. This event is organized by MAPS and is held in Western Hall at Western Illinois University from 8-5 on Friday and Saturday (with evening activities), and 8-12 on Sunday. The event theme is "The Pennsylvanian Period". Silent and live auctions, children's activities, and educational workshops are included. Free admission. Visit www.midamericapaleo.org for more information.

"Fossil Guy" Educational Programs

Saturday afternoons in April at UIMNH

Don't miss the next series of programs by "Fossil Guy" Don Johnson at the UI Museum of Natural History (Macbride Hall Auditorium) on the first three Saturday afternoons in April at 2:00pm. These free programs include a 30-minute talk followed by 30-minutes of hands-on interaction and question & answer time for children and adults. Items from Don's extensive paleontology collection will be on display. Topics are as follows:
Saturday, April 7: "Dinosaur Evidence"
Saturday, April 14: "The Leg Bone is Connected to the Hip Bone!"
Saturday, April 21: "Ancient Fliers"

University of Iowa Museum of Natural History

Upcoming Programs

The University of Iowa Museum of Natural History on the Pentacrest in downtown Iowa City sponsors a variety of additional upcoming programs — Visit www.uiowa.edu/~nathist and follow the Programs link for further information.

The Cedar Rapids Science Station

Upcoming Programs

The Cedar Rapids Science Station in Lindale Mall sponsors a variety of programs and science-related camps for children – visit www.sciencestation.org for their events calendar with additional details.

This list is maintained by the **Eastern Iowa Paleontology Project**. Visit www.paleoproject.org to learn more.