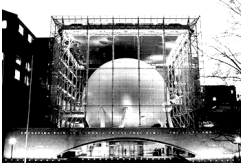




Application packet for the: Lang Science Team

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Application Deadline: Postmarked by May 15, 2009

Do you want to explore the mysteries of the cosmos; learn about galaxies, stars, planets and the dynamic processes that shape them, and our own Planet Earth? Do you wonder about the variety of life on Earth? Are you interested in fossils and ancient forms of life? Are you interested in learning about the evolution of humans and other organisms? Do you want to study archaeology and learn more about ancient civilizations and contemporary human societies? Are you in 5th grade?

The Lang Science Team may be for you! We are starting a new team who will take extracurricular science classes at the American Museum of Natural History. In these classes, you will have opportunities open to very few people! You will get a behind-the-scenes look at the science that went into the creation of the Museum's Hall of Biodiversity, Hall of the Universe, Hayden Planetarium, Hall of Human Origins, and have an insider's view of Museum labs and collections. You will go on field expeditions to learn about science in the New York metropolitan region. You'll design hands-on projects, learn research skills and develop research questions that you'll investigate individually and in small groups. You'll meet scientists conducting cutting-edge research. Most importantly, you'll be part of a great group of young people who are driven by their curiosity to find out how the universe works.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- Only a limited number of students are selected to participate in this program. Students must complete the attached application and eligible students will be interviewed by representatives from the Museum.
- We are looking for motivated and independent individuals who are passionate about life sciences, physical sciences (astronomy and earth science), and anthropology (the study of humans).
- Students who are presently in **5th grade in a school in New York City** may apply for the program.

Fee: The fee for this program is \$1500 per year. However, full scholarships to the Lang Science Team are available based on need, and ability to pay will NOT be a factor in determining acceptance into the program.

Schedule: If accepted, you will be in the program through 12th grade, and must be able to commit to all 7 years of the program in order to be considered. The Program begins this summer, running weekdays from July 27th – August 14th, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is also an academic year portion to the program. Participants are required to attend the program two Saturdays per month during the school year, from October through June, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The program alternates between the 3-week summer schedule and the Saturday school-year schedule each year for its duration.

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A. Personal Information

Name: _____ Male ___ Female ___
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Number and Street) (Apt. #) (Borough) (Zip)

Telephone: _____ Second Telephone (e.g. cell, work): _____
(Area Code) (Number) (Area Code) (Number)

Email address: _____ Birth date (m/d/y): _____

Racial/Ethnic Identification (Optional): _____

1) Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

2) Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's address (If different from above): _____

Parent 1's telephone: _____ Parent 1's email: _____
(If different from above)

Parent 2's telephone: _____ Parent 2's email: _____
(If different from above)

School currently attending: _____

School address: _____
(Number and Street) (Borough) (Zip)

School telephone number: _____ Current grade: _____
(Area code) (Number)

School attending Fall 2009: _____
(If different from current school)

B. How did you hear about this program?

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| ___ Museum staff member | ___ School visit |
| ___ School teacher | ___ Fellow students |
| ___ Web | ___ Other (please indicate) _____ |
| ___ Direct mailing | |

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C. Your Interests and Activities

Tell us about yourself. If you like, use drawings or photos or other creative work to illustrate your answers.

1. What interests you about life science, earth and space science, and/or anthropology? Tell us about something that has made you curious, or that you want to learn more about.

2. Please list/tell us about your interests, hobbies, and talents. Have you ever been part of a science program or participated in science fairs or projects?

3. Why do you want to be part of this program? What do you hope to learn, get from the program?

4. What do you usually do after school and on weekends? If you are involved in any after school programs or community service activities, or have any ongoing family responsibilities, please tell us about them.

5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us, or other questions you have about the program?

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C. Recommendations and Report Card

1. Enclose 3 Letters of Recommendation

Ask three adults who know you well (not family members!) to write letters of recommendation for you. You can ask a teacher, youth worker, member of the clergy, or adult friend. Please list the names and phone numbers of your letter writers below:

1) Name _____ Phone _____

2) Name _____ Phone _____

3) Name _____ Phone _____

2. Report card. Please attach a copy of your most recent report card.

I hereby certify that the information on this form has been provided in consultation with my parent or guardian.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

I hereby certify that my child has consulted me about this application and the information contained within it, and that the information provided is accurate. I further agree that if my child is accepted into the Program, I will support his or her participation.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- ✓ Completed application with signatures
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Most recent report card

MAIL APPLICATION AND MATERIALS TO:

Lang Science Program
Department of Education
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West and 79th Street
New York, NY 10024

TO CONTACT US:

Email: Lang@amnh.org (preferred method of contact)
On the web: <http://www.amnh.org/education/lang>
Phone: Brian Levine, 212-313-7172
Fax: 212-769-7868

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