Paleo Expedition 2016

What is Paleo Expedition?

Paleo Expedition is a unique field experience for Oklahoma high school students currently enrolled in grades 9, 10 and 11. Paleo Expedition is a chance for Oklahoma youth to work with paleontologists and study the history of life based on the fossil record. Space is limited and the application process is competitive.

Twelve selected students will begin their 15-day residential adventure with scientists from Sam Noble Museum. The first week of the program will include learning paleontology basics at the Museum and travel to Oklahoma geological and paleontological field sites. The second week will include travel to an amazing paleontological find in the Black Mesa region of Oklahoma, where students will implement the skills they have learned. Students will explore the prairie ecosystem of today and the past with paleontologists, while learning basics such as mapping, GPS navigation, and camping survival.

Paleontological work will include discovery and identification of many types of fossils. Students will spend most of their time outdoors sleeping in tents and cabins where they will be supervised by highly experienced staff. Students will be hiking through uneven terrain in summer heat nearly every day. Working alongside scientists from the University of Oklahoma, students will have the unique opportunity to experience hands-on participation in field-based science, where the laboratory is the great outdoors.

Join the Paleo Expedition team on this unforgettable adventure in science and create lasting friendships and memories!

2016 Program Dates:

Sunday, June 5 to Sunday, June 19, 2016

Eligibility:

- Oklahoma resident students currently enrolled in grades 9, 10, or 11.

Selection:

Students are selected to create an Expedition team that is varied and creative. Selection criteria include:

- Interest and enthusiasm in science
- Teacher recommendation.
- Opportunities to experience science.
- Location of school and home.
- (If selected as a finalist) Interview
Paleo Expedition will provide students with the following:

- Program T-shirt, water bottle and backpack
- Transportation to and from field sites
- All meals and housing during program dates
- An unforgettable science experience!

Cost:

- This program is offered at no cost to participants.

If selected, students and guardians are responsible for:

- Transportation to and from the Sam Noble Museum for:
  1) Interview
  2) Drop off and Pick up
- Appropriate clothing, foot wear, sleeping bag, and towels for overnight travel.
- Completing all paperwork and waivers prior to the program start date.
- Reviewing and agreeing to follow the program Code of Conduct.
- An enthusiastic attitude, sense of adventure, and willingness to cooperate with your new friends!

How to Apply

Mail, Fax or Complete Online:

- A completed application will include 1) Student Section, 2) Parent section and 3) Teacher Section.
- (If selected as a finalist) Participate in an interview at the Sam Noble Museum on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Application Due: Friday, March 25, 2016 (postmarked)

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