Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Teachable Moments: A Guide for Your Fieldtrip

Ralph W. Schreiber Hall of Birds, Grade 5

Gallery Description: The Schreiber Bird Hall features three walk through habitats and 27 interactive stations on bird biology. In the Bird Hall students can explore flight mechanics, anatomy of birds, adaptations and behavior, how the nests birds build are characteristic for their species, how the American Condor was saved from extinction, conservation and preservation of marshes, and rainforests.

Science Activities

- Gather students in front of the display, "Life in the Fast Lane."

  Read the display information out loud, and check for understanding.

  Ask students to compare a bird's heart to a human's heart.

Language Arts Activities

- Pick a sign for students to look at.

  Ask students read the signage and discuss when italic words and bold words are used.
  Ask students, "Who do you think decides what information is shared in specific signs?" "How do you think they decide what information to share?"

VAPA Activities

- Have students pretend they are flying like a bird over Los Angeles. Ask, "What would they see?"

  Have students describe how they would move (as a bird) on different parts of their journey.

*These activities support the following **5th Grade** California State Standards:*

Science
Life Science 2a: Students know many multicellular organisms have specialized structures to support the transport of materials.
Life Science 2b: Students know how blood circulates through the heart chambers, lungs, and body and how carbon dioxide (CO_2) and oxygen (O_2) are exchanged in the lungs and tissues.

Language Arts
Reading Comprehension 2.1 Understand how text features (e.g., format, graphics, sequence, diagrams, illustrations, charts, maps) make information accessible and usable.

VAPA
1.0 Artistic Perception: Processing, analyzing, and responding to sensory information through the language and skills unique to dance.