The Bruce Museum offers several different ways for teachers and students to experience our collections. Whether your program is at the museum, or at your center or school, our educators are trained in the most up to date educational theories and have experience working with different audiences. Programs at the museum are taught primarily by our docents, who attend weekly trainings so they can work with our collections and your students with equal skill. Outreach programs are taught by Brucemobile educators who will lead your students in hands-on object exploration, inquiry based activities and crafts projects. Brucemobile Educators are trained to work with younger audiences by our in house staff and undergo regular training sessions to keep them up-to-date on educational pedagogy. For more information on these programs, please contact Corinne Flax at [cflax@brucemuseum.org](mailto:cflax@brucemuseum.org)

Below are descriptions of our offsite programs and museum-based programs, including new Pre-k offerings.

**Afterschool for K-2nd & 3rd-5th (offsite programs)**

After-school programs are 45-60 minutes long and involve hands on exploration of touch objects, scientific exploration, art making and movement pieces, depending on the topic.

**Kindergarten through Second Grade**

- Animal Adaptations

- Butterflies

- Coastal Ecology

- Desert Ecology

- Dinosaurs

- Insects

- Nocturnal Animals

- Seeds

- Woodland Indian Life

**Third through Fifth Grade**

- Coastal Ecology

- Desert Ecology

- Rock Detectives

- Skeletons

- Woodland Indian Life

**Offsite Programs for pre-kindergarten**

Below is a list of outreach programs on offer that are suitable for pre-k audiences. All programs are 45 minutes long and involve hands on exploration of natural objects and simple inquiry activities. Brucemobile Educators are trained to work with younger audiences by our in house staff and undergo regular training sessions to keep them up-to-date on educational pedagogy. For more information on these programs, please contact Corinne Flax at [cflax@brucemuseum.org](mailto:cflax@brucemuseum.org)

**Animal Adaptations**

**Butterflies**

**Coastal Ecology**

**Seeds (potential 2 part lesson)**

**Shapes & Patterns**

**Museum-Based School Programs**

Museum Based Programs are 60 minutes long and focus on different exhibitions in the museum. Please contact Corinne Flax at [cflax@brucemuseum.org](mailto:cflax@brucemuseum.org) for information about our temporary exhibits, or for greater detail on our permanent programs. Financial assistance is available for museum based programs, either through the [Bus Scholarship](https://brucemuseum.org/site/education_detail/bus-scholarships) program or [Neighborhood Collaborative](https://brucemuseum.org/site/education_detail/bruce-museum-neighborhood-collaborative-program).

**NEW!!! For Pre-K ONLY!!!**

**Animal Tracks**

When animals pass through our yards they sometimes leave behind imprints of their feet, which we call tracks. Pre-k students will be thrilled to learn how they can find out what animals have been nearby and where they went.

**Our Friendly Forests**

Pre-k students are filled with wonder about the world around them. A few trees can become an entire woodland with a little bit of imagination. Explore the different parts of the woodland, from roots to tip, and then think about who might live in the woods.

**Rock Out**

Pre-k groups have special needs and abilities that separate them from older students. These specially developed pre-k programs will focus on helping students develop motor skills, build their descriptive vocabularies, learn how to safely explore the museum and respect boundaries and have fun! Rock Out focuses on the mineral gallery, giving students a chance to learn and explore through story and touch. Based on our popular Mineral Marvels program Rock Out provides much of the same information in a stripped down and simplified fashion. Are you ready to ROCK?

**Tail Time**

Why do animals have tails, what do they use them for? Pre-k students are fascinated by animals and exploring the world of tails helps students learn descriptive words and about different animal adaptations. This program seeks to expand student’s worlds by teaching them about new animals and all the different things animals’ tail do.

**Permanent Museum Based Programs**

**Preschool**

- Butterflies

- Coastal Ecology

- Shapes and Patterns

**Kindergarten through Second Grade**

- Animal Adaptations

- Butterflies

- Coastal Ecology

- Woodland Indian Life

**Third through Fifth Grade**

- Coastal Ecology

- Mineral Marvels

- Woodland Indian Life