

Group Letter

Grade Level

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Time = **20 minutes**

- Nature's Lunchbox**, Level 1
- North Gallery**, Level 2
- South Gallery** = Level 2
- Lunch Tent** = Paver Plaza
- Ravine** = Outside of the Lobby

**Level 1**

**Level 2**

**Outdoors**

Nature  
Classroom

Science Labs  
 North Gallery  
 South Gallery

Outdoor 1  
 Outdoor 2  
 Outdoor 3

## How to use your tour card:

Visit exhibits in the order they appear on your tour card.

Note the times and locations of your lunch and workshop (if applicable) and show up a few minutes before the schedule time(s).

After your lunch and/or workshop, continue to explore the exhibits, picking up where you left off in the order listed to the right.

Visit the outdoor exhibits at any time during your tour, picking up where you left off on the indoor exhibit list.

**Please note:**  
*Hands-on Habitat*  
is off limits to groups  
of all ages and sizes  
at all times.

## Indoor Exhibits

We recommend spending approximately **15 minutes** in each exhibit.

### RiverWorks, Level 1

- Learn about Chicago's waterways. Build dams, control water turbines and change the flow of the river.
- Observe live fish and turtle tanks to understand the relationships between our waterways and the animals that live in them.

### Mysteries of the Marsh, Level 1

- See live, local endangered species - including the Blanding's Turtles and a massasauga rattlesnake in this wetlands-focused exhibit, and discover how the Nature Museum is helping to restore the threatened Blanding's Turtle.
- View the Museum's living collections - including reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates - on display in the *Istock Family Look-in Lab*.

### The Extreme Green House Basement, Level 1

- Learn about the choices we can make to lessen our home's impact on the environment and to conserve energy and money.
- Look in the drawers and cabinets in this basement to learn about beneficial and harmful insects and spiders commonly found in Chicagoland basements.

### The Extreme Green House, Level 2

- Learn about how humans can make choices about cleaning products and disposing of waste to lessen our negative impacts on the environment.

### Wilderness Walk, Level 2

- Take a stroll through recreated prairie, savanna and dune habitats. Dioramas include real, preserved animals from the Museum's collections, accurate lighting and sounds, and models of native plants.
- In the *Birds of Chicago* wall, view 115 preserved local bird species, including those seen in woodland, grassland, wetland and urban areas.

### Judy Istock Butterfly Haven, Level 2

- Immerse yourself in a greenhouse filled with more than 1000 live tropical butterflies and moths. The *Haven* houses over 35 butterfly species, 12 bird species and lush tropical flowers and trees.
- As you exit the *Haven*, watch live butterflies emerging from their chrysalides and learn more about how butterflies live.

**Temporary Exhibition**, Level 2, open through [##/##/Date]

## Outdoor Exhibits

### Micole Birdwalk & Rooftop Gardens, Level 3 *Recommended 15 minute visit*

- Once outdoors, look for the plants and animals that live on the Nature Museum's roof, and learn about the benefits of green roofs for wildlife and people.
- While outdoors and up high on this third floor walkway, use the picture guides and bird call recordings to identify birds flying or resting nearby.

### Nature Trails, Level 1 *Recommended 30-45 minute visit*

- Outside on the ground level, immerse yourself in our largest permanent exhibit, *Nature Trail*, a nearly 1/3 mile trail winding through habitats full of plant and animal life.

**Please note:** Outdoor exhibits are optional and can be visited between any two of the indoor exhibits listed above.

Before visiting *Nature Trails*, pick up an outdoor exhibit guide at the front desk.