

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

at the Marion Natural History Museum | Spring 2021



Marion Natural History Museum

April 28 - Eastern Box Turtles Presented by **Brian Butler of Oxbow Associates** Why are these animals called “box” turtles? What do they eat and what do they need to survive? And why are they endangered? Let’s learn a little something about our local turtle population and how we can protect them. Brian will be bringing many hands-on items to explore as well as a radio telemetry demonstration, turtle traps and other scientific equipment used to help locate and protect these animals. Due to COVID this program is limited to 8 students. Masks and social distancing will be required.

May 12 - Amazing Arthropods Presented by: **Blake Dinius of Plymouth County Extension** Insects and spiders make up about 77% of all animal species on the planet. Let’s take a closer look into our own backyards. We’ll find a mysterious world just waiting to be discovered. Want to learn more about insects and the myriad ways that insects impact your life? Come join us on our journey into the wonderful world of Amazing Arthropods! Due to COVID restrictions this program is limited to 8 students. Masks and Social distancing will be required.

May 19 - Trip to Bird Island or ride around Sippican Harbor (depending on weather) Presented by **Isaac Perry, Marion Harbormaster** We will be taking a short boat trip to view our returning water birds. Let’s see if we can find an Osprey, Cormorants, and hopefully some Common and Roseate Terns. Please plan to bring your life jacket and dress ready to get a little wet. Pick up will be at the Marion Harbormaster’s office. Due to COVID restrictions this year’s boat trip will look a little different and the program is limited to only six students. Hopefully we’ll be back to our normal programming size soon. Masks and social distancing will be required.

June 9 - This is Rocket Science! Presented by **Mike Cronin, Museum Board** Join us while learning about propulsion and lift with Mike Cronin. Each child will pick up his/her own rocket kit along with an instructional video in advance of the lift off event, and the instructor will be available to help participants with questions regarding assembly. The cost for this program is \$20.00 per participant to cover the cost of the rocket. Space is limited to 8 on a first come first served basis, and participants must be ages 6 and up. Parents should plan to be available to assist with rocket assembly.

All of the above programs will be outside events, from 3:30 – 4:30.

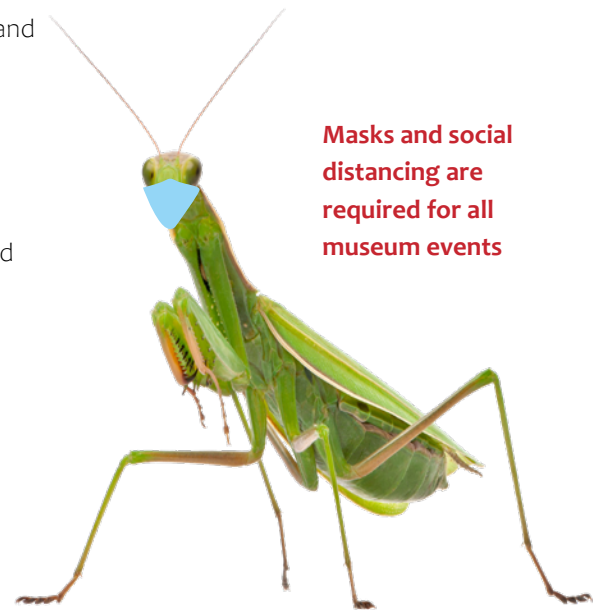
If you’d like the museum director to retrieve your child from Sippican School please fill out the permission slip on the registration form and make sure you provide a note to the school the day of the event.

Unfortunately, due to gathering restrictions these programs are very limited in size. We plan to record several of the programs for viewing on the museum’s website.

Cost per program:

\$8 members | \$10 nonmembers
unless otherwise noted

Masks and social distancing are required for all museum events



May 22 (Saturday) - Program for Adults on the Eastern Box Turtle

Presented by Brian Butler, Oxbow Associates

Location: Washburn Park, Marion

Donation: \$15.00

Hours: 10:00 – 11:30

Brian is president and lead scientist for Oxbow Associates, an Environmental Consulting Firm frequently involved with field studies of Eastern Box Turtles in the SouthCoast Region and elsewhere in New England. Box Turtles are a uniquely North American species group and Massachusetts is the current northern limit of their range. Their life

history traits make them interesting and difficult to study as well as a challenge for their conservation at the extreme of their geographical range. Brian will discuss the life history of box turtles and how they fit into the SouthCoast ecozone and why they sometimes persist in a fragile balance. Topics to be discussed include field methods for studying box turtles, regulations and politics, and status and conservation of Eastern Box Turtles. We will be taking a walk to locate areas that might be attractive to turtles for feeding and nesting. Due to COVID restrictions this program is limited to a small number of participants so please register early. Masks and social distancing will be required and practiced.



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YES! PLEASE REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE FOLLOWING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM(S):

- Eastern Box Turtles
- Amazing Arthropods
- Trip to Bird Island or ride around Sippican Harbor
- This is Rocket Science!
- Eastern Box Turtles (ADULTS)

Cost for all programs is \$8 members, \$10 non-members (\$20 for the Rocket Program)

Please note: Registration forms (with payment!) are to be mailed or dropped off to the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738. Please do not bring the forms to the school or library, thank you! Registration is not complete without payment. Refund and registration policies are on our website. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leidhold via e-mail at director@marionmuseum.org.

Name Member Non-member
 Address
 Telephone E-mail

Sippican School release form to walk to the program location:

I, hereby give Elizabeth Leidhold of the Marion Natural History Museum permission to pick up my son/daughter from Sippican School and walk them to the after-school program at the Museum or Harbormaster’s Office to attend the above programs. I understand that after-program pick up is at 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted above.

My emergency contact information is the above number or **Signature:**

MNHM liability waiver: I, hereby consent to allow my child to participate in the Marion Natural History Museum (MNHM) after-school program. I also consent not to hold MNHM or any of its staff, board members, volunteers or any and all individuals and organizations assisting or participating in the MNHM program/activities responsible for any injury to my son or daughter or property damage resulting from my child’s participation in said program/activities.

Parent/Guardian Full Name **Signature:**

MNHM photo/media release: I grant the Marion Natural History Society and summer program teachers the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs, films, video recordings of my child for use in any materials they may create.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: