

Attention Teachers,

My name is Aimee Valencia and I am the Museum Educator at the **UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History**.

I am writing to tell you about a new **classroom visit** program the museum is offering for elementary students. Thanks to a generous donation from The Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation, the Museum of Natural and Cultural History has on-the-go classroom programs **free** of charge.

I am available to teach a selection of programs about Oregon history, biology, geography, culture, and scientific method in your classrooms for free. All programs are rooted in National and Oregon State Standards.

Would you please pass this information to the 1st-5th grade teachers in your district?

Please contact me with any questions about **free classroom programs**, 541-346-5019.

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Program Options:

☐ **Animals of Ancient Oregon:** Explore the skulls and teeth of a saber-tooth cat, mammoth, dire wolf and more. Students visit activity stations to discover the importance of teeth in predicting an animal's diet. Students will see, touch, and physically experience how teeth are adapted for specific foods.

☐ **Fun with Fossils:** What can fossils tell us about the life and landscapes of Oregon's past? Fossils are valuable learning tools when you know how to "read" them. Students will practice the scientific method and see, touch, and make predictions about real fossils.

☐ **Artifacts as Primary Sources:** What do artifacts tell us about how people lived in Oregon thousands of years ago? We'll bring artifacts to your classroom for students to touch and investigate. This popular activity discusses the history Oregon's diverse Native cultures.

☐ **Geographic Regions of Oregon:** Learn about the diverse regions of Oregon with hands-on, inquiry-based discussion and exploration that will focus on the environment and culture of each of the four Oregon Regions. Recommended for 4th and 5th grades.