## Allegheny Musarium Spring 2008 Special Edition



## Visit summertime in the dead of winter..... in the Musarium's year-round facility.

Open the door to the excitement of a year-round multi-purpose amphitheater. Enjoy the visual arts, music, dance and historic productions.

Enjoy an atrium full of living plants and butterflies indigenous to the Allegheny River region.

See and touch some of the wild inhabitants of the Allegheny River. Learn about their role in the river's ecosystem. Here your child will study insects, mammals and reptiles.

The Musarium will bring the river and its history to life for students through multi-media interactive exhibits. It will provide a wealth of information for teachers, kids, parents and visitors. This information will provide some of the best tools the children will carry with them for a lifetime.

Imagine...stepping into a living history of the northern Allegheny region's illustrious past? The focus on the Allegheny River is the connecting theme throughout this unique journey. All exhibits will bring history alive with an almost "Disney-like" excitement.



From the Ice Age to the Gilded Age, visitors will find themselves in a living time capsule moving forward through the region's exuberant history.

Construct a river raft the way they did in the early 1800's and then ride that raft down the river. All in virtual reality.

See how a tree grows from inside of the tree, come out at the top to see the leaves budding, growing and falling, see the life living in the tree tops.

See the planting and growing methods of the past as well as the future trends. Learn why the weather was so important to farmers and growers.

Visit the research center for environmental and wildlife preservation.

The landscaping of the Musarium complex will be all indigenous plants providing food and shelter for the wildlife and birds.





Discover life on the forest floor....the plants and animals that live there, and how and why they do.

Study fossils and learn how they are formed.

Discover the difference between daytime and nighttime environments....see birds and animals never seen during the day.



Ah, the wondrous age of rail travel.....

Experience the exhilaration of the old steam locomotives, the hustle and bustle of taking the train to New York city, the singing waiters, the conductors and even the caboose. The fabulous history of rail from the 1800's through the 21st century can be experienced in the "History of the Railroads" exhibit. The conductor will even wave to you as you wait at the crossing. This Special Edition of our newsletter is devoted to our Discovery Center **Making education fun for kids and adults**.

The ideas presented here are still in the planning stages.

Visit the fields and forests.... See and hear the native wildlife after dark. Watch as lightning bugs light up the night.

See the fish native to our river. Look for the small creatures that live on the bottom. Ick, do you really want to touch a Hellbender?



See the prehistoric fish and animals that lived here during the time before the glaciers, all done with virtual reality and robotics.

Learn about spring peepers and their habitat....maybe even touch one.

Have a sleep over with your friends in the aquarium. Be there when the aquarium's inhabitants wake up in the morning.

What is our place in the Universe? Take a trip through space....see our Earth from Mars...or Venus. Walk on the moon. Visit the far reaches of our solar system and beyond.

Count the stars, check out the Milky Way and

discover Pluto as you travel through space from your seat in the Planetarium.



Watch lightning as it travels from cloud to cloud. See what happens in a thunder storm.....all from the safety of your seat in the Planetarium.

Experience the discovery of oil and learn how oil is transformed into gasoline in a mini operating refinery. See the many other products that come from oil.

Study the minerals found in the earth we walk on. Learn what is not so ordinary about the ordinary rocks we find everyday.

Dig for artifacts in a simulated archeological dig. Learn how the early Native Americans made the arrow heads and the other tools they used. they used.



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