



The National Geographic Map Exhibit

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Alliance for Geographic Education, will exhibit and interpret the National Geographic Giant Map of North America for a limited engagement February 22 through March 15, 2012. On this huge 26' x 35' map – half the size of a basketball court – students and visitors alike will have the opportunity to traverse the continent from Alaska's Aleutian Islands to the Panama Canal and from Iceland to Baja *in their stocking feet*. Designed to promote geographic literacy by igniting interest in geography, the maps and accompanying activities incorporate physical movement and games to teach students place names, physical geography, and cultural geography as well as map reading skills. To complement the giant map and bring regional context to its presentation, The State Museum will also display large-scale reproductions of historic Pennsylvania maps from the Pennsylvania State Archives.

Lesson Plans and Activities

The National Geographic Giant Map of North America is accompanied by a complete teacher guide, activities, game props, and educational resources. The State Museum's educators have shaped and enhanced these National Geographic activities to meet the need of local and regional students to align with Pennsylvania's academic standards targeted for **4th – 7th grades**. The program activity will feature an activity similar to television's "Amazing Race" in which school students will be divided into teams and given instructions and clues to find features on the Giant North American Map. *continued on back*



Schedule for Tour programs

Time Slots: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm

Accommodating 1 class of close to 24 students per time slot

Cost per student is \$6 each which includes general admission (\$4) and the guided tour.

Available Dates

February

Thursday, February 16

Friday, February 17

Thursday, February 23

Friday, February 24

March

Thursday, March 1

Friday, March 2

Thursday, March 8

Thursday, March 9

To schedule a group tour contact

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are also looking for Volunteer Docents to help us give tours of the Giant Map to students!

Training sessions are scheduled on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 10 am, and on Saturday, February 18, at 9 am.

Please contact Amy Whiting at The State Museum at your earliest convenience to learn more about these opportunities: awhiting@pa.gov and 717-346-3307

GRAND OPENING

Join us on Friday, February 17, 5 - 7 pm for a Grand Opening of the Giant Map at The State Museum in conjunction with Harrisburg's monthly arts celebration, 3rd in the Burg.



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