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State Museum to Hold Fossil Day Camps for Kids in July

Harrisburg – The State Museum of Pennsylvania will offer special summer day camps focusing on fossils and paleontology in July.

For the first time, young visitors will be able to go inside the museum's popular "Dino Lab" exhibit, where a dinosaur skull discovered by a State Museum technician in 2004 was recently confirmed as a new dinosaur, *Daemonosaurus chauliodous*.

Fossil Day Camp will highlight the exciting new paleontology exhibit, "Life through Time," which features the museum's recently restored Marshalls Creek mastodon. Led by museum educators, day campers will explore the adjacent Dino Lab and learn about fossils and how paleontologists perform their scientific work.

"We're excited to present this unique learning opportunity for children," said David Dunn, museum director. "The fact that participants will be learning in a place that has contributed to a significant scientific discovery will make this a very special experience."

Fossil Day Camp, for children ages 9 to 11, will take place on Wednesday mornings on July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for this one-day course is \$25 per child, or \$20 per child for State Museum Affiliate Members. To register, call 717-772-6997. Space is limited.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®. It is the commonwealth's official museum, holding 4.5 million objects in its collections. The museum's permanent and temporary exhibits cover 100,000 square feet and feature Pennsylvania's social, industrial and economic history, decorative, fine and industrial arts, archaeology, zoology and paleontology.

For more information about the museum, visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

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