

# TRUASSIC TIMES

*Akron Fossils and Science Center's Quarterly Newsletter*



## Happy New Year

As we reflect on the past year, we have so much to be grateful for. To say that Akron Fossils and Science Center thrived in 2023 would be an understatement. We achieved growth across all programs, hired a fantastic team of new employees, expanded our Simply Programming, ran four successful fundraisers, and served amazing kids and families throughout Northeast Ohio through tours, field trips, camps, birthday parties, Super Science Saturdays, Simply Programs, and more. It was an exciting year for our little center and we cannot wait to see what 2024 brings!

As a nonprofit organization, the generous financial support of the community has been key to the sustainability of Akron Fossils and a large part of why it has grown and flourished for 18 years. We often get asked, "How can we help?" One of the best ways to support AFSC is giving to fundraising campaigns like our Holiday Giving Challenge. Not only is your donation doubled, it makes a tremendous impact immediately, as we can move forward with projects and updates, creating the best version of AFSC for all to enjoy. Your donations help to purchase new and updated technology, like microscopes, repair weathered and damaged park equipment, install new exhibits, and much more. Thank you to all who donated this year! This year's Holiday Giving Challenge was a great success. We raised \$7,000 to benefit Akron Fossils and Science Center's programming. Because of you, we can continue our mission of providing fun and meaningful science education. Every contribution supports the resources needed for AFSC to continue to make an impact in the lives of our participants, the community and beyond.

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# Creation Connection

As we ring in the New Year, we can take a look back at everything that has happened in 2023 with the Creation Education department at Akron Fossils and Science Center. We brought in four unique speakers to present to you various aspects of Creation Science. The year started off with Pat Roy speaking on the recent documentary of NovaRupta - showing fascinating evidence and rare footage of a catastrophic event that created massive geological formations that were almost lost to time! Next, we heard from Nate Loper and Canyon Ministries. A tour group that is dedicated to teaching the amazing splendor of the world as God's handiwork. He also gave us cutting edge research on the formation of the Grand Canyon itself. Later in the year, we were pleased to present Dr. Todd Wood as he took you through the fascinating world of hominid fossils and the paleontology that supports the Biblical worldview of societies that survived after the Flood. We capped off the year with Dr. Anthony Silvestro, and his wonderful talk on the importance of Genesis as a fundamental foundation for how we live, and the dangers of what happens when we reject God's Word as our final authority.

In 2024, we are looking forward to more exciting speakers, as well as many improvements to the Creation Education Museum. We are prayerfully progressing towards a larger outreach, even stronger connections, with the goal to stand in the gap, and provide the scientific evidence for the Biblical declaration of the Creation story, and to magnify the Creator through it! From all of us here at the Creation Education Museum, and our families to yours, we hope you enjoy the New Year, and we look forward to seeing you throughout it!



# Super Science Saturday



Have you checked out 2024's line up of Super Science Saturday themes yet? We have an exciting schedule for you this year. Visit our website today and register for a class!

- January - Exotic Ecology
- February - Healthy Heart
- March - Building Bridges
- April - Crazy Chemistry
- May - Fancy Ferrets
- June - Forensic Fun
- July - Summer Science
- August - Chill Chinchillas
- September - Darling Deciduous
- October - Perfect Pumpkins
- November - Microbe Madness
- December - Chocolate Christmas

Visit [www.akronfossils.org/super-science-saturday](http://www.akronfossils.org/super-science-saturday) to learn more and to register.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- 1 January: Happy New Year
- 6 January: AFSC Resumes Winter Hours
- 8 January: Simply Second Semester Starts
- 20 January: SSS- Exotic Ecology
- 17 February: SSS - Healthy Heart