



May 14 | Grades 1-6

### Rocket Science! Ignite Your Imagination with Rockets!

Prepare for an exhilarating experience with "ROCKET SCIENCE!" Led by rocketry enthusiast Mike Cronin, this program offers a hands-on introduction to the principles of propulsion and lift.

#### What kind of blast to anticipate:

- o **Build and Launch Your Rocket:** Each child receives a rocket kit with a motor for a personal building, decorating and launching experience.
- o **Interactive Learning:** Soar into the exciting world of rocketry, and get a glimpse into the science behind rocket propulsion.

#### Important notes:

The program is limited to children ages 6 and older, on a first-come, first-served basis. Availability is limited to 12 children, ensuring an immersive and attentive setting. We welcome parent volunteers to assist in rocket assembly.

**Cost:** \$25 per child, covering the rocket kit and motor.

#### Embark on a rocket adventure!

This is a unique chance for young space enthusiasts to engage in the thrilling world of rockets. Secure your spot quickly and get ready for a journey to the skies!

May 21 | Grades 1-6

### Heading To The Harbor

Join us for an adventure to Island Wharf for a boat trip (either a harbor tour or, if we're lucky, possibly to one of the islands) with the Harbormaster's office. The tentative date is May 21 – This program will depend on the weather conditions. Please bring your life jackets. Let us know if you don't have one and we will try to find one for you.

#### What you'll see on this adventure:

- o **Meet Marine Animals Up Close:** Keep your eyes peeled for seagulls soaring, and fish swimming near the boat. Who knows—you might even spot a sneaky crab waving hello from the shore!
- o **The Magic of the Open Water:** Being on a boat is a chance to see the world in a new way. You're not just riding on water—you're exploring the mysteries of the sea, just like the sailors and adventurers of old!

#### An journey of discovery!

This exciting afternoon adventure promises fun, exploration, and a chance to uncover the wonders of the harbor. Spaces are limited, so secure your spot today for this special experience!



June 4 | Grades 1-6

### Expedition to Ram Island: Ecology Of An Island

Set off on a journey to Ram Island, a gem within Sippican Harbor known for its diverse and unique ecosystems. Thanks to the generosity of Michael and Hannah Moore, we have a special opportunity to explore this fascinating island.

#### What kind of adventure awaits:

- o **Diverse Ecosystems:** Investigate the island's salt marshes, rocky intertidal shoreline, and mud flats (tide permitting).
- o **Birdwatching Bliss:** Observe Osprey nests and get up close with these majestic birds.
- o **Safety and Fun:** Life jackets are required for this adventure. Expect the children to get muddy and wet! If you're unable to provide a life jacket, let us know, and we'll assist.
- o **Adventure Details:** This will be a longer program than usual. Please plan to pick up your children at the Harbormaster's Office at 5:00 PM.

#### Important Notes:

- o **Limited Space:** The program is capped at 15 participants.
- o **Children Only:** Sorry, parents, this is a program for children only.

#### An afternoon of exploration!

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon filled with discovery and learning on Ram Island. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon for this rare adventure.

Your membership & contributions make a difference!



While program fees help, donations and memberships are what allow us to offer these enriching experiences. Please consider becoming a member or making a donation when you submit your program registration.

Thank you!



# Marion Natural History Museum

Celebrating Over 150 Years of Discovery



REGISTER ONLINE

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Open Wednesday 10am-4pm & Friday 12-2pm or by appointment  
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## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### Watch your child's imagination and understanding of the world flourish in our F.I.N.D. after school program!

Students in grades 1-6 delve into the captivating realms of science, nature, and engineering guided by the expertise of local specialists. From the mysterious lives of marine creatures to innovations in robotics and rocket science, each session is a journey of discovery.

Exceptionally fun and always interesting, the Museum's F.I.N.D. program aims to Foster Innovation, Nature & Discovery in our students. By forging a deep and enduring connection between kids and the remarkable natural world around them, we all help to build a better future.

Spaces are coveted and fill up quickly, so register today!

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Calling All Schools: Interested in having a field trip at the museum?

Please Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Museum Director via e-mail at [director@marionmuseum.org](mailto:director@marionmuseum.org). We'd love to hear!

# Registration

Please register at [marionmuseum.org](http://marionmuseum.org) or use the form below:



REGISTER ONLINE

Please register my child(ren) for the following program(s):

PROGRAM COST: \$8 members | \$10 non-members | Unless otherwise noted

- Feb 5 | Trees From the Ground Up
- Mar 19 | Wiggly Wonders
- Apr 9 | Spring Pools of Marion's Forest
- May 14 | Rocket Science!
- May 21 | Heading To The Harbor
- June 4 | Expedition to Ram Island

BUNDLE | All 6 Programs (regardless of attendance) Member: \$40 | Non-Member: \$50

**Please note:** After school registration forms (with payment!) are to be mailed or dropped off to the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738. Please do not bring the forms to the school or library, thank you! Registration is not complete without payment. Refund and registration policies are on our website. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leidhold via e-mail at [director@marionmuseum.org](mailto:director@marionmuseum.org).

Your First & Last Name .....

Your Child(ren)'s First & Last Names .....

Member  Non-member  Add Museum Family Membership \$60

Check # ..... Total .....

Full Address .....

Telephone ..... E-mail .....

## Release to pick up your child(ren) from Sippican School and walk them to the Museum program location:

I, [Your Full Name] ..... hereby give permission to a representative of the Marion Natural History Museum, which may include the Executive Director or Program Assistant, to pick up my child(ren) listed above from Sippican School and walk them to the after-school program at the Museum or Harbormaster's Office to attend the above programs. I understand that after-program pick-up is at 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted above.

Emergency contact number if different from above .....

Signature: .....

## Museum photo/media release:

I grant the Marion Natural History Society and after school program teachers the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs, films, recordings of my child(ren) listed above for use in any materials they may create.

I have read and agree with the museum's terms and conditions, which can be found at [marionmuseum.org/terms-conditions](http://marionmuseum.org/terms-conditions).

Signature of Parent/Guardian: .....

# Winter-Spring Programs

January 22 | Grades 1-6

## Creating a Winter Habitat

The museum will be welcoming Justin Barrett of the Nasketucket Bird Club and Manomet Bird Observatory. We'll be hearing a little about the birds that have migrated in for the season as well as some of our regular backyard birds. Through this exploration, children will gain a deeper appreciation for nature and the unique behaviors of winter birds!

### What kids will be learning:

- Understanding Ecosystems:** Kids learn how animals adapt to different environments, especially harsh winter conditions, and the importance of ecosystems in supporting wildlife.
- Hands-on Learning:** Building habitats allows kids to engage in hands-on activities, fostering creativity, problem-solving, and practical skills while learning about the natural world.
- Environmental Awareness:** This activity teaches kids about the broader environmental impact on wildlife, helping them understand the importance of conservation and sustainability.

February 5 | Grades 1-6

## Trees From the Ground Up - What Do Trees Do For Us?

Join us while we welcome State Forester James Rassman, who will be speaking about all the benefits a tree provides, from roots and fungi to providing habitat for animals, to releasing oxygen to our atmosphere. Let's learn about the many benefits our trees provide us and the world around us! This will be an indoor and possibly outdoor program weather providing.

### What to expect to learn from this program:

- Helps the Planet:** Trees clean the air, provide homes for animals, and conserve water – learning about them helps you protect the Earth!
- Fights Climate Change:** Trees absorb bad stuff from the air, and learning about them can help combat pollution and climate change.
- Learn About Nature:** Trees are part of forests and nature. When you learn about them, you'll understand how all living things work together.

### Protecting the future.

Learn about the importance of trees and the innovative methods used to protect them. This program is an exceptional opportunity to understand the challenges of conservation and to meet those leading this vital effort.

March 19 | Grades 1-6

## Wiggly Wonders

Did you know that a red wiggler worm will consume half of its body weight in food scraps every day? Getting worms to work for you is a great way to keep food waste out of landfills and create nutritious compost for your plants. Come and dig into the science of worms and worm composting with Maggie Payne, soil scientist, and proud worm farm owner. We will learn basic worm biology and how to set up a worm bin for composting at home. **Wriggle on over and get your hands dirty!**



### What's in store:

- Get Your Hands Dirty:** Who doesn't love digging around in the dirt? With red wiggler worms, you can! These little wrigglers turn food scraps into soil, and you can see them in action right in your own compost bin.
- Worms Are Nature's Superheroes:** Red wigglers have a special job—they recycle! They eat old fruit and veggie scraps and turn them into rich soil that helps plants grow big and strong. Learning about them is like discovering how superheroes keep nature healthy!
- Be Kind to All Creatures:** Taking care of worms teaches you how every living thing is important—even tiny, squiggly ones! It's a great way to practice kindness and respect for the world around you.

### Enter the realm of worms!

This program is perfect for young naturalists eager to learn about the world of insects. Be ready to see a whole new world through the lens of insects.

April 9 | Grades 1-6

## Spring pools of Marion's Forest

Let's find out the important role the animals that live in our spring ponds play in our ecosystem. We'll be taking a close-up look at the attributes that make a vernal pool habitable for these interesting animals. We'll learn about the forest food chain and why these pools are so important. Let's see why amphibians are the forest's "canary-in-a-coal-mine" in determining the health of the forest communities in Marion. We'll be taking a close look at some of the animal and plant life in these special areas.

### What to expect to learn from this program:

- Meet The Wildlife:** Spring ponds are homes to frogs, turtles, fish, and even tiny water bugs that zip around like underwater race cars.
- Discover Hidden Plants:** Some pond plants float on the water like little green rafts, while others grow tall and strong, giving animals a place to hide. These plants help keep the pond clean and healthy, which is pretty amazing!
- Everything Works Together:** Every plant and animal in a spring pond has a job. When you learn about ponds, you'll see how all the parts of nature work as a team.

### Discover the wonders of nature!

Get ready to uncover a hidden world and gain a fresh perspective on the incredible creatures that thrive in these unique habitats!



## Tuition

Many thanks to the Theodore C. Cederholm Fund which helps make participation accessible & affordable!

Members: \$8/program | Non-Members: \$10/ program.

**Special Offer!** Register for all 6 programs and receive a discounted rate, regardless of attendance.

Members: \$40 (6-program series) | Non-Members: \$50 (6-program series)



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