Monthly Virtual Field Trips

Below is a listing of events we have to date. Many times, programs are added to the flyer after we send the email. Unfortunately at this time, you will need h.323 or SIP compliant video equipment to participate in these conferences. We are working to add new hardware that will allow computers to join, but we hope to add that in the next year or so.

Be sure to visit our DLM website at http://alex.state.al.us/alabamadlm, for the most current sessions.

February Schedule

February 2 9-10 a.m. (Grades 3-8) 10:15-11:15 a.m. (Grades 9-12)
Sharks!! The inside scoop...
Presented by: Greg Graeber, Educator, Dauphin Island Sea Lab
Description: Do sharks really deserve their reputation as the most dangerous fish? How many kinds of sharks are there? What’s the difference between a shark and a ray? Is it true that they have to swim all the time or they will die? Join the crew of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab for an up close and personal introduction to sharks, skates, and rays.
Suitable audience: Teachers of Grades 3-8 as well as high school Biology, Environmental Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Zoology, and Marine Science will find program content relevant for their students. The program Sharks!: The Inside Scoop is aligned with a number of standards in Alabama’s Disciplinary Core Ideas of Life Sciences (From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; Unity and Diversity; Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy and Dynamics) as well as Earth and Space Sciences (Earth and Human Activity).
Programs integrate the cross cutting concepts of Patterns, Cause & Effect, Structure & Function and Stability & Change.
Specifically, Sharks!: The Inside Scoop discusses the taxonomy, life cycles and varied adaptations of cartilaginous fishes (sharks, skates and rays), the ecological role of sharks and human impacts on shark populations. The lesson concludes with the dissection of a common Gulf of Mexico shark species.
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February 7 9-10 a.m. (Grades 3-8) 10:15-11:15 a.m. (Grades 9-12)
From Selma to Montgomery
Presented by: Wesley Garmon, Education Section Head, Alabama Department of Archives and History
Description: Dallas County, Alabama was a key battleground in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. There, African Americans organized marches and mass rallies, most notably the Selma to Montgomery March, which resulted in the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This landmark legislation secured for all U.S. citizens the right to register and vote - a right that had been systematically denied African Americans in the Deep South states. In this Virtual Field Trip, students will be introduced to the people and events that shaped this monumental time in Alabama's history.
Supplemental Material: Selma March Activities
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February 12        9-10 a.m. (All Grades)
Great Women from Alabama
Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation
Description: They come from small, rural towns to large cities, from the Gulf Coast to the Tennessee Valley. They are women from Alabama who have made a difference in our lives and have contributed positively to the society we live in. Your students will experience the lives of women like Helen Keller, Julia Tutwiler, Amelia Gorgas, Tallulah Bankhead, and others. They will not only learn where they came from and how they grew up, but more importantly, they will learn how they gave back to the people of this state through their talents.
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February 12        10:15-11:15 a.m. (All Grades)
A Journey Through the Life of Helen Keller
Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation
Description: Take your students through the life of one of Alabama's greatest citizens. From her early life in Tuscumbia, through her death in 1968, students will experience the miraculous life of Helen Keller. Despite being left deaf and blind at the age of 18 months, she developed into one of the leading writers, humanitarianism, and leaders of her time. Helen Keller's niece will take you on an amazing journey that will include many family stories of her amazing great, grand aunt and will encourage your students in their character education development.
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February 12        1-2 p.m. (All Grades)
Men from Alabama that You Should Know
Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation
Description: Many men from Alabama have gone on to achieve many different goals in their lives. Through this presentation, students will experience the lives of several Alabama men such as Hank Aaron, Jesse Owens, George Washington Carver, and others who were born in Alabama and went on to live very successful lives and careers. Students will be able to see where these men came from, where their lives took them, and what they achieved in their lives.
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February 14        10:15-11:15 a.m. (All Grades)
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