

Distance Learning Site Information

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Albany Institute of History & Art - The Albany Institute's lessons are exciting and engaging real-time interactions between schools and the museum's educators, using objects, images and lively, inquiry-based teaching methods to offer students "virtual field trips" focusing on the museum's strong collections in American and regional history and art from Ancient Egypt to 21st century America. (grades 3-12)

For more information go to: <http://www.albanyinstitute.org/z-%20AIHA%20website/7-Education/Videoconferencing/education.videoconferencing.htm>

The Bronx Zoo - The world famous Bronx Zoo is now offering videoconferencing programming for elementary, middle and high school students. The tire-tested and teacher endorsed curricula on which the Zoo's videoconference programs are based are aligned with the New York State and the National Science Education Standards. All videoconferencing lessons include several live-animal "guests." Most are under an hour and come with teacher support materials. (grades k-12)

For more information, go to: <http://www.bronxzoo.com/educators/distance-learning.aspx>

Brownsburg Challenger Learning Center - The simulated mission is the central activity at the Brownsburg Challenger Learning Center. As part of a Mission Control or Spacecraft Team, you might Rendezvous with a Comet, Return to the Moon, Encounter Earth, or Voyage to Mars. You and your trained crew must use your abilities to successfully execute mission directives. Your job may be to navigate a spacecraft, build a probe, or support and protect the lives of your crew. Mission success depends on you! The targeted audience is students in grades 5-12.

For more information, go to: <http://challenger.brownsburg.k12.in.us/html/vcprograms.html>

The Buffalo Zoo - The Buffalo Zoological Gardens is the nation's oldest zoo. Education is a vital part of the institution's mission as it is through education that we can help save our world's wildlife. Outreach tools such as the Zoomobile and Distance Learning take the Zoo's message beyond the 23.5 acre grounds to educate those that are not able to visit the Zoo in person. Many of our programs use live animals, biofacts, tours, and/or crafts to give our audiences an educational experience to be remembered. (k-12)

For more information, go to: http://www.buffalozoo.org/distance_learning.html

Camden Children's Garden - A project of the Camden (New Jersey) City Garden Club, the Camden Children's Garden is a "special place for the young and young at heart to explore and discover the natural world." Programs cover most aspect of nature, from plants and insects to DNA or the ocean environment. (k-12)

For more information, see their website at:

http://www.camdenchildrensgarden.org/downloads/2007-08_Lessons_Listing.pdf

Center for Puppetry Arts - ...in Atlanta, Ga., provides a variety of curriculum based learning activities incorporated while children learn the art of puppetry by making their own puppets. (k-12)

For more information, go to: http://www.puppet.org/edu/dis_programs.shtml

Children's Museum of Indianapolis - ...invites students to virtually visit the museum located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The museum can bring its galleries and exhibits to your classroom over videoconferencing. Seventeen experts are on hand to guide the programs - extremely popular, reservations are required weeks in advance, often at set times. Programming available for grades 1-12; many have downloadable outlines or pre- and post - program activities.

For more information, go to: <http://www.childrensmuseum.org/museumport/index.htm>

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - ...in Cleveland, Ohio, brings education to life in their zoo adventures. Join zoo educators in program where "biofact and/or live animals provide an up close experience" that will be both "enjoyable and educational." (k-12)

For more information, go to: <http://www.clemetzoo.com/education/dstlrn/distlearn.asp>

Cleveland Museum of Art - Distance Learning at The Cleveland Museum of Art allows students to connect with the CMA through interactive videoconferencing and discover works of art from the collection without having to leave their school. Using television monitors, cameras and wiring for transmission of signals, students can participate in conversations that are live and fully interactive in a real time with museum educators. (k-12)

Teacher In-Service workshops are a great way to introduce fellow teachers to videoconferencing. Workshops are available free of charge to all schools.

To access this website, go to:

<http://www.clevelandart.org/educef/distance/html/4312127.html>

Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University - For almost 40 years, Clowes Memorial Hall has remained one of the Midwest's premiere performing arts facilities. Keeping in line with our mission of lifelong learning in and through the arts, Clowes programs a performing arts series each year,, focusing on internationally, artistically and culturally diverse live performance. With our Education Programming, students K-12 are able to experience3 live performance with their classmates-throughout their school career. (k-12)
For more information, go to: <http://www.cloweshall.org/education/dl.lasso>

The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium - ...in Powell, Ohio is one of "only three facilities outside of Florida to care for and exhibit manatees, a rare marine mammal" found along the Florida coast. The zoo offers pre- and post- videoconference educational packets for students and teachers. (1-12)
For more information, go to:
http://www.colszoo.org/education/schools_and_teachers/classroom/distance_learning/default.aspx

Conner Prairie - Conner Prairie is a place to hear, see and participate in the stories of our American past. It's a large, open-air living history museum make up of over 1,400 acres of natural Indiana beauty. Conner Prairie's mission is to serve as a local, regional and national center for education and activities exploring the lives, times and values of the 1800s in America. It's a place where stories are preserved for the future. Conner Prairie staff members strive to accurately research and interpret the past and to create public programs that bring 19th century events and situations into clear focus for visitors. Conner Prairie offers you several unique ways to not only learn about our cultural past but also have fun. (k-12)
For more information, go to: http://www.connerprairie.org/discover_learn/distancelearning

COSI Columbus - ...the "fascination destination" is in the heart of the Buckeye State - Columbus, Ohio. Join the beautiful new science center (320,000 square foot space) via a videoconference where students will virtually be "dazzled, amazed and delighted." Fresh new programs feature hands-on participation from students as well as demonstrations. (2-12)
For More information, go to: <http://www.cosi.org/educators/videoconferencing/>

COSI Toledo - ...in Toledo, Ohio makes "science click." COSI Toledo science specialists "offer a fresh perspective on the educational field trip concept." Some of the more popular videoconference modules that go behind the traditional classroom learning are "Motion Mania and "COSI WOW!" (k-12)
For more information, go to: <http://www.cositoledo.org/content/distance-learning.htm>

Cumberland Science Museum - Located in Nashville, Tennessee, the Cumberland Science Museum is, at its heart, a children's museum. It has always been and always will be a place where imagination and curiosity are encouraged, where touching is expected - a place here all the senses are engaged in learning the excitement and fascination that all of the sciences engender. (K-12)

For more information, go to: <http://www.cumberlandsciencemuseum.com/distance>

The Elephant Sanctuary - ...is a natural habitat refuge located in Hohenwald, Tennessee. Students can take a videoconference trip to the Sanctuary - the only way to visit. "Image and voice are transported live, allowing the visitor to view an elephant's daily life without causing any intrusion." Visit Shirley, Tarra and Jenny - the elephants that "loaded up their trunks and moved to Tennessee!" (k-8)

For more information, go to: <http://www.elephants.com/etrips.htm>

The Health Museum of Cleveland - The Health Museum of Cleveland is committed to providing children and adults with the most current and up-to-date health educational programming. Our Experienced education staff takes pride in teaching the public about health and wellness issues that include nutrition, fitness, decision making and physiology. The best part of all is that your group doesn't have to leave its location to take advantage of our education programs. (4-12)

For more information, go to:

<http://www.cmnh.org/site/Files/classesandprograms/DistanceLearning.pdf>

Historic Cold Spring Village - The Historic Cold Spring Village is a 19th century living history museum. The Village is dedicated to preserving the crafts, trades, lifestyles and architecture of a small south Jersey rural community of one hundred fifty years ago. (k-8)

For more information, go to: http://www.hcsv.org/O_page/Education/education.htm

Hook's Discovery & Learning Center - Hook's Discovery & Learning Center is Indiana's life science education center, providing quality experiences that promote science learning for students, educators, and the general public. HDLC provides participants with lively demonstrations, experiments, and hand-on life science discovery based on educational standards. (k-12)

For more information, go to:

http://www.cesa10.k12.wi.us/services/educational_technology/field_trips//hdlc.htm

Indianapolis Zoo - Zoos have the power to carry us from the frozen tundra of Antarctica to the deepest jungles of Africa. With a Distance Learning Program, your class can reach across the miles for an amazing learning experience. The Indianapolis Zoological Society (IZS) invites you to connect with that power right in your own classroom. (k-12)

For more information, go to: <http://www.indyzoo.com/content.aspx?cid=386>

Los Angeles County Museum of Art - "A treat for the eyes as well as the mind, distance learning with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art offers students, teachers, and community members an opportunity to experience the museum's collection of nearly 100,000 works of art spanning ancient times to the present. During each interactive videoconference, participants will look at and discuss works of art representing a variety of artistic movements and styles, gaining insight into the social, political, and cultural reasons behind their creation." (9-12)

For more information, go to:

<http://www.lacma.org/programs/DistanceLearningPrograms.aspx>

Louisville Science Center - "The Louisville Science Center aims to educate and inspire you, while keeping you entertained and engaged with one of the most unique experiences you will ever have." (2-12)

For more information, go to: <http://www.louisvillescience.org/site/teachers-distance-learning/distance-learning-program-offerings.html>

Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts - Get an introduction to the Victorian lifestyle from the Carriage House gallery on a Victorian estate built by Emlen Physick in 1879 in Cape May, New Jersey. Using artifacts from the collection, reproductions and historic engravings, museum educators point out the differences and similarities between life today and as it was lived over 100 years ago. (k-12)

For more information, go to: <http://www.capemaymac.org/education/distance/index.html>

Mote Marine Laboratory - ...is a leader in marine science education housed in Sarasota, Florida. The distance learning program, which is known as "Sea Trek," offers a variety of videoconference programs. Favorites include "Sharks: Devouring the Myths" and "Sea Turtles: Amazing Reptiles of the sea." (grades 4-8) More information and downloadable program materials can be found at: <http://www.seatrek.org/programs.htm>

The Museum of Television and Radio - ...can be found in Beverly Hills, California. It has a unique mission to collect and make available its thousands of television and radio clips from the past. The education center provides opportunities for students to explore that social impact that these mediums have on society. "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Right Years" is a videoconference program that has students explore television's powerful role in the struggle for equal rights in America.

Get more information at: http://www.mtr.org/edu/distance_ny_classes.htm

Museum of Tolerance - ... Los Angeles, California, is part of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Today, it is an international center for "Holocaust remembrance, the defense of human rights and the Jewish people." The Museum of Tolerance offers speakers that include Holocaust survivors and presentations by former neo-nazi skinheads. This can be done over a videoconference along with other museum programs. Often programs focus on the dynamics of racism and prejudice in the United States. (6-12)

Find out more at:

http://www.museumoftolerance.com/site/c.juLVJ8MRKtH/b.1467203/k.99ED/Distance_Learning.htm

NASA - Free, interactive programs allow you and your students to learn more about our home planet and to journey into space using video-conferencing. Students of all ages are able to speak directly with NASA personnel including scientists, engineers, astronauts, and education specialists. Placing an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), the DLN offers a wide variety of distance learning events designed to educate through demonstrations and real time interactions with experts. All programs are aligned to national standards with pre- and post-activities to enhance your video conference experiences. Join NASA's DLN as we go back to the Moon, onto Mars, and beyond. (k-12)

Look over their website at: <http://dln.nasa.gov/dln/content/catalog/>

National Park Service - A list of parks that offer distance learning programs that may allow them to share curriculum-based programming about the park with your students through the web, audio or video conferencing.

Find out more at: <http://www.nps.gov/learn/distance.htm>

North Carolina Museum of Natural Science - Science education is an essential part of the Museum's mission. We offer a wide range of programs and materials for North Carolina teachers and students, newly revised and expanded in conjunction with the opening of our new Museum. (1-12)

For more information, go to: <http://www.naturalsciences.org/education/distance.html>

Ohio Historical Society - The Ohio Historical Society's distance learning programming transports students through time to historic venues ranging from river boats to Civil War parlors to prehistoric mounds to "safe houses" on the Underground Railroad. Video streaming, remote cameras, blue-projections, and theatrical sets and costumes are among the innovative techniques used to make history come to life for students from kindergarten to high school.

For more information, go to: <http://www.ohiohistoryteachers.org/05/index.shtml>

Queens Botanical Garden - Each year, more than 320,000 people who visit the Queens Botanical Garden experience nature's beauty along shaded and sun-drenched paths, while enjoying seasonal displays of tulips, roses, and annuals, as well as an outstanding collection of plants and trees exhibited in five teaching collections and six backyard demonstrations. The distance learning programs introduce students to elementary botany and ecology; they are also used to supplement and stimulate learning of basic reading and mathematics skills. Curricula for advanced and secondary school students, and in-depth sessions for teacher training can also be planned with the Garden's Education Department. Many of the programs can be adapted to meet the needs of special Education classes. (K-12)

For more information, go to:

<http://www.queensbotanical.org/education/56847/teleconferencing>

San Diego Zoo - Videoconferences are available with San Diego Zoo educators on a variety of topics. Animal presentations by our education staff can cover several animal and conservation subjects, including: animal classification, animal adaptations, and endangered species.

For more information, go to: http://www.sandiegozoo.org/teachers/video_index.html

Tennessee Aquarium - Home to more than 9,000 animals representing 575 species of fish, crustaceans, mussels, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, the Tennessee Aquarium tells the story of fresh ecosystems. We follow the Tennessee River from its Appalachian beginnings through the swamp waters of the Mississippi River and into the Gulf of Mexico making side trips to some of the world's other great rivers. Live, interactive videoconference programs introduce students to some of the animals in these ecosystems.

For more information, go to:

http://www.tnaqua.org/KidsTeachers/Animals_programs_list.asp

Toledo Zoo - Known as "the world's most complete zoo," the Toledo Zoo is located in Ohio. State-of-the-art exhibits together with historical architecture are fully blended to provide our animals with the best possible environment and offer visitors an exciting experience. The Toledo Zoo is home to over 4,000 animals representing 600 species.

For more information, go to: http://toledozoo.org/edzoocation/ed_distancelearning.html