A Day with Dinosaurs

September 8, 2019, LAS VEGAS – On Sunday the Las Vegas Natural History Museum partnered with Sunshine Nevada to welcome 400 children, teens, and young adults with special needs; their families; and caretakers to the Museum for a “Day with Dinosaurs.” The event provided a fun, educational opportunity to bring together the special needs community, offering new social connections, friendships, and networking opportunities. “We appreciate the partnership with Sunshine Nevada and hope to inspire a deeper appreciation for the natural world in everyone who attended,” said Marilyn Gillespie, Executive Director at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum.

At the Las Vegas Natural History Museum visitors can take a trip back in time to the age of the pharaohs or dinosaurs, see live animals, and much more. “Dinosaurs Take Flight,” is also on display through Sept. 15. This exhibit explores the life of Archaeopteryx, the elusive full-wing maniraptor that lived during the Jurassic period, and is considered by many to be the missing link between birds and dinosaurs. The traveling exhibit from Silver Plume Exhibitions and the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History blends science and art, featuring more than 50 pieces of original artwork, murals, sculptures, interactive displays and collection of fossils.

For information about the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, visit www.lvnhm.org.

About the Las Vegas Natural History Museum

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum opened in 1991 and is a private, non–profit institution dedicated to educating children, adults, and families in the natural sciences, both past and present. Through its interactive exhibits, educational programs, and the preservation of its collections, the Museum strives to instill an understanding and appreciation of the world’s wildlife, ecosystems, and cultures. The Museum is accredited with the American Alliance of Museums. Please visit www.lvnhm.org or call (702) 384–3466 for additional information.

About Sunshine Nevada

Social isolation is a crisis in the special needs community.

We all have a fundamental need to belong, but it is common for children with disabilities to be bullied or shunned. Families feel isolated and the kids are excluded from common social activities: no play-dates, parties or sleepovers. No dates or dances.

Relationships give our lives meaning, purpose and encouragement in difficult times. We grow by relating and being with others. Our social-skill building programs and summer camps are packed with teachable moments providing lasting benefits and continuity for steady growth in inclusive and social environments.
Our passion and purpose is to develop a sense of belonging for children and young adults with special needs. We cultivate social inclusiveness and community, and provide opportunities to learn social and life skills, and connect and thrive.

Our impact is real. Be part of the solution and follow the Sunshine!

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