



Want to visit the Berkshire Museum?

GET ON THE BUS!

MCC Big Yellow School Bus transportation grants

Big Yellow School Bus provides grants to Massachusetts schools to offset the cost of transportation for field trips. Funds are still available! Schools that haven't received

grants yet should [apply today](#) - funding can even be applied to field trips that have already taken place during the 2008-09 school year.



FREE (STEM) program for Berkshire County Schools

Create and Innovate! (Grades 6-8)

Students creatively explore the STEM engineering and design process, following the path of an idea from concept to prototype to invention to innovation. Then brainstorm problems to solve in today's world. Students use special materials to build inventions that address these problems, and learn to market their breakthroughs with brief "infomercials"! Registration extended to Friday, May

15. Contact Berkshire Museum at 413.443.7171, ext. 20.



Teachers! Get your feet wet this summer!

Water and Energy Summer Institute

July 6-17 The Museum Institute for Teaching Science (MITS) Professional Development for Pre-K to 8th grade Educators

Berkshire County has taken the forefront in Massachusetts' movement toward greener fuel sources and sustainable energy production. This summer's institute will provide teachers the opportunity to explore examples of sustainable energy sources in private industry and at cultural institutions, like the Zephyr wind turbine at Jiminy Peak, the Darrow School in New Lebanon, Hancock Shaker Village, and the Housatonic Valley Association. Teachers participate in dynamic, hands-on lessons in water quality testing, energy transfer modeling, photosynthesis, the water cycle, energy use analysis, and many other topics, and will learn an array of tools and techniques for strengthening scientific inquiry in the classroom.

Participants will earn 60 or 90 PDPs. Graduate credits are available.

The Museum Institute for Teaching Science (MITS) is dedicated to promoting inquiry-based, hands-on learning in the classroom. For more information, call MITS at 617.695.9771 or go to their [website](#).



June 13 to November 1

Welcome to the wonderful world of frogs! View beautiful, living frogs from around the world in their natural habitats, complete with rock ledges, living plants, waterfalls and more!

Opening Celebration: June 20 – events all day – free for members and educators!

FREE Lecture: Why Frogs Are So Fascinating and Frail

Saturday, June 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Join BCC Professor of Environmental Science Tom Tynning for a look at the natural history of frogs from the tropical rainforest to the Berkshires. Learn about the challenges faced by scientists in their ongoing efforts to study and conserve frog species in the face of climate change and the continued development of important wetlands.

Educator-led Programs

September 1 to November 1

Fun-tastic Frogs (grades Pre-K-2) & ***Awesome Amphibians*** (grades 3-8)

Explore the lifecycle of frogs and take part in a digital dissection in our new educator-led programs.



Race to the Top: Arctic Inspiration 1909 & Today

On view through May 17 Become a world class explorer in Race to the Top: Arctic Inspiration 1909 & Today. One hundred years ago, the legendary Polar explorer, Admiral Robert E. Peary, his loyal compatriot, Matthew Henson, and four Inuit men, stood as near as man could get to the geographical North Pole amidst the shifting sea ice of the Arctic Ocean. Follow these intrepid explorers to the top of the world as we learn about the Inuits, who were vital to

the expedition's success, and contrast the technology used by contemporary adventurers.

Don't miss your chance to book the outstanding Arctic Explorers program for K-8!

Arctic Exploration: Professional Development Package Earn 10 Professional Development Points (PDPs) and discover new resources to bring the world of Arctic exploration to life. Attend or implement the following to build a package of a minimum of 10 PDPs:



Arctic Fever in America

Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Michael Robinson, historian and author of *Coldest Crucible: Arctic Exploration and American Culture*, will discuss the emergence and cause of "Arctic Fever" in American society in the latter part of the 19th century. Free admission. Teachers receive 1 PDP for attending.

Arctic in the Classroom: Professional Development Seminar

Saturday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Take part in a workshop on planning interdisciplinary lessons focused on Arctic exploration. Participating teachers earn 3 PDPs. Submit and implement your completed lesson plan from the Arctic in the Classroom Seminar and receive an additional 3 PDPs.

Bring your class to the Museum for an Arctic Explorers educator-led program. Earn 1 PDP. Earn an additional PDP for each hour your class completes of pre-post visit Arctic Activities from the Museum's online Educator Resources. For pre-post material information contact Curtis Asch.

Contact: [Curtis Asch](#), Education Program Manager, 413.443.7171, ext. 19.

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