Dear K-12 Educator/Fossil Club Member--

We are sponsoring four days of lesson planning for K-12 teachers on August 2-5, 2017 (August 1st and 6th will be travel days), while connecting them with local fossil club members in their areas.

Space is limited to a dozen K-12 participants and a dozen fossil club members. Preference will be given to members of myFOSSIL. All travel, lodging, and meals will be provided.

Participants will be selected based on information provided in the following application, which must be submitted by the 26th of May in order to be considered.

Decisions will be communicated no later than the 2nd of June in order for you to plan, and for us to arrange travel paperwork.

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact me directly. We are very excited to share this opportunity with you!

Yours sincerely,
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The goals for the 2017 Fossils for Teachers Professional Development are:
1. To increase collaboration between professional or amateur paleontologists and K12 educators.
2. To provide actual fossils that can be used in the classroom.
3. To develop lesson plans using fossils and paleontology and related subjects. (For example geologic time, evolution and climate change).
4. To increase your general knowledge of fossils and paleontology.

With these in mind, please answer the following questions in this application.

Full Name
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Tell us why you are interested in this workshop?

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Have you participated in other Florida Museum of Natural History or FOSSIL Project-sponsored activities?

☐ Yes! (1)
☐ No (2)

Skip To: Q11 If Q9 = No (2)
Skip To: Q10 If Q9 = Yes! (1)

Please select all that you've participated in:

☐ Panama Research Trip (1)
☐ GABI-RET (2)
☐ Nebraska Badlands Trip (3)
☐ Calvert Marine Field Trip May 2015 (4)
☐ Cincinnati Dry Dredgers/FOSSIL Project May 2016 (5)
☐ Montbrook Dig June 2016 (6)
☐ Montbrook Dig April 2017 (7)
☐ Other (8) ________________________________________________________
I am a:

- K-12 Educator (1)
- Amateur Paleontologist and/or Member of Fossil Club (2)
- Both! (3)

*Skip To: Q12 If Q11 = K-12 Educator (1)*
*Skip To: Q12 If Q11 = Both! (3)*
*Skip To: Q19 If Q11 = Amateur Paleontologist and/or Member of Fossil Club (2)*
Grade Level

☐ Kindergarten (1)
☐ 1st Grade (2)
☐ 2nd Grade (3)
☐ 3rd Grade (4)
☐ 4th Grade (5)
☐ 5th Grade (6)
☐ 6th Grade (7)
☐ 7th Grade (8)
☐ 8th Grade (9)
☐ 9th Grade (10)
☐ 10th Grade (11)
☐ 11th Grade (12)
☐ 12th Grade (13)
☐ Other (14) ________________________________________________

School Name and Location

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What subject(s) will you be teaching during the 2017-2018 academic year?

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Have you used fossils in the classroom before? Briefly describe below.

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How would you like to use fossils in the classroom in the future? Briefly describe below.

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Have you previously collaborated with an amateur or professional paleontologist to bring fossils into the classroom and develop lessons?

- Yes (Briefly describe below) (1)
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- No (2)
Briefly, tell us about the student demographics of the school where you teach.

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Are you a member of a fossil club? (List below)

○ Yes! (1) _________________________________________________________

○ No (2)

Skip To: Q20 If Q19 = Yes! (1)
Skip To: Q23 If Q19 = No (2)

Have you previously supplied fossils to schools for K-12 teachers and learning?

○ Yes (1)

○ No (2)

Skip To: Q21 If Q20 = Yes (1)
Skip To: Q22 If Q20 = No (2)

What types of fossils and to which organization/school?

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Do you have any fossils that you would like to contribute to the fossil kits that teachers will take back with them? And if so, what kind (need at least 15 of each type)? Please keep in mind that providing fossils IS NOT a requirement for participation in this professional development.

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Do you have any ideas or suggestions for us to consider as we plan this program?

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How do you feel about sharing a hotel room with another participant?

- I'm OK with that! (1)
- I'm not OK with that. (2)
- Other. (3) ________________________________
Are you a member of our online paleontological community, myFOSSIL?

- Yes! (1)
- No, but I'd like to sign up (follow the link to sign up: http://www.myfossil.org/) (2)

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