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JUNE - AUGUST 2024

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Dinosaurs have taken over the
Imaginarium for the summer!

Star Parties in Prairie Grove
Park, Waterloo

D-DAY: FROM NORMANDY TO BERLIN

OPENING JUNE 6, 2024

COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS SINCE THE D-DAY LANDINGS AT NORMANDY IN NORTHERN FRANCE.

Into the Jaws of Death: Men of the 16th Infantry Regiment, US 1st Infantry Division wading ashore on Omaha Beach on the morning of 6 June 1944. Public domain. Wikimedia Commons.

CURRENT & UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY



FIRE AND ICE: FOSSILS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

View a wide selection of fossils from our own collection that will get you excited for what's coming in May to the Imaginarium!



DINOSAURS: LAND OF FIRE AND ICE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

EXHIBIT HOURS: Monday-Wednesday 10-5; Thursday-Friday 10-8; Saturday 10-5; Sunday 1-5
EXHIBIT ADMISSION AT THE IMAGINARIUM: \$10, Members \$2, 3 and under free, *Museums for All & Blue Star* honored

Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice™, transports families back to the Cretaceous Period.

Children will go face-to-face with the prehistoric world and meet dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes. The exhibit, created for children ages 3 – 10, will feature a variety of activities.



WHO WE ARE: BOSNIANS IN THE CEDAR VALLEY THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Find out what it took as a Bosnian refugee to journey to Iowa from a war-torn region in our first installment of this exhibit.



UPCOMING EXHIBIT

D-DAY: FROM NORMANDY TO BERLIN

JUNE 6, 2024 - MAY 31, 2025 | GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

June 6 marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy in northern France, in which Allied troops mounted the largest amphibious invasion in history to break Adolf Hitler's Nazi stranglehold on western Europe.

Many Iowans were involved in those landings, the liberation of Europe and the ending of the Holocaust – the Nazi genocide against the Jewish people. Nearly 227,000 Iowans served in the war and almost 8,400 died.

In commemoration of that struggle for liberty, the exhibit will showcase the D-Day landings and the year-long struggle through northern Europe to final victory over Nazism.

Drawing from the Museum's archives of more than 2,300 oral histories of Iowa veterans, visitors will hear firsthand accounts of the struggle – including the D-Day landings; the race across France; the insufferable wintertime Battle of Bulge in December-January 1944-45; the entrance into Germany; the crossing of the Rhine River and the linkup with Soviet troops advancing from the East to crush the brutal Nazi regime.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Top: Treadway bridge built across the Moselle River, France.

Below: Destruction in Saint-Lô shortly after the D-Day landings.

Images taken by W. J. Bowser, Sr.



SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMMING

SUMMER PROGRAMS

STAR PARTIES

JUNE 8, JULY 13, AUGUST 10 | 9-10:30PM

Join the Grout Museum District and Black Hawk Astronomy Club for a Star Party in Prairie Grove Park, Waterloo. Star Parties are free of charge.

PALEO EARTH PLANETARIUM SHOW

JUNE 4-AUGUST 31 | 3PM

Journey back to the Earth that the dinosaurs roamed! Discover how earth, air, water, and fire forged a wondrous and sometimes dangerous world.



FRIENDS OF THE GROUT HISTORIC HOUSES SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

GARDEN TOURS

JUNE 15 | 1-5 PM

COST: \$15, 12 & UNDER FREE

PURCHASE TICKETS:

GMDISTRICT.ORG/GARDENTOURS2024

Tour beautiful gardens in the Cedar Valley (rain or shine!) This year's tour includes:

Steve Carignan

199 Hampshire Rd., Waterloo

Joyce & Reynold Erdmann

7066 LaPorte Rd., Waterloo

Northeast Iowa Food Bank Community Garden

261 Vinton St., Waterloo

Ginny & Randy Platte

3042 North Elk Run Rd.

Karin & David Sigl

870 Prospect Blvd., Waterloo

Kim & Grant Veeder

135 Graceline Blvd., Waterloo

Bill Witt & Karen Franczyk

1006 W. 9th St., Cedar Falls

TOUR OF HOMES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 | 1-5 PM

Homes to be announced.

SUMMER CAMPS 2024

REGISTER AT: [GMDISTRICT.ORG/CAMPS](https://gmdistrict.org/camps)

PRICES START AT \$30

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JUNE 10 - 14

Paleo Discoveries Camp

JUNE 18 | JUNE 20

Messy History Day Camps

JUNE 21

Robotics Day Camp

JULY 8 - 12

Exhibit Exploration Camp

JULY 16 | JUNE 18

Messy Science Day Camps

JULY 22 - 26

Culture of the Cedar Valley Camp

JULY 30

Messy History Day Camp

AUGUST 1

Messy Science Day Camp

AUGUST 5 - 9

I Need Space Camp

AUGUST 12 - 16

Rockets, Cars and Planes, Oh My Camp

Extended Care available for all week long camps for \$50. Early drop off and late pick up available. Early drop off starts at 8AM and late pick up is available until 5PM.



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SUMMER 2024



DETAILS INSIDE!

DINOSAURS: Land of Fire and Ice™

Now – September 7, 2024
at the BLUEDORN SCIENCE IMAGINARIUM

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