

The Raymond Alf Museum of Paleontology acts as a unique resource for students of The Webb Schools as they have the opportunity to learn all about paleontology. Reciprocally, the museum benefits from a large workforce of enthusiastic and able student collectors and curators. Students at Webb learn about paleontology in three settings: they participate in the collection of fossils on peccary trips, they enroll in classes taught by museum staff, and they participate in the museum afterschool program (preparing and curating specimens).

Museum Field Excursions



Peccary Trips

Since the late 1930s, fossil collecting trips for Webb students have been known as "peccary trips." During the academic year, most peccary trips go to Barstow. Students learn collection techniques such as prospecting (walking and lo

oking for specimens lying exposed on the ground), quarrying (removing a specimen from rock using tools) and screen-washing (using a screen to sift through rock to recover small fossils).

Summer Peccary Research Trip

Every summer the museum offers the Summer Peccary Research Trip, co-led by Museum Director Don Lofgren and Curator Andy Farke, which is scheduled for late July- early August. This trip is designed for students who wish to be part of a field research crew, but at the same time have a fun and adventurous experience (side trips to national parks/monuments are scheduled as well). Over the next few years, the museum will concentrate its summer efforts on collecting in the Kaiparowits Formation of southern Utah and the Renova Formation of Montana.



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