

Cincinnati Museum Center

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Name of organization: Cincinnati Museum Center

Location of organization: Cincinnati, OH

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Partner title: Vice President of Museums

Partner role with school: Whatever it takes! Our key assets are our building - its large and inviting with unusual spaces particularly suited to exploration and experimentation; our museum spaces designed for inquiry-based and free-choice learning; on-site DNA processing lab; on-site paleontology prep laboratory; and our staff scientists. We have used each of these in the partnership.

Organization focus:

Inquiry-based, free-choice learning for all ages. Partner and supports for formal education.

Why STEM is important to your organization:

We have a Natural History and Science Museum and a Nature Preserve as two of our anchor institutions. Additionally, we have 3 staff scientists and an archeologist. STEM is a large part of what we do. We also believe that STEM is broad enough to excite and engage every type of student in some way because STEM has become such a fundamental part of each of our lives - and so STEM is a key, opportunistic educational tool for us.

Organization web address: www.cincymuseum.org

Brief description of the organization (this description can be posted in advertisements for the webinar series): Cincinnati Museum Center is a one-of-a-kind, multi-museum complex housed in Union Terminal, an historic Art Deco train station and National Historic Landmark. Museum Center's major offerings include the Cincinnati History Museum, the Museum of Natural History & Science, the Duke Energy Children's Museum, the Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater and the Cincinnati Historical Society Library. Museum Center is the largest cultural institution in the City of Cincinnati, with more than 1.3 million visitors per year. Museum Center's permanent and temporary exhibits are supported and complemented by a state-of-the-art collections and research facility, The Geier Collections & Research Center, in-house and outreach educational programs, teacher workshops, day camps, public lectures and programs, tours of historic sites and community-wide cultural events. In addition, Museum Center co-owns and co-manages the Richard & Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System in Adams County, with the Ohio Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. The Preserve is the largest privately owned protected natural area in Ohio at 14,000 acres. It provides critical habitat for more than 100 rare plant and animal species. The Eulett Center is Museum Center's research and education facility at the Preserve.