

# National Fossil Day™

*At the Dunn-Seiler Museum*

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***Did you know that mammoths, mastodons, and lions once lived in our state?*** The Dunn-Seiler Museum at Mississippi State University celebrates **National Fossil Day** of Earth Science Week (October 13-19) with a creative competition that focuses upon species that survived—and those that did not—at the end of the last Ice Age!

The Dunn-Seiler Museum's Fossil Art & Story Contest invites K-12 students in Mississippi to investigate the role of climate in whether a species survived or went extinct at the end of the Pleistocene. You may sketch, draw, or create a three-dimensional scene of Pleistocene life in Mississippi – including what the landscape and climate would have been like. You may also write a creative story that focuses upon the climate of the Pleistocene and the animals that once lived in our state. Our Mississippi's Geologic Timeline can help you get started: <http://www.geosciences.msstate.edu/dunn-seiler-museum/resources/>

## **Fossil Art Contest** (Categories: *elementary, middle school, and high school*)

- Create a model or draw a scene recreating Pleistocene life in Mississippi. Please remember to identify *what* your ancient life form is.

## **Fossil Story Contest** (Categories: *middle school and high school*)

- If you would rather write an episode about Pleistocene life in Mississippi, please submit a short story that is 1500 words or less.

**Completed art work and stories are due by October 11, 2019.**

***Submissions will be judged on creativity and accuracy.***

Winners in each category (in both art and story competitions) will be awarded.

The Dunn-Seiler Museum hosts school groups for tours, and fossil collecting at our local Cretaceous outcrop. Please check our website for more information.

Tours can be scheduled through the MSU Visitors Center, 662.325.5203.

