



## FORT WORTH MUSEUM SCIENCE AND HISTORY

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### **Smithsonian Science Now Get Q?rius and unlock your world!**

**Fort Worth, TX** – The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is proud to partner with the National Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian Affiliates to bring *Smithsonian Science Now* and *Q?rius* to your classroom.

*Q?rius* is a new way for teens and tweens – and their families and educators – to connect science with everyday experiences. With a name chosen to inspire curiosity and the excitement of discovery, Q?rius is a first-of-its-kind interactive and experimental learning space that brings the unique assets of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History – the science, researchers, and collections – out from behind the scenes. Teachers across the country can access the riches of this space without ever leaving their classrooms through the Q?rius website (<https://qrius.si.edu/>) and through live webcasts throughout the year.

*Smithsonian Science Now* delivers real-world science into classrooms through free, interactive, live webcasts and supporting classroom resources. The 25-minute programs feature the research and personalities of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, providing area students and museum guests with positive STEM role models, information about science careers and pathways, and connections to current research. Through Smithsonian Science Now webcasts, guests and students also:

- Learn from Smithsonian science experts
- Explore career pathways
- Discover new resources and activities
- Learn science concepts and their real-world connections

As an added enhancement for this program, The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History staff will provide complimentary after-school professional development sessions for middle school educators, and live videoconferences both at the Museum and via videoconferencing technologies to support the broadcast.

#### **Upcoming programs include:**

- **Educator Professional Development - Thursday, January 30** from 4:15-5:15 pm Focus: Forensic Ornithology with Leishawn Spotted Bear, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

- **Student Videoconference program - February 4, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. CST**  
*Application Science: Bird Conservation* with Leishawn Spottedbear from the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.
- **Smithsonian Science Now Webcast - February 12, 2014 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. CST**  
*Forensic Ornithology: Bird Detective* featuring Dr. Carla Dove, Ornithologist at the National Museum of Natural History

Forensic Anthropology will be the February and March topic. The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History will feature Dana Austin, Forensic Anthropologist for the Tarrant County Medical Examiners Office.

Click here for the entire Webcast schedule: <https://qrius.si.edu/science-webcast-schedule>

Educators and guests can access full information about registration for programs at <http://www.fwmsh.org/smithsonian-science-now>

### **About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History**

Established in 1941, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, anchored by its rich collections, is an institution dedicated to lifelong learning. The Museum engages children and adult guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The new \$80-million campus opened in November 2009 marking the culmination of an extensive multiyear fundraising campaign. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more information about the Museum, visit [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) or call [817-255-9300](tel:817-255-9300).



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