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FREE TOUR PROGRAM RETURNS TO RICE NORTHWEST MUSEUM OF ROCKS AND MINERALS

The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is offering free guided group tours (guided experiences) from May through November 2023 thanks to a grant from the Juan Young Trust.

These limited capacity group tours hit all of the same Next Generation Science Standards as the Museum's typical school tour program and are led by the same enthusiastic group of educators. Tours include outdoor activities (weather permitting).

Priority booking is given to families who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. This program is part of the Rice Museum's commitment to make earth science education more accessible to the residents of the communities the museum serves.

[Advanced registration](#) is required. These are mixed group (families) tours of up to 20 attendees per program.

The Museum is actively seeking funding to expand the free tour program.

About the Rice Museum

Housing a world-class collection of rocks and minerals, the Rice Museum is recognized as the finest in the Pacific Northwest and one of the best in the nation. Its educational programs include organized school field trips and ongoing educational outreach throughout the community at large. The Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its unique architectural style and natural stone, and extraordinary native Oregon woodwork.

The Rice Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate, one of only three in Oregon. The Affiliation serves as an endorsement of the quality of a museum's facilities, the training and professionalism of its staff, and its mission to educate the public. More information about the Smithsonian Affiliations program and Affiliate activity is available at www.affiliations.si.edu.

