



MAIA: Mobile Science Lab Traveling Trunk Program

Dear Teachers,

The Carter County Museum is committed to sharing museum collections and exhibitions with students of all ages. Central to the mission of the museum is the goal of educating audiences in subjects of paleontology, archaeology, art, and history. In collaboration with the Museum of the Rockies (MOR), the Museum's Traveling Trunk program provides lessons, educational objects/resources, and materials for students to experience museum-based learning in their home classroom.

To ensure that the MAIA: Mobile Science Lab will be a useful resource for teachers, the staff at the CCM and MOR have worked to link lessons and activities with the Montana Department of Education Math and Science standards, as well as integrating National Science Standards. The MAIA program was piloted at Carter County High School in Ekalaka, Montana during the spring and fall semesters of 2016 and teachers from this institution collaborated on the creation of this trunk.

We would greatly appreciate any feedback on the implementation of this project in your classroom.

Sincerely yours,

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Instructions for Using and Returning MAIA Mobile Science Lab

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MAIA: Mobile Science Lab is available for reservation on a two-week basis. Montana teachers can receive the trunk free of charge.

After deciding on an available date, [click on the link](#) to the trunk reservation form. Fill out the form and submit it electronically to smoore@cartercountymuseum.org. Teachers may also call the Carter County Museum to request a trunk or if they have any questions. You will receive a confirmation by email.

Commented [1]:
Note: This letter and policy will be available on a designated webpage for Education at cartercountymuseum.org. The link referenced here will connect to the trunk reservation form.

Upon receiving the trunk, take a few moments and look for the teacher’s guide and inventory list.

Lost Items — Teachers are responsible for returning all the items in the trunk. Some of the items are expensive and take time to replace. When you receive a trunk, you will also receive an inventory list. Please check and make sure that everything on that list is in the trunk, and then email the list with your signature to the smoore@cartercountymuseum.org verifying the trunk materials were complete. If an item is missing or broken, please contact the Carter County Museum at 406.775.6886. Before returning the trunk, make sure that all inventoried items are in the trunk. If a trunk comes back to the museum without items, then the teacher who signed the inventory list is responsible for replacing the items. Normal wear and tear is expected and the teacher will not have to replace any worn items.

Returning the trunk — Returning the trunk in a timely manner is also important. Due to popularity, some trunks are completely booked. If a teacher returns a trunk late, then the next scheduled teacher will receive the trunk late. Please be considerate of your fellow teachers and return the trunks on time!