



SCIENCE MATTERS

Science Partners Newsletter



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Christmas Creation Resources Sale: Tuesday, December 12

Our annual *Christmas Creation Resources Sale* will be held during class hours on December 12, the last week of Tuesday classes before Christmas Break. This is a great opportunity to purchase some God-honoring books, DVDs, and unique gifts / stocking stuffers for your family and friends for Christmas! Please feel free to invite your friends! Everyone is welcome!

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, FROM 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM,
at WaterStone Church, 900 North Street, Longwood.**

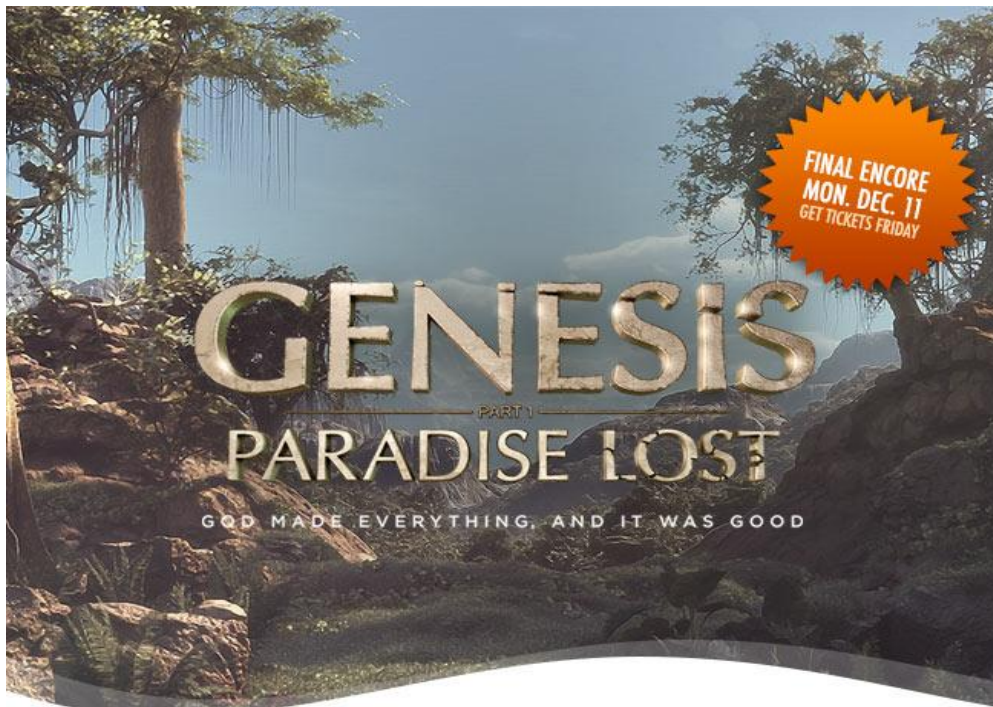
20% OFF	SCIENCE PARTNERS	20% OFF
	Create your own sale! Present this coupon for 20% off one regular-priced item costing \$10.00 or more.	
20% OFF	Limit one per family.	20% OFF

Science Partners Classes: December Reminders

1. **December tuition for weekly science students** is due on the 1st of the month and overdue with a \$5 per student late fee on the 10th.
2. **Monthly tuition for MSSW students** is due on the class day and overdue with a \$5 per student late fee one week after the class date.
3. **Christmas Break for weekly students** is December 19, 26, and January 2. Classes resume on January 9.
4. **Weekly Students' Quarter 2 quizzes** will be emailed during the week after the December 5 class to be returned on December 12. Mrs. Clifton will grade them and they will be returned to students during class. Quarter 2 grade sheets will be emailed during Christmas Break.



Genesis – Paradise Lost in 2-D and 3-D. Final Encore on Monday, December 11



TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE DECEMBER 1 FOR THE FINAL ENCORE!

[Click Here to Sign Up For Ticket Notifications](#)

Manatee Snorkel Encounter – Friday, January 26, 2018

Crystal River and Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park. In the morning, outfitted with wetsuits, masks, snorkels, and fins, we will take a pontoon boat to locate manatees in the crystal clear, spring-fed waters. During our encounter, we'll observe first-hand these sociable, endangered mammals. We'll study them "up close and personal" in their natural habitat and discover what they look like, what they feel like, how they breathe, what they eat, and more! We'll also learn what threatens the manatee's survival and how we can help. In the afternoon, we'll explore Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park, a showcase for native Florida wildlife. We'll visit the Children's Education Center and also see many examples of Florida wildlife, some endangered or threatened. We'll take the Wildlife Walk through natural wildlife habitats, keeping an eye out for gators, snakes, deer, Florida black bear, bobcats, otter, Florida panthers, manatees (underwater floating observatory), and a variety of birds including endangered whooping cranes. **For an information / registration form, click here:** http://www.sciencepartners.net/uploads/9/8/8/0/9880494/01-26-18_manatee_snorkel_encounter.pdf.



For the Birds – Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Orlando Wetlands Park Come along as we focus on Florida birds at **Orlando Wetlands Park** in East Orange County. According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, birding is the number one sport in America! The U.S. has over 51 million birders, and the number is growing. On this "**Introduction to Birding**" field trip, we will first learn how birds were specifically designed by their Creator to do what they do. Next, we will get down to the **basics of birding: how to use binoculars, how to use a field guide, and how to identify birds.**



Then, we will take a **hike** observing birds in the wild. Children will have the opportunity to **earn a Jr. Birding Certificate** through Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and also how to continue earning advanced birding certificates on their own. Our day will include information on birding resources, how to start a bird "life list," how to use bird alpha codes, how to create a backyard habitat for birds, where to see birds around Florida, **bird crafts**, and more! **For an information / registration form, click here:** http://www.sciencepartners.net/uploads/9/8/8/0/9880494/2018-01-31_for_the_birds.pdf

Schedule a *Creation Adventure* for Your Homeschool Group or Christian School

1. Go to Science Partners' website, www.sciencepartners.net.
2. Click on the "Creation Field Trips" and "Creation Workshops" tabs to review the field trips and workshops that we offer.
3. Go to the "Calendar" tab to see what dates are available.
4. Contact us when you have decided on an event and a date, so we can begin our scheduling process and make reservations with our vendors.
5. We will contact you for final approval once everything is confirmed. Then, your event will be added to our website calendar. For homeschool groups, an information/registration form will be linked to your event date. For Christian schools, a form is not needed for each participant.
6. Questions? Contact Merilee Clifton at sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com or 407-808-4458 (cell / text).



Upcoming 2017-18 Creation Adventures



The following *Creation Adventures* are open to all homeschool families. They have been scheduled through The Classical School at The First Academy and/or Science Partners and are open to everyone!

Our goal is to provide participants with a unique and fascinating creationist perspective of God's great design in nature and to teach them how to see God's handiwork in all of creation!

We hope you can join us! For information/registration forms, go to our web calendar: <http://www.sciencepartners.net/calendar.html>, and click on the date that interests you!

- **January 26 (Friday):**
Manatee Snorkel Encounter, Crystal River and Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park.
- **January 31 (Wednesday):**
For the Birds, Orlando Wetlands Park.
- **February 16 (Friday):**
To be announced.
- **March 16 (Friday):**
Florida's Water Systems, Canaveral National Seashore, Merritt Island NWR, Indian River Lagoon, and St. Johns River.
- **April 16 (Monday):**
The Heavens Declare!, Astronomy workshop – STARLAB portable planetarium, WaterStone Church in Longwood.