

Olson Museum of Natural History



Building for the Future

The Olson Museum of Natural History is an integral part of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and central Wisconsin. The museum promotes greater public understanding and appreciation for the natural world through exhibitions, education, research, and public service. The Museum is the only natural history museum in the Universities of Wisconsin system with collections focused on Wisconsin, the Upper Great Lakes and North American biomes.

By the Numbers

- Over 450,000 objects in collection
- 12 faculty curators
- 150 school group tours annually
- 20,000 yearly visitors before the move
- 8 affiliated student clubs
- Established in 1968

Accessibility and Opportunity

The Olson Museum of Natural History will successfully engage all visitors when we offer:

- Modern display cases
- Digital media with audio component
- Addition of touchscreens
- More fully interactive exhibits



Training and Education

The Museum gives university students meaningful, career-ready experience by:

- Offering accessible education and outreach



- Working with interpretive media
- Facilitating creative programs
- Encouraging teamwork and collaboration
- Teaching critical thinking

Community Connections

The Museum will serve as a trusted community resource when we:

- Staff for growth in program capacity
- Widely promote museum offerings
- Work toward longer-term goal of national accreditation

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We are focused on enriching our community by creating an engaging university treasure.

Your support of the Museum allows us to support student wages, invest in facilities that improve accessibility, and to open our doors with exhibits that will delight and educate our visitors for years to come. Olson Museum of Natural History gifts will make an impact on thousands of program participants and yearly visitors.



Welcome to our new spaces on the first floor of the UWSP Science Building!



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UW-STEVENS POINT



A PROMISING START!

(Sept - Dec 2023)

161 Child and Adult
Participants across 6 Junior
Scientist Programs

135 Child and Adult Participants
for 7 Story Time Programs

126 Students and Chaperones
Visited in School Field Trips