



“FOSSILS IN YOUR BACKYARD” SCHOOL PROGRAM

In October 2001, the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), the agency formed to plan, finance, construct and operate Orange County’s expanding 51-mile public road system, began a program informing Orange County schools, grades K-8, about our Paleontology and Archaeology **No-Fee** program. In conjunction with LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA), a leading firm in environmental disciplines, we are providing southern Orange County schools with the opportunity to receive an in-class paleontological and archaeological presentation called “Fossils in your Backyard.”

“Fossils in your Backyard” provides students with hands-on lessons about fossils with actual Paleontologists and Archaeologists. The goal of the program is to expose children to fossils and artifacts that have been unearthed during the construction of the 73 and 241 Toll Roads. The history behind these fossils is fascinating and keeps students engaged throughout the entire presentation because the fossils were almost, literally, found in our own backyards.

The visiting scientists are qualified paleontologists/archaeologists who have over 10,000 hours of experience working with school groups in Orange and Los Angeles Counties. **The program is developed in compliance with Science/Social Studies Framework for specific grade levels in elementary and secondary schools.**

It is our desire to make this program available to all schools located in southern Orange County. To date, the program has reached 38,000 students. If you are interested and would like to receive more information about the program, please contact Dale Todd at (949)745-3481.

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