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join us for a

DINO MITE

experience

SUMMER IN THE SHADE

Are you a current high school junior who dreams of becoming a paleontologist? Were you obsessed with dinosaurs when you were in grade school? Or do you just enjoy the great outdoors, digging in the dirt, and being a part of an energetic team? Then Westminster College's upcoming Summer in the Shade in the Badlands of South Dakota may be just right for you!

Six qualified high school juniors will receive the opportunity of a lifetime for an immersive experience dedicated to introducing them to hands-on field work with dinosaur fossils. The seven-day, six-night trip will focus on an introduction to paleontology, basic field skills, and why both are relevant today. No prior experience is needed!

Students Will Get To...

- Be part of a hands-on, one-of-a-kind experience
- Work on an active dig site
- Work with other individuals as a team
- Learn how to use excavation tools, equipment, and materials
- Learn how to identify fossil specimens
- Observe the evolutionary relationship between fossil organisms
- Witness the relationship of fossil organisms and their past environment

The Application Process

Trip Dates: June 9-16, 2024

Requirements: Must be a current high school junior in good academic standing who will be a senior in fall 2024. A transcript, essay, and letter of recommendation must be submitted.

Application Deadline: Monday, January 1, 2024



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Have questions? Contact Assistant Professor of Museum Studies & History
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IN THE WORDS OF *students* ON THE dig

In the summer of 2020, Westminster College student researchers discovered a 66 million-year-old triceratops skull and other fossils at the Grand River National Grassland near Shadehill, SD. "Shady" the dinosaur and Westminster College in Fulton, MO, immediately made national headlines after the team brought the 3,000-pound, 7-foot-long triceratops skull to campus. Every summer since, students have returned to South Dakota to continue the excavation.

"Going on the Shady dig gave me the confidence to know that this is what I want to do as a career."

- **Faith McRoberts '24**



"I loved working with one of my favorite animals, quite literally doing my dream job, the excitement when anyone found another bone, and even parts that weren't related to the dig, like sharing stories around the campfire, they were all important to me."

- **Vi Lowe '27**