

Institute of Texan Cultures

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TUSKS! ICE AGE MAMMOTHS & MASTODONS

WHAT:

The Institute of Texan Cultures will host TUSKS! Ice Age Mammoths and Mastodons. The traveling exhibit, created by the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, Fla., features 80 fossil specimens, replicas and artifacts, along with graphic panels, murals and interactive video modules.

These extinct relatives of modern elephants roamed much of North America, including what would become Texas, until the end of the last Ice Age, 10,000 years ago. TUSKS! tells the story of these creatures and some of their close relatives such as horses, giant ground sloths and armadillos, and some carnivores, as revealed by fossil discoveries and paleontological study. A supplement to the exhibit will expose guests to extinct species in Texas and the Paleoindians who hunted them.

Visitors can experience the scientific method with hands-on activities in the Texas Archaeology Lab, featured on the exhibit floor each Sunday. They will learn how to study bones, analyze and catalog artifacts, and use math and science skills to form their interpretations.

Special events are planned to celebrate Texas Archaeology Month in October. A complete schedule, pre-visit lessons and downloadable activities will be posted at TexanCultures.com prior to the exhibit opening.

WHEN:

Sept. 12, 2009 – Jan. 3, 2010

Regular hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday.

WHERE:

The Institute of Texan Cultures

UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 851 E. Durango Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78205 (physical)

ADMISSION:

\$8 for adults (12-64); \$7 for seniors (65+); \$6 for children (3-11); free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification.

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