

## Sponsor a School Group

Underwrite a Cultural Heritage Experience for K-12 Students  
from Philadelphia and Camden Public Schools

Founded in 1887, the Penn Museum holds in trust an extraordinary collection of objects—mostly acquired through Penn’s own excavations and research expeditions—representing civilizations ancient through contemporary. It is Philadelphia’s great community museum, with collections that represent the cultural heritage of almost every resident in this wonderfully diverse region.

Penn Museum’s Education Department offers K-12 schools an extensive range of workshops, tours, programs and resources created to enrich and extend classroom teaching and learning by integrating its world-class collection into core content in programs aligned to national and state curriculum standards. Over the last 10 years, the Museum has welcomed visits from 25,000–45,000 K-12 students annually.

Since the majority of visiting schools have been independent or suburban public schools, as the financially challenged public schools in the Philadelphia and Camden school districts have lacked the resources to cover the necessary costs, in 2010, the Penn Museum inaugurated the “Sponsor a School Group” program, inviting its family of individual, corporate and foundation supporters to underwrite the costs of a visit from two classes at one or more urban public schools, including bus, admission, tour and workshop fees. In the four years since the inception of this program, more than 3,000 inner city public school children have experienced a Penn Museum visit, including gallery tour and a special workshop or International Classroom program, at no charge to their school.

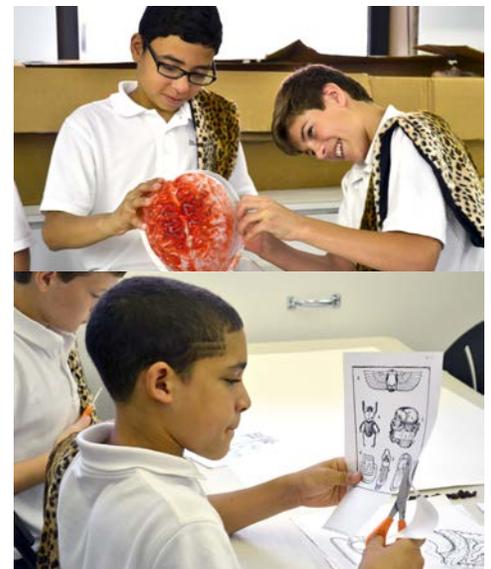
Each contribution of \$1,500 will cover the following expenses for one public school bringing two classes (60 students total):

- Free admission for students, teachers and chaperones
- Docent-guided tour of a gallery of the group leader’s choosing
- Interactive workshop or **International Classroom\*** presentation
- Round-trip bus transportation between the school and the Museum

A majority of corporate and foundation partners support the Sponsor a School Group Program at the \$5,000 - \$10,000 level, enabling several schools to enjoy a Museum experience through their generosity. The Penn Museum is pleased to invite underwriters to join one of “their” schools during their Museum visit, and/or will provide photographs and a written report following the visit.

**Sponsor a School Group** supporters are recognized on our website, in our Annual Report, in our Community Engagement Department’s Trip Planner, and in materials distributed to benefitting schools.

*\*About International Classroom: Penn Museum’s International Classroom program presents international residents on their countries of origin in a way that encourages questions and interaction, on topics ranging from geography, family life, current affairs and (frequently misinformed) American perceptions of their home countries. Programs plant seeds of understanding and appreciation for the differences, and connections, in diverse world cultures.*



*Seventh grade students participating in the popular “Mummy Makers” workshop which complements their Ancient Cultures curriculum.*

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