



# JANUARY ACTIVITY SHEET

Use this activity sheet to explore the museum in a whole new way!

## ACTIVITY #1

Read about the giant ground sloth below and then check out the bears in our Main Lobby. How do you think they measure up to the ground sloth? What similarities and differences can you spot?

## ACTIVITY #2

Speaking of bears — how many bears can you find throughout the Academy's dioramas? What type of bear can you find in Asia Hall?

## ACTIVITY #3

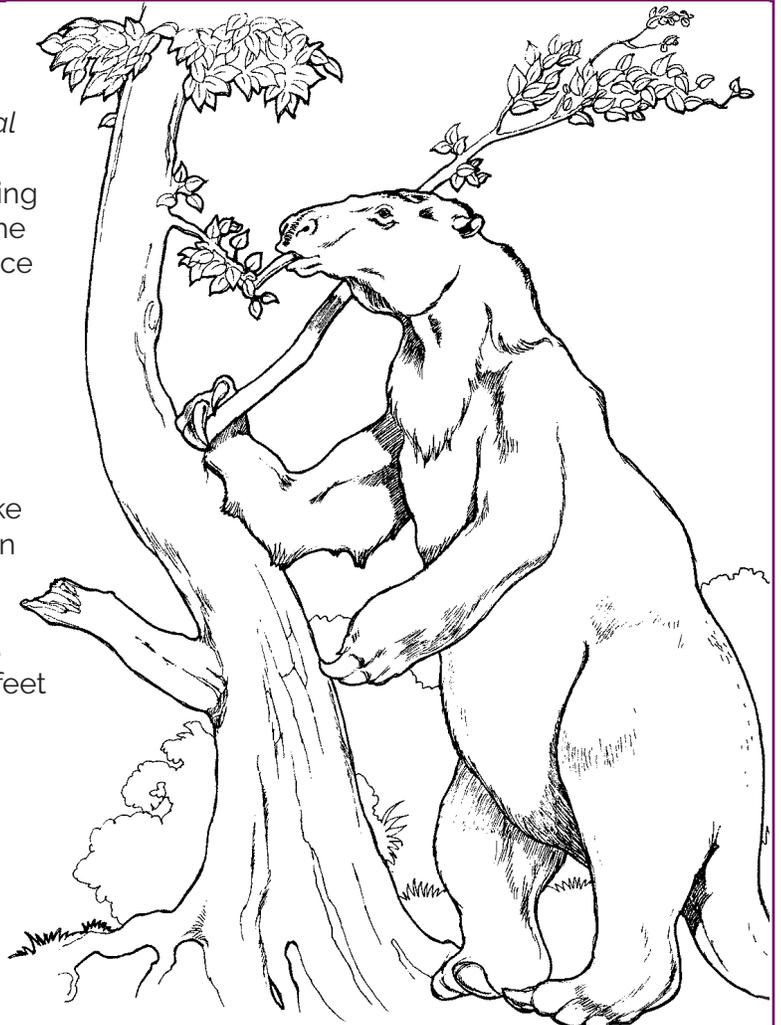
Head to the Big Dig on the Mezzanine for your own fossil-hunting adventure!

## EXTINCTION OF THE SLOWEST...

The Academy's newest special exhibit, *Survival of the Slowest*, will open on February 15. In addition to featuring live animals with interesting adaptations — including a two-toed sloth — the exhibit will feature Academy fossils from two Ice Age ground sloths, *Megalonyx jeffersonii* and *Eremotherium rusconii*. Both species lived in North America and went extinct about 11,000 years ago, while humans inhabited North America.

The giant ground sloths did not live in trees like modern sloths. Instead, they walked around on the ground like bears. The ground sloths had flat feet on their hind legs and a thick tail that would allow them to stand up and tear leaves from tall trees. Some could reach as far as 17 feet or more!

*Megalonyx jeffersonii* lived throughout the US and Canada, including Pennsylvania. Thomas Jefferson named the genus *Megalonyx*, meaning "great claw." President Jefferson thought it was a meat-eating predator like a lion when it was first discovered. It was later determined *Megalonyx* was an herbivore.





## Don't forget your stamp.

Get your monthly stamp at the admissions desks. If you have eight stamps, it's time to collect your prize in the Academy Shop!

## SMALL ACTIONS SPARK BIG CHANGES

At the Academy of Natural Sciences, we believe that your individual actions can truly make a difference. Each month of 2020, we will guide our community in a conversation about how everyday choices can affect our environment. In the month of January, we're talking about recycling!

Recycling is when we take used materials and make something new with them. Recycling helps save energy and resources. Many things can be recycled, like paper, metal, glass and plastic. In Philadelphia, you can put all of the items below in your recycle bin. Learn more at [philadelphiastreet.com](http://philadelphiastreet.com).

### PLASTICS

Empty and rinse.  
Caps are okay.

- Food containers
- Shampoo bottles
- Spray bottles

### PAPER

- Newspapers
- Junk mail
- Paper bags

### METALS

Empty and rinse.  
Lids are okay.

- Aluminum, steel and tin cans
- Clean aluminum foil and baking dishes

### OTHER MATERIALS

- Clean cardboard
- Milk and juice cartons
- Glass bottles and jars



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Dinosaurs Around the World Closing Weekend*

January 18–20

### *Dinos After Dark*

January 24 and  
February 28, 4–8 p.m.

### *Survival of the Slowest*

Opens February 15



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Monday–Friday,  
10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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