

# Monthly Virtual Field Trips

Below is a listing of events we have to date. Many times, programs are added to the flyer after we send the email. Unfortunately at this time, you will need h.323 or SIP compliant video equipment to participate in these conferences. We are working to add new hardware that will allow computers to join, but we hope to add that in the next year or so.

Be sure to visit our DLM website at <http://alex.state.al.us/alabamadm>, for the most current sessions.

## February Schedule

**February 2**

**9-10 a.m. (Grades 4-6)**

**10:15-11:15 a.m. (Grades 7-9)**

**Alabama's Incredible Inverts!**

**Presented by: Chris Flight, Educator, Dauphin Island Sea Lab**

**Description:** Ever think about what lives in the sand under your feet when you go to the beach? Believe it or not but the mud and sand beneath the surface is one of the most extensive habitats on the planet, stretching for hundreds of thousands of miles and containing millions of different organisms. Join the Dauphin Island Sea Lab team as they dig into the ocean bottom and look at the spineless animals that call the mud and sand their home. The program Alabama's Incredible Inverts! addresses the following disciplinary core ideas:

1) From molecules to organisms: structures and processes; 2) Unity and diversity; and 3) Ecosystems: interactions, energy and dynamics.

*The program's content is directly aligned with 7th and 9th grade Life science/Biology classes; however, elementary students, other middle school students and high school marine biology, zoology, aquascience and environmental science classes may find content relevant.*

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**February 2**

**1-2 p.m. (All Grades)**

**Men from Alabama that You Should Know**

**Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation**

**Description:** Many men from Alabama have gone on to achieve many different goals in their lives. Through this presentation, students will experience the lives of several Alabama men such as Hank Aaron, Jesse Owens, George Washington Carver, and others who were born in Alabama and went on to live very successful lives and careers. Students will be able to see where these men came from, where their lives took them, and what they achieved in their lives.

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**February 6**

**9-10 a.m. (Grades 5-8)**

**African-American Trailblazers**

**Presented by: Michael Myers, Manager of Youth and Education, Pro Football Hall of Fame**

**Description:** This program examines the contributions of African American pioneers in pro football, beginning in 1904 with the signing of Charles Follis to modern day players and coaches. A 10-minutes segment from the NFL Film's documentary Black Star Rising will be shown to reinforce the topic. This session, which is designed to be highly interactive, is supplemented by a lesson aligned with common core/national standards of education and is recommended for Grades 5-8.

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**February 6 10:15-11:15 a.m. (All Grades)**

**A Journey Through the Life of Helen Keller**

**Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation**

**Description:** Take your students through the life of one of Alabama's greatest citizens. From her early life in Tuscombua, through her death in 1968, students will experience the miraculous life of Helen Keller. Despite being left deaf and blind at the age of 18 months, she developed into one of the leading writers, humanitarianism, and leaders of her time. Helen Keller's niece will take you on an amazing journey that will include many family stories of her amazing great, grand aunt and will encourage your students in their character education development.



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**February 6 1-2 p.m. (All Grades)**

**Great Women from Alabama**

**Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation**

**Description:** They come from small, rural towns to large cities, from the Gulf Coast to the Tennessee Valley. They are women from Alabama who have made a difference in our lives and have contributed positively to the society we live in. Your students will experience the lives of women like Helen Keller, Julia Tutwiler, Amelia Gorgas, Tallulah Bankhead, and others. They will not only learn where they came from and how they grew up, but more importantly, they will learn how they gave back to the people of this state through their talents.

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**February 13 1-2 p.m. (All Grades)**

**A Journey Through the Life of Helen Keller**

**Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation**

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**February 16 9-10 a.m. (All Grades)**

**Great Women from Alabama**

**Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation**

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**February 16 10:15-11:15 a.m. (All Grades)**

**Men from Alabama that You Should Know**

**Presented by: Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation**

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**February 16 1-2 p.m. (All Grades)**

**A Journey Through the Life of Helen Keller**

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**February 21**

**9-10 a.m. (Grades 4-6)**

**10:15-11:15 a.m. (Grades 7-9)**

**Alabama's Marine Mammals**

**Presented by: JoAnn Moody, Educator, Dauphin Island Sea Lab**

**Description:** Did you know the endangered West Indian manatee is Alabama's state marine mammal? Or that bottlenose dolphins use echolocation to hunt their prey? Or even that you can help the scientists learn more about manatees? Join the crew from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab to hear more about these amazing marine mammals and see what scientists are learning about them. The program Alabama's Marine Mammals addresses the following disciplinary core ideas: 1) From molecules to organisms: structures and processes; 2) Unity and diversity; and 3) Ecosystems: interactions, energy and dynamics.

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**February 23**

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**February 23**

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February 24

9-10 a.m. (Grades 5-8)

10:15-11:15 a.m. (Grades 9-12)

### From Selma to Montgomery

**Presented by: Wesley Garmon, Education Section Head at the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History**

**Description:** Dallas County, Alabama was a key battleground in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. There, African Americans organized marches and mass rallies, most notably the Selma to Montgomery March, which resulted in the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This landmark legislation secured for all U.S. citizens the right to register and vote—a right that had been systematically denied African Americans in the Deep South states. In this Virtual Field Trip, students will be introduced to the people and events that shaped this monumental time in Alabama's history.

Classroom Activity: [Selma to Montgomery](#)

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February 27

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