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November, December, January, February	9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
March, April, September, October	9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
May, June, July, August	9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Admission is free to Members on all days. Other adults are admitted free on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays; non-members pay 25 cents on other days. Children are admitted free on all days. Students and faculty members of educational institutions are admitted free any day upon presentation of credentials.

The Museum's natural history Library is open for reference daily except Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Traveling exhibits are circulated in the schools of Chicago by the N. W. Harris Public School Extension Department of the Museum.

Lectures for schools, and special entertainments and tours for children at the Museum, are provided by the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation for Public School and Children's Lectures.

Announcements of free illustrated lectures for the public, and special lectures for Members of the Museum, will appear in FIELD MUSEUM NEWS.

A cafeteria in the Museum serves visitors. Rooms are provided for those bringing their lunches.

Chicago Motor Coach Company No. 26 buses go direct to the Museum.

Members are requested to inform the Museum promptly of changes of address.

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD MUSEUM

Field Museum has several classes of Members. Benefactors give or devise \$100,000 or more. Contributors give or devise \$1,000 to \$100,000. Life Members give \$500; Non-Resident Life and Associate Members pay \$100; Non-Resident Associate Members pay \$50. All the above classes are exempt from dues. Sustaining Members contribute \$25 annually. After six years they become Associate Members. Annual Members contribute \$10 annually. Other memberships are Corporate, Honorary, Patron, and Corresponding, additions under these classifications being made by special action of the Board of Trustees.

Each Member, in all classes, is entitled to free admission to the Museum for himself, his family and house guests, and to two reserved seats for Museum lectures provided for Members. Subscription to FIELD MUSEUM NEWS is included with all memberships. The courtesies of every museum of note in the United States and Canada are extended to all Members of Field Museum. A Member may give his personal card to non-residents of Chicago, upon presentation of which they will be admitted to the Museum without charge. Further information about memberships will be sent on request.

BEQUESTS AND ENDOWMENTS

Bequests to Field Museum of Natural History may be made in securities, money, books or collections. They may, if desired, take the form of a memorial to a person or cause, named by the giver.

Contributions made within the taxable year not exceeding 15 per cent of the taxpayer's net income are allowable as deductions in computing net income for federal income tax purposes.

Endowments may be made to the Museum with the provision that an annuity be paid to the patron for life. These annuities are guaranteed against fluctuation in amount, and may reduce federal income taxes.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT ELECTED TO MUSEUM TRUSTEESHIP

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, was elected as a Trustee of Field Museum at a meeting of the Board held on May 23. Colonel Roosevelt's interest in and association with the institution dates back to 1925 when, with Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, he led the James Simpson-Roosevelts Asiatic Expedition of Field Museum. This expedition obtained magnificent collections of mammals, of which many are now exhibited in habitat groups or as single mounts. Outstanding are the groups of Marco Polo's sheep (*Ovis poli*), and Asiatic ibex, obtained in the Thian Shan Mountains of Turkestan and on the Pamir plateau. In 1928 Colonel Roosevelt and his brother again collected for the Museum, as joint leaders of the William V. Kelley-Roosevelts Expedition to Eastern Asia. This expedition, working in three divisions in remote parts of French Indo-China and southern China, brought back more than 15,000 zoological specimens. The most noteworthy single result was the collecting of the giant panda specimens now exhibited in a habitat group. One specimen of this rare animal was shot by the Roosevelts themselves, and they thus attained the distinction of being the first white men to trail the giant panda successfully.

SPEAKING OF PANDAS—

Inaugurating a new series of picture post cards of Field Museum exhibits, printed in four colors, Field Museum Press has just issued cards showing the Roosevelts' giant panda group in William V. Kelley Hall (Hall 17), and the klipspringer group in Carl E. Akeley Memorial Hall (Hall 22). Other subjects will follow in the near future. The colored cards are sold at 5 cents each.

For Members of the Museum, a copy of the panda post card is enclosed with this issue of FIELD MUSEUM NEWS.

Incidentally, in a few weeks Field Museum will have another giant panda exhibit. Su-Lin, famous and well-loved young giant panda which recently died at the Chicago Zoological Society's park at Brookfield, is being prepared for exhibition at the Museum.

LEON MANDEL GIVES MUSEUM SPECIMENS OF MAKO SHARK

A specimen of mako shark, about eight feet long and weighing 274 pounds, was presented to Field Museum last month by Mr. Leon Mandel, of Chicago. Mr. Mandel caught this large shark on sail-fish tackle, during a recent cruise in Cuban waters aboard his yacht *Buccaneer*.

Mr. Mandel's gift is the first specimen of this species of shark to reach Field Museum. It will be used for exhibition in a new hall of fishes now in preparation.

Director's Annual Report Published

Delayed by the fact that Field Museum Press has been taxed to capacity by other publications, the 1937 Annual Report of Director Clifford C. Gregg, to the Museum's Board of Trustees, has just come off the press. It is a book of 156 pages with ten full-page collotype illustrations, and surveys in detail all of the institution's activities of the year. Distribution will begin immediately, a copy being sent to every Member of the Museum, as well as to other institutions all over the world.

THINGS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

The Panda

So much attention has been given to the large black and white "giant" panda that its smaller relative, the little or ordinary panda, has been accorded scant recognition.

The small panda is really more colorful than the giant panda. Its upper coat and its tail are varying shades of red and brownish red with indistinct rings in the tail. The legs are black, and the white face has red or black markings on it.

The panda has a much wider range than its larger cousin, which is confined to a limited area in the province of Szechwan, China. The panda is found from the higher parts of the Himalayas north through Yunnan and western Szechwan. It feeds almost wholly on vegetable matter, such as fruits, acorns, bamboo sprouts, grass and roots. It also eats eggs, and sometimes insects and larvae, but never fresh meat. It is arboreal and lives in holes in trees, although sometimes it burrows in the ground. One litter of two young is said to be born each year.

Both this panda and the giant panda are closely related to the American raccoons and their allies. A specimen of the panda may now be seen in Hall 15. —C.C.S.



Panda, but No Giant

In the vast publicity the giant panda has received since the Roosevelt brothers (Theodore and Kermit) first bagged one for Field Museum in 1928, and due to the subsequent arrivals of Su-Lin and Mei Mei at Brookfield Zoo, the little ordinary panda has become "the forgotten animal." You can make his acquaintance through this specimen in Hall 15.

Distinguished Visitors

Among distinguished visitors recently received at Field Museum are: Mr. Ludwig Glauert, Curator of the Western Australia Museum, at Perth; Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, of the United States National Museum, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Vladimir Fewkes, archaeologist of Savannah, Georgia; Dr. F. F. Koumans, Leiden Museum, Leiden, Netherlands.

Staff Notes

Mr. Bryan Patterson, Assistant Curator of Paleontology, has received one of the grants-in-aid made by the American Association of Museums, from a fund provided by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, to members of the staffs of various museums for foreign travel in connection with research during 1938. Mr. Patterson will sail for Europe about June 22, and will spend most of the summer at museums in Paris and London making studies of specimens of South American fossil mammals and birds.

Dr. Julian A. Steyermark, Assistant Curator of the Herbarium, recently made a collecting trip in southern Missouri, gathering specimens of plants in connection with his forthcoming book on the spring flora of Missouri. A thousand specimens were collected for the Museum Herbarium.



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