



Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History



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DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

How can you help the Museum become a world-class entity?

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
The College of Idaho
Caldwell, Idaho 83709 USA

RESOURCES

-- Tax Exempt Organization

The College of Idaho is a U.S. IRS 501 (c)(3) organization (The College of Idaho Federal Tax Exempt Number: 82-0200906).

-- Idaho Education Tax Credit

The state of Idaho provides an income tax credit to taxpayers who give to schools through the Idaho Education Tax Credit. Your gift to The College of Idaho could net you up to \$500 in tax credit on your next tax return.

Here's how it works:

1. You make a gift to the Museum before the end of any given calendar year.
2. The state provides a tax credit worth 50 percent of the gift, with a maximum of \$1,000 for married couples filing jointly or \$500 for single filers.
3. You also are eligible for charitable income tax deductions on both your federal and state tax returns, making your out-of-pocket expense even lower.

NOTE: The income tax credit has recently increased to 50% of the taxpayer's total Idaho income tax liability, with a maximum annual credit of \$500 for single and \$1,000 for joint returns. For corporate taxpayers the credit increases to \$5,000. Please consult your tax accountant for more details.

-- Museum Web Page:

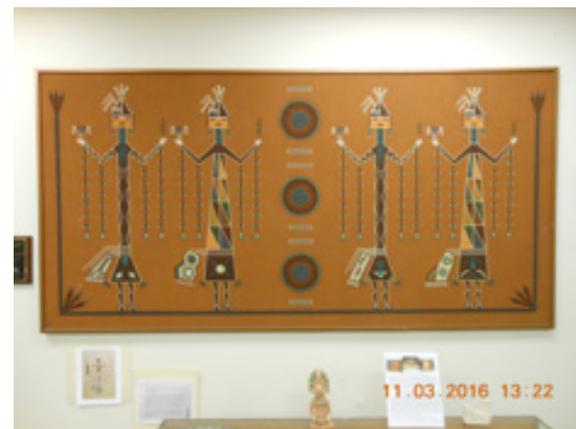
www.collegeofidaho.edu/campus/community/museum

-- Museum Face Book Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Orma-J-Smith-Museum-Of-Natural-History-882013815181469/>



The Museum was selected as one of the top 30 Natural History Museums affiliated with institutions of higher learning in the U.S. for 2016



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

For a list of immediate needs of the Museum, please contact the Museum Director, or the Curator of a specific Museum Division. Such needs may be listed on the Museum web page at times also. The Museum has a "White Board" inside the Museum door, showing current needs. This list is also available as a document (Wish List) which is sent out monthly to the Museum volunteer mailing list along with our Museum Workday reminders.

A major immediate need is for full-time Museum staffing. We need to have the Museum open to the public with expanded hours. Please contact the Museum Director if you can assist.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

For the long-term planning of the Museum, contact the Museum Director for more information. Including the Museum in your estate/will is critical to the long-term status of the Museum and will insure that the Museum is viable into the future. In short, the Museum needs its own building and staff.

For long-term giving options, please contact the Museum Director or the College of Idaho Development Office:

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VISION

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History will be the premier collections-based environmental education and natural history resource in our region. The Museum’s programs and resources will be integrated into the educational programs of the college to help meet the educational needs of CofI students and provide outreach to the general public.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History (Museum) seeks to instill an awareness of the natural world through the educational programs of The College of Idaho (CofI), provide public service, and serve the general and research public by holding in trust collections of zoological, botanical, paleontological, archaeological, anthropological, and other natural history objects for this and future generations. The Museum adds depth and intellectual development to the education of CofI students by making the materials entrusted to it available for classroom, research, and other appropriate educational use. The Museum serves students and the general public by offering tours, interpretive displays, and other educational programs that foster life-long learning by all who visit.

MUSEUM BUDGET INFORMATION

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History receives an annual budget from The College of Idaho, which is supplemented and enhanced by gifts, grants, contracts, endowments, and Gift Shop sales. The Museum has its own endowment funds. You can refer to the Museum’s most current Annual Report, for a summary of budget information.

HOW TO GIVE TO THE ORMA J. SMITH MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Types of Gifts

- Cash
- Gifts in Kind (specimens, literature, equipment, supplies, etc.)
- Volunteer Time
- Estate (consider listing the Museum in

your will)

- Tangible Personal Property
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Remainder Interests in Property
- Oil, Gas and Mineral Interests
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designations
- Bequests
- Life Insurance Beneficiary Designations
- Charitable Gift Annuities



Cash - The most common way to donate to the Museum and the most useful to the Museum.

Check (personal or bank). Make check out to the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History. Specify the use of the funds if appropriate in the “for” line.

Mail check to:

Director
Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
The College of Idaho
Caldwell, Idaho 83605
(208) 459-5507
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Credit Card payment. See Museum web page:
There is a block to indicate specific use of the funds.

Check employer guidelines for matching gifts as several employers will match contributions to institutions of higher learning in Idaho.