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Immediate

EVENT: Mid-America Paleontology Society (MAPS) 46th Annual Fossil Expo-(with other rocks and minerals this year. Dealers/Exhibitors from across the U.S.

DATES: May 9-11, 2025.

PLACE: MAPS EXPO takes place at the Orr Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois. The live auction will also be at the Orr building on Saturday afternoon. A Pre-EXPO non-MAPS sanctioned motel show on Thursday takes place at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr. Springfield, IL.

TIME: Show: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. to noon Sunday (limited dealers on Sunday)

ADMISSION: free will offering Children must be supervised. Free fossil kit to the first 159 kids to attend the show, Register for door prizes- need not be present to win.

At The Northfield Inn:

May 7-10, Pre-MAPS motel show (30 rooms of dealers)

Friday, May 9 – No keynote speaker this year.

At The Orr Building:

LIVE AUCTION

3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 10:

Approximately 80 fossils and fossil-related items will be auctioned.

Programs At The Orr Building:

Friday, May 9:

10:30 a.m. John Catalani: “The Deicke Outage: A Midwest Extinction Event”.

11:45 a.m. “Stump the Experts- Bring your fossils to ID”

Someone will be available at a table near the registration desk at 11:45 Friday and Saturday for fossil ID

1:00 p.m. Jim Preslicka: “Rockford, Iowa vs Amana, Iowa Fossils”

Nearshore vs Offshore in the Upper Devonian Lime Creek Formation

Saturday, May 10:

10:30 a.m. Dan Cooper: “Apex Stegosaurus“

The saving of one of the most remarkable dinosaurs ever excavated and mounted,

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1:00 p.m. Tom Williams: “ The K-Pg“

An overview of the events leading up to the asteroid impact in the Yucatan Peninsula 65 Million years ago as well as the recovery in the Paleocene,

3:00 p.m. Live auction

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Sunday, May 11:

NO PROGRAMS

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Orr Building

- Silent Auctions Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Children’s Activities

MAPS is a non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals from across the U.S. and several other countries whose love of fossils brings them together. The purposes of the organization are to promote popular interest in the subject of paleontology and to encourage the proper collecting, studying, and preparation and displaying of fossils, and to assist other individuals, groups, and institutions interested in the various aspects of paleontology. For more information about the EXPO or our club please visit our web site at www.midamericapaleo.org.