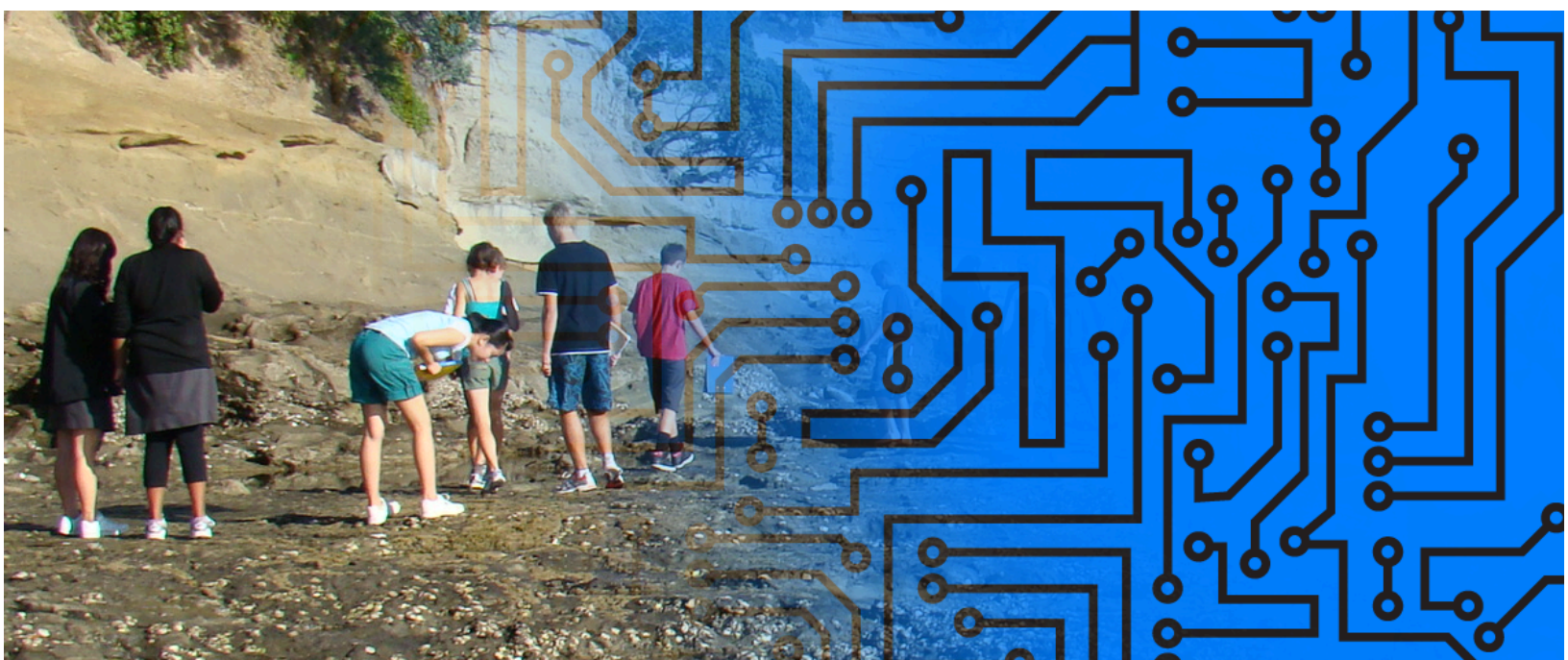


Alabama Digital Learning

Virtual Field Trips, March 2025



The Alabama State Department of Education (SDE) invites you to participate in our popular monthly Virtual Field Trips. Alabama has been a trailblazer using technology for the purpose of advancing education. Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, and Students Statewide (ACCESS), Alabama Learning Exchange (ALEX), Alabama Technology in Motion (ATiM), and e-Learning for Educators are all strong tools used for the advancement of digital learning, in addition to the expansive ways technology is used in the classroom.

We will continue to use ZOOM as our delivery format. To use ZOOM: Create a free account and download the ZOOM app to your computer; or go to zoom.us and click on “Join a Meeting”. Check with your technology coordinator to see what options you might have to display the conference on a TV or big screen. You may need a stand-alone mic if your computer does not have one. If you’d like to do any testing or have questions you may contact Alabama Super Computer Help Desk at 1-800-338-8320.

Below is a listing of events we have to date. This document may be found at <https://alvft.link/Mar25> or all of the schedules from February 2021 forward may be found at <http://alvft.link/home>. You may sign up for the current month’s Virtual Field Trips at <https://alvft.link/signupMar25>

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Date	Time	Session Name
3/6/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	Movement and Motion
3/6/2025	10:15-11:15 AM	Careers in the NFL
3/11/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	A Journey Into the Life of Helen Keller
3/12/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	Shark Rays of the Gulf
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3/13/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	Let's Explore Your Eyes and How they Work
3/13/2025	10:15-11:15 AM	Amazing African Americans from Alabama
3/20/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	A Neighborhood Hero: Georgia Gilmore and the Civil Rights Movement
3/20/2025	10:15-11:15 AM	A Neighborhood Hero: Georgia Gilmore and the Civil Rights Movement

Please leave your classroom cameras on if possible. Presenters very much appreciate seeing your students.

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Careers in the NFL

Jerry Csaki, Senior Director of Education and Leadership, Pro Football Hall of Fame

March 6, 10:15-11:15 AM

Grades 5-12

This program examines the importance of education and the hundreds of careers available in and around the National Football League. A 10-minute career video, which examines a wide variety of careers with the San Francisco 49ers organization, is shown during this session. The 50-minute program, 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 5-12.

Classroom Activity: <https://alvft.link/nflcareers>

A Journey Into the Life of Helen Keller

Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation

March 11, 9:00-10:00 AM

Grades K-5

Keller Johnson Thompson, great grand niece of Helen Keller and Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education, takes students on a marvelous journey into the amazing life of Helen Keller, America's First Lady of Courage. From her early days in Tuscumbia, Alabama to her travels around the world, Helen Keller not only lived a wonderful and full life despite being deaf and blind, but she also inspired others to make a positive difference in the world around them. Through this journey, it is hoped that students not only learn many new things about Helen Keller, but more importantly, it is hoped that students will see and understand the need to have good values and character, as Helen Keller did.

Amazing African Americans from Alabama

Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation

March 13, 10:15-11:15 AM

Grades 2-5

There have been many African Americans from Alabama that have defined history as well as those people that have been successful in their respective fields. On this field trip, we will look at the lives of those African Americans from Alabama that have inspired us to become better people.

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A Neighborhood Hero: Georgia Gilmore and the Civil Rights Movement

Jake Smith, Education Curator, Alabama Department of Archives & History

March 20, 9:00-10:00 AM

March 20, 10:15-11:15 AM

Grades 3-6

You've heard of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and many famous names of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In this presentation, we'll cover one of the lesser known names. Join us to hear more about Georgia Gilmore: a mother, a chef, and an example of the stories under the surface of our shared history. Students will learn about:

- Georgia Gilmore's early life
- The importance of foodways and domestic work to social movements
- The boycott as an expression of community
- Gilmore's continued community work

Standards:

- SS10.4.14 Analyze the modern Civil Rights Movement to determine the social, political, and economic impact on Alabama.
 - SS10.6.9 Critique major social and cultural changes in the United States since World War II.
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Movement and Motion

Jerry Csaki, Senior Director of Education and Leadership, Pro Football Hall of Fame

March 6, 9:00-10:00 AM

Grades 5-12

This program examines the relationship of science and the game of professional football. Straight line movement, zig-zags, circular motion, back & forth, pushing & pulling - all movements that influence the sport. This 50-minute program, 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 1-5.

Supplemental Materials:

- [Classroom Activity](#)
- [Supplemental Video](#)

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Let's Explore Your Eyes and How they Work

Keller Johnson-Thompson, Vice President of the Helen Keller Foundation

March 13, 9:00-10:00 AM

Grades 1-6

Of all our senses, vision is perhaps the most important. This virtual field trip takes you into the world of vision as we explore our eyes and how they work, first aid for eye injuries, and vision problems that may occur. We will also explore the eyes of different animals, such as seeing who has the best sight and the worst sight and why.



Sharks & Rays of the Gulf

Greg Graber, Discovery Hall Programs Educator

March 12, 9:00-10:00 AM

March 12, 10:15-11:15 AM

Do sharks really deserve their reputation as the most dangerous fish? How many kinds of sharks are there? What is the difference between sharks, skates and rays and how are they different from bony fish like snapper and tuna? Join shark enthusiast and marine educator Greg Graeber of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab for an introduction to the sharks, skates and rays that live in Alabama waters. We'll show some of the many different species of sharks and rays found here, explore differences among these groups and investigate the external and internal anatomy of a shark discussing the functions of the various organs in a shark's body.

Suitable audience: The program **Sharks & Rays of the Gulf** is appropriate for all grades. A downloadable poster on the *Common Sharks of the Northern Gulf of Mexico* can be found on our website [here](#). The program 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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