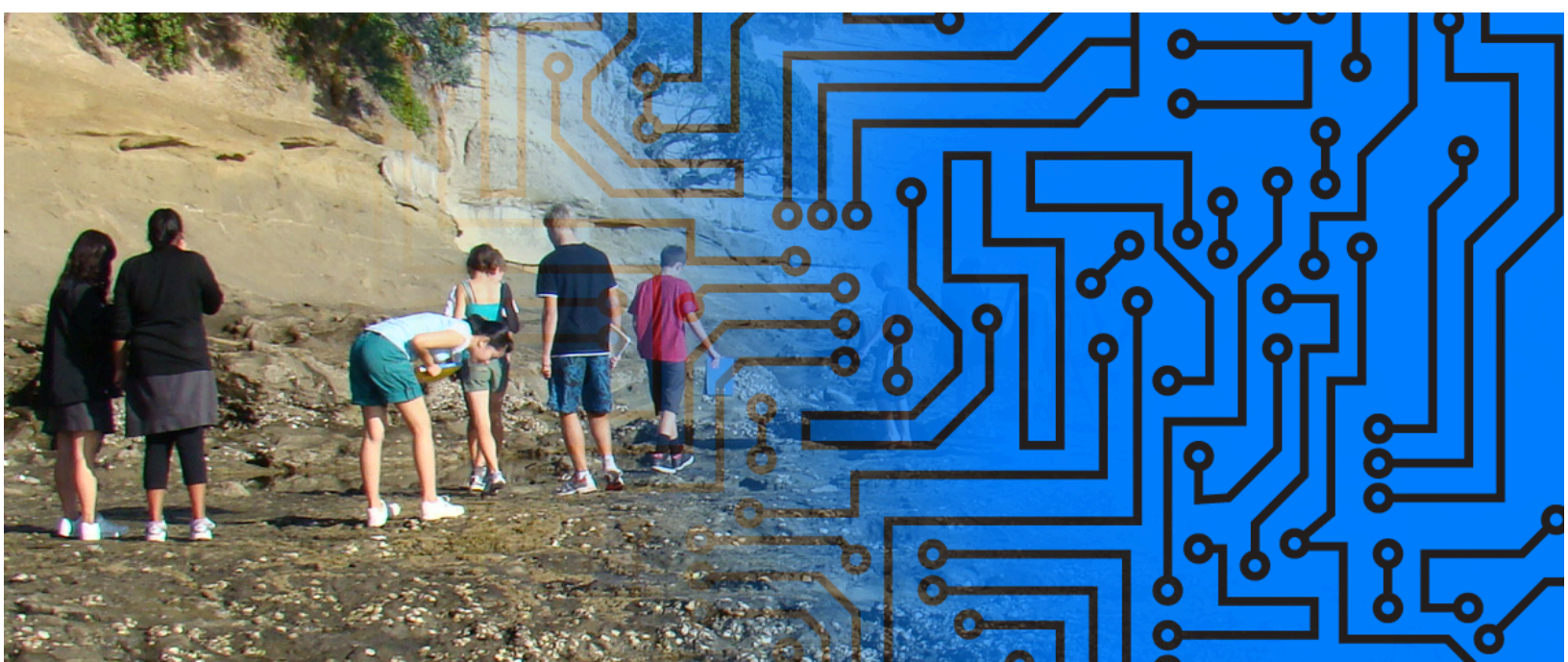


# Alabama Digital Learning

## Virtual Field Trips, October 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](https://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 <http://bit.ly/ALVFTOct25> or all of the schedules from February 2021 forward may be found at <https://bit.ly/ALVFTHome>. You may sign up for the current month’s Virtual Field Trips at <https://bit.ly/ALVFTsignupOct25>

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Date	Time	Session Name
10/07/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	A Journey Into the Life of Helen Keller
10/07/2025	10:15-11:15 AM	Great American Women
10/08/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	Movement and Motion
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10/09/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	Who's afraid of the dark?
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10/22/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	A Journey Into the Life of Helen Keller
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10/28/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	Culture, Contact and Conflict
10/28/2025	10:15-11:15 AM	Culture, Contact and Conflict
10/30/2025	9:00-10:00 AM	Amazing African Americans from Alabama
10/30/2025	10:15-11:15 AM	Amazing African Americans from Alabama, 2nd Edition

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

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### **A Journey Into the Life of Helen Keller**

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

October 7, 9:00-10:00 AM

October 22, 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.

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### **Amazing African Americans from Alabama**

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

October 30, 9:00-10:00 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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### **Amazing African Americans from Alabama, 2nd Edition**

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

October 30, 10:15-11:15 AM

Grades 2-5

Alabama has many wonderful African Americans from our state that have influenced history. In this 2nd Edition of African Americans from Alabama that you should know, we will take an in depth look at more of these exciting and passionate people that helped shape the history of our state in sports, the Civil Rights Movement, Politics and much more. Come along and explore African Americans that you should know!!!

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### **Careers in the NFL**

#### **Jerry Csaki, Senior Director of Youth and Education, Pro Football Hall of Fame**

October 8, 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>

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### **Culture, Contact and Conflict**

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

October 14, 9:00-10:00 AM

October 14, 10:15-11:15 AM

October 28, 9:00-10:00 AM

October 28, 10:15-11:15 AM

Grades 3-6

“Building off of last month’s exploration of the First Peoples of this Land, students will learn how these First Peoples managed the major changes brought by contact with European settlers and the creation of the United States of America. Students will get to see a number of artifacts related to this time period.”

### **Standards**

SS24.3.8b Describe key characteristics of different tribes in Alabama in the Mississippian Period, contrasting social customs, political organization, and religious practices.

SS24.3.9b Describe key parts of Hernando de Soto’s expedition through Alabama and explain its effects on Alabama’s Indigenous peoples.

SS24.4.1 Describe cooperation and conflict between the English, French, and Spanish colonists and Indigenous people over the fur trade, slave trade, and land claims.

SS24.4.8a Summarize how the Federal Road increased access to Creek Territory for settlers and enslaved persons, and explain how their arrival affected Native Americans.

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### **Who's afraid of the dark?**

**Taylor Kilgore, Discovery Hall Programs Educator**

October 9, 9:00-10:00 AM

October 9, 10:15-11:15 AM

*Cassie Hanback will be handling the connection and camera duties. If you have trouble during the presentation and need to reach her, her email is [chanback@disl.org](mailto:chanback@disl.org) and her direct phone line is 251-861-2141, 7515.*

*The 9 am presentation will be geared towards younger students (K-5) while the 10:15 am presentation will be more suitable for students in middle and high school.*

*The ocean may seem deep, dark, and a little spooky, but it's actually glowing with surprises! Many sea creatures can make their own light through something called **bioluminescence**. They use their glow to spook predators, catch snacks, or even send secret messages. Join us as we explore flashing fish, twinkling jellies, and flickering plankton. It's like the ocean's very own glow-in-the-dark party!*

*Suitable audience: The program **Who's afraid of the dark?** 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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### **Great American Women**

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

October 7, 10:15-11:15 AM

October 22, 10:15-11:15 AM

Grades 1-8

Join us in this journey as we explore the life and accomplishments of several American women and how they changed the world we live in today.

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## **Media and the NFL**

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

October 15, 9:00-10:00 AM

Grades 6-12

This program examines the role of television in the history of the NFL and its impact on viewers. Students will receive an overview of the history of television in the NFL and gain knowledge about the growth of the NFL through television. The topic will also examine the growth of the Super Bowl advertising and TV ratings. 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 6-12.

Supplemental Materials:

- [Classroom activity](#)
  - [Supplemental Video](#)
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## **Movement and Motion**

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

October 8, 9:00-10:00 AM

October 15, 10:15-11:15 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.

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