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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the goals, programs, activities, events, and administration of the Naturalist Center. The Naturalist Center, 1976-2011, provided hands-on learning experiences for students and adults through the use of study collections. It was located within the museum building until 1995 when it was moved to Leesburg, Virginia. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, reports, clippings, publicity materials, docent training materials, student activity instructions, resources for teachers, log books, images, slide sets, notes, floor plans, brochures, posters, videotapes, and related materials. Some materials are in electronic format.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Museums -- Public relations
- Natural history museums
- Science -- Study and teaching
- Special events

### Types of Materials:

- Brochures

Clippings  
Color photographs  
Color transparencies  
Compact discs  
Electronic records  
Floor plans  
Manuscripts  
Posters  
Videotapes

**Names:**

National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Office of Education and Outreach. Naturalist Center

## Container Listing

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- Box 1 of 4      "Bridge Between Research and the Exhibits - The Smithsonian Naturalist Center," Joan C. Madden, 1978
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- Box 1 of 4                      "Studying the Basic Bones of Terrestrial Mammals: A Guide to the Naturalist Center, National Museum of Natural History Comparative Osteology Collection," by Patricia Nutter
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