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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — What's old is new again! Join in celebration of the 8th annual National Fossil Day on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. National Fossil Day is organized by the National Park Service as part of AGI's Earth Science Week to promote public awareness and stewardship of fossils, with the goal of inspiring the next generation of paleontologists and fossil enthusiasts.

On National Fossil Day, scientists and park rangers will share fossil discoveries at special events nationwide and explain the importance of preserving fossils for future generations. National Fossil Day resources and activities celebrate the scientific and educational value of fossils, paleontology, and the importance of preserving fossils for future generations. Look for fossil-themed activities and materials in the Earth Science Week 2017 Toolkit (see below).

In honor of the holiday, AGI will participate in events to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, 2017, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The program, free and open to the public, will include a “Fossil Photo Booth” hosted by AGI—see yourself in paleo history! To learn more about National Fossil Day, please see <http://nature.nps.gov/geology/nationalfossilday>.

Reaching over 50 million people annually, Earth Science Week has been led by AGI in cooperation with its sponsors and the geoscience community since 1998. To learn more, please visit www.earthsciweek.org. To order your Earth Science Week Toolkits, see www.earthsciweek.org/materials. You may also call AGI Publications to place your order at 703-379-2480.

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