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The Bullock Museum's newest exhibit, *Extreme Mammals: The Biggest, Smallest, Most Amazing Mammals of All Time*, opened last week, and Free First Sunday on Dec. 1 offers families the chance to see it for free. Dynamic activities and family photo opportunities abound in what is the first natural history exhibit in the museum's history.

## **Families can see 'Extreme Mammals' for free Sunday** *Exhibit showcases the largest and smallest mammals ever found*

**NOVEMBER 26, 2013 (AUSTIN, TX)** – Families looking for fun Thanksgiving excursions can take a walk on the wild side at the Bullock Texas State History Museum's newest exhibit, *Extreme Mammals: The Biggest, Smallest and Most Amazing Mammals of All Time*.

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013 is Free First Sunday at downtown Austin's Bullock Museum, and admission to this special exhibit (and the museum's other three floors of Texas history displays) is free for everyone from noon to 6 p.m.

Residents can take a break from feasting and shopping and spend the last day of Thanksgiving weekend at the Bullock Museum where the whole family can create wearable star art and take memorable family photos under the museum's giant bronze star. Visitors also will be allowed, for the first time since the museum opened in 2001, to take non-flash photos their favorite artifacts in the museum's galleries.

Visitors may go on an indoor safari and see the smallest mammal ever found; walk under a 15-ft. tall re-creation of the largest land mammal ever recorded; and touch a fossil mammoth tooth in the new *Extreme Mammals* exhibit, which examines the 200-million-year history of fossil and living mammals.

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In this exhibit, visitors can experience the most astonishing mammals to roam the Earth – some with tongues weighing four tons, and others as small as a bumblebee. Creatures with gigantic claws, massive fangs and strange snouts. It explores the adaptations that have allowed mammals to diversify and adapt to beat the extinction odds.

To further reveal the Pleistocene ice age and underscore many of the *Extreme Mammals* exhibit themes, the museum is showing the acclaimed film, *Titans of the Ice Age 3D*, on its IMAX screen. The film transports you to the frozen landscapes of North America, Europe and Asia 10,000 years before modern civilization and brings to life the unique prehistoric animals of the era.

For information about this exhibit, visit [www.thestoryoftexas.com/extrememammals](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/extrememammals), or call (512) 936-4649.

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***About the Bullock Museum***

*The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the Museum has welcomed more than 6 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The Museum and IMAX Theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Ave., between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus. For more, visit [www.TheStoryofTexas.com](http://www.TheStoryofTexas.com) or call (512) 936-8746.*

***About Extreme Mammals***

*Extreme Mammals is organized by the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) in collaboration with the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; Cleveland Museum of Natural History; and the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada. The exhibit will be on display at the Bullock Museum through March 23, 2014.*