Welcome Chaperone! Explore the Museum’s main building — the Nature Exploration Center (NEC) — and be on the lookout for the animals of North Carolina. This guide offers easy activities to help you engage your students in learning.

**Third floor, across from bathrooms**

**Bird Nests**

Find the bird nest display.
- Which bird has the smallest eggs? *(Ruby-throated hummingbird.*)
- Which bird has the largest eggs? *(Killdeer.*)
- Which bird has the fewest eggs? *(Ruby-throated hummingbird.*)
- What kinds of materials did these birds use in their nests? *(Answers will vary according to children’s observations.*)
- Which bird built the smallest nest? *(Ruby-throated hummingbird.*)
- Which bird built the largest nest? *(American robin.*)

**Fourth floor, to the left of the Living Conservatory entrance**

**Butterfly Metamorphosis**

Find the Changing Room display.
- How many different kinds of chrysalids do you see? (Butterfly caterpillars. Moth caterpillars spin cocoons.)
- What made the chrysalids? *(Butterfly caterpillars. Moth caterpillars spin cocoons.*)
- Do you see any butterflies emerging from their chrysalids? (Butterfly caterpillars. Moth caterpillars spin cocoons.)
- If the Living Conservatory is open go inside and watch the live butterflies.