HOW TO USE MOODLE

WHAT IS MOODLE?

Moodle is an educational website that will allow you to track which categories you are following and which programs you attend. Not only will you be able to see future programs on the Moodle, but you will also be able to get additional resources from all Inside Science programs. Here on Moodle, we are hoping to create and expand a community of science lovers, so feel free to reach out to others in our forum for any questions and comments you have.

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Welcome to Moodle! Throughout Smithsonian Associates’ Moodle page, you’ll be able to see multiple instructional tools such as FAQ’s and How-To’s in order to make using the Inside Science Moodle fun and easy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the Announcements section, you will be able to see program updates such as change of venue, cancellations, and time changes. There are two places to check for announcements. All announcements will be visible in the main column under the announcements section. Any recent announcements will be shown in one of the side columns under ‘recent announcements’ this will keep you up to date on important information.

RESOURCES

There are three important areas to note under the resource tab:

- **Program resources**: The program resource page gives you access to resources only Inside Science participants can get. Any videos, research studies, or interesting websites that a speaker may refer to will be put here. Check out the page before the lecture for any bonus handouts the speaker may have and after the lecture for any information that you may have been curious about but didn’t get a change to ask about.

- **Glossary**: The glossary is a fun way to update your scientific vocabulary. Scroll through to learn all about science from areas of physics all the way to different biome names.
Feel free to add more words as you learn them and assist your fellow Inside Scientist in learning more!

- Ticket Website: This is one of the locations that will send you directly to SmithsonianAssociates.org. Here you will be able to see all programs available for purchase.

**COURSES**

There are ten different Inside Science topic areas that you can choose among. Don’t worry if you can’t make the six programs listed first in each category, you are able to pick and choose which programs you would like to go to in each of the topic areas in order to complete the category and get a badge. You can take the same subjects over as many times as you please!

Under each of the categories will be a list of programs. When clicking on that program list, it will send you to a page with the description of the program, a link to purchase a ticket, and finally a quiz to enter your code word in after the program has happened. This code word is important to remember, as it will help you earn a badge for the course!

**PROGRESS PAGE**

The Progress Page is designated to help you keep track of your program attendance per course. The progress bar will appear as blue if you haven’t started a course category, red if you’ve looked at the programs, and green once you’ve entered in the code word from each program.

**BADGES**

Once you’ve attended six programs, take the quiz at the bottom of the course labeled ‘after six programs – click here!’ Once you’ve re-entered the code words from the six programs you’ve attended, you’ll earn a badge for that category. Recent badges can be seen on the main page side columns and for a full list of badge you can click on the ‘badges’ tab in navigation.

**CALENDAR**

The calendar will have all the upcoming programs listed under it to make it easier for you to keep track of them.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

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