Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
(Indoor Exhibit Scavenger Hunt)

Welcome to the Natural Science Museum! We hope that you will enjoy your visit, and will learn about Mississippi's natural communities. When you are answering the following questions, please do not use the aquariums to write on. Instead use the walls and wooden seals to prop on. Good Luck!

Name(s): _______________________________________

1. Name 2 of your favorite animals that are extinct (no longer living).
   __________________________________ & __________________________________
   Give a reason why animals have gone extinct?
   __________________________________

2. What is our state fossil? __________________________
   what type of animal was it? ______________________

3. Name 2 animals that lived in Mississippi during the Pleistocene Epoch?
   __________________________________ & __________________________________

4. What does endangered mean? __________________________
   Name your favorite MS endangered animal ______________________

5. What is a raptor? ________________________________
   Name 3: ___________, ___________ & ___________

Can you find these animals in the Horne Island exhibit?
   __ Black Skimmer— These birds fly low over the surface of the water, and skim the water with their lower beak. Look for their bright orange and black beak.
   __ Laughing Gulls— This is the largest and darkest of the black-headed gulls. It's call is a variety of low chuckles.
   __ Blue Crab— These are easy to determine by their blue color
   __ Ghost Crab
   __ Diamondback Terrapin
   __ Raccoon
   __ Swamp Rabbit

6. Name 2 amphibians of Mississippi: _____________ & _____________

7. Where can you find a southern flounder and striped burrfish?
   (It's the name of the exhibit). _________________________
8. Name 3 fish that lived in the Mississippi River **before** the dinosaur period.

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Find these animals in the **Bottomland Hardwood Forest** display:

__ Skunk

__ Cecropia Moth– This large moth is brown with orange and white stripes on its wings.

__ Prothonotary Warbler– The bird is distinguished by its golden head and plain blue-gray wings

__ Pileated Woodpecker

__ Ivory-billed Woodpecker– Now thought to be extinct. It can be distinguished from the Pileated Woodpecker by the white patches on its wings.

__ Viceroy– This showy orange butterfly mimics a Monarch

__ Black Bear

__ Copperhead– this snake is well camouflaged

9. What was the **largest** fish in the Pearl River tank? ______________________

10. Circle the **non-venomous** snake head.

[Image of round and elliptical pupils]

11. Name a tree found here in MS and then **draw** its leaf. ______________________

12. Name the **bird** that is the size of a robin and all black except the top of it's wing is red with a yellow stripe. ______________________

13. What animals have the following **adaptations** to survive?

   Protective coloring: ______________________

   Armor or Shells: ______________________

14. What was the **most** interesting thing you learned at the Museum that you didn’t know? ______________________