

Navigating the Planetarium

A Guide for Families



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Checking In

When you arrive, the desk to check in and buy tickets will be located outside in front of the planetarium's gift shop entrance. There will be two tables, one for checking in for those who bought their tickets ahead of time and one for those who would like to buy tickets the day of the event. You will receive a schedule, a map, and wristbands.

Accessibility Ramps and Elevators

Accessibility ramps are located at both entrances for the visitor's entrance as well as the gift shop entrance. Elevators are located throughout the building. Upon entering the visitor's entrance, you will take a right after the visitor desk to find a hallway with the elevator. You may ask the staff if you need help finding the elevator on each floor.

Restrooms

There are three restroom areas located throughout the planetarium.

Restroom 1 : Near the Theater

The first restroom is located in the green hallway underneath the theater area. There is a staircase directly to the right of the theater entrance. You will go down these stairs and find a green hallway exhibit space on the ground floor. The restrooms are located along the right hand side of this hallway.

Restroom 2: Downstairs from the Visitor Entrance and Science Stage

The second restroom is located down the spiral stairs from the visitor's entrance on the ground floor. You will go down the stairs and the restrooms will be on the right.

Restroom 3: Upstairs from the Visitor Entrance between the classrooms

The third restroom is located at the top of the spiral staircase on the second floor directly between the two activity classrooms.

Entering the Gift Shop

You can find the gift shop behind the tables for check in. The entrance is located towards the left on the front side of the planetarium.

Entering the Theater Through the Gift Shop

The entrance to the theater is located inside the gift shop. Once you enter, you will find a space on your right where you will line up. Staff will be there to assist with the process.

The Visitor's Entrance

When standing at the sun dial, walk around the building to the right side of the planetarium. You will see tall white columns and a set of stairs leading to the visitor's entrance. This is the entrance for the activity spaces.

Blue Classroom

The Blue Classroom is where you will learn about the science behind Oobleck, play with the slime, and learn to make your own Oobleck at home. To find the Blue Classroom, you will enter through the visitor's entrance and take a left to go up the spiral staircase. When you get to the second floor, you will take another left down a short hallway to this space. There will be directional signs throughout the building and staff to assist.

Green Classroom

The Green Classroom is where you will listen to Dr. Seuss's story "Dr. Bartholomew and the Oobleck" and then engage your senses by playing with this slime. The Green Classroom is located on the same level as the Blue Classroom. You will enter through the visitor's entrance, turn left, and walk up the spiral staircase to the next level. When you get to the second floor, you will walk down the hallway to the right. There will be directional signs throughout the building and staff to assist.

The Science Stage

The Science Stage is located on the first floor. You will enter through the visitor's entrance and walk straight ahead into a circular wooden room. The Science Stage is located on the left.

Quiet Areas

If you feel that you need to take a break or have a quiet moment during the event, you can go to one of the two designated quiet areas. Each quiet area will have cool-down kits filled with tools to help you take a break.

The first quiet space is accessible from the theater. It will be in front of the planetarium near the gift shop entrance, under the awning on the porch. You can get here from the theater by exiting through the gift shop entrance and turning left. You can go there at any time for a breath of fresh air.

The second quiet space is located in the basement, accessible through the visitor's entrance. You will enter and walk down the spiral staircase. When you arrive at the basement level, there will be bathrooms on your right. The quiet area is through the door to the left of the stairs. You can go there at any time to quietly color.