

Plan Your Trip To Discovery Museum Transcript

Jill Foster, Director of School and Group Programs: Welcome to Discovery Museum. A visit to Discovery Museum allows your students a great opportunity to learn and grow in a welcoming STEM-rich environment. We provide stimulating materials and resources that encourage children's natural instincts to observe, question, test out ideas, and share their discoveries. In other words, to be scientists.

Once inside our museum building or Discovery Woods and Treehouse area, your students will encounter an array of exciting opportunities to explore their world. Every team is encouraged to explore at their own pace, spending times in those areas that most engage the students in that team. Encourage your students to look deeply, ask questions about what they are seeing, test out their own ideas, and communicate what they discover.

A few logistics to help you with your visit: prior to arriving on our campus, please be sure to review and share with colleagues our pre-visit packet. This packet includes an eight-page teacher guide, a teacher's field trip planner to be completed prior to the visit and distributed to chaperones. We'll also provide you with a chaperone letter which will have tips for how best to explore the museum with a team of five students.

When you arrive, please direct your bus to the bus loading zone just on the right as you come up the driveway. An explorer will come onto your bus, greet the group, and get them started on their fun unique adventure.

Explorer: You're going to have an opportunity to experience the da Vinci Gallery, which is all about engineering and design.

Foster: Our explorer staff will help to orient the learning teams as the visit begins, and will engage with your teams throughout the field trip.

Parking is limited on site. To avoid delays, please plan to have your chaperones ride the bus.

We provide an outdoor picnic area with tables, but you are also encouraged to bring blankets if you'd like to enjoy our lawn area for lunch.

Dress for indoor and outdoor experiences. Our Discovery Woods and Treehouse are open throughout the year, rain or shine.

At the end of the visit to Discovery Museum, students often exhibit a heightened enthusiasm for science learning. Encourage them to share their experiences back in the classroom, and use that learning as you pursue your own classroom study.