



DISCOVERY STATION

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I book the Discovery Station?

To request the Discovery Station for your event or venue:

- Visit www.dmns.org/discoverystation
- Email communityengagement@dmns.org
- Call 303.370.6453

How much does it cost?

Discovery Station fees are based on the type of event and organization. The Museum offers discounts to nonprofit and community organizations, and there is limited funding available to bring the Discovery Station to community-driven fairs and festivals that connect with people who might not otherwise have access to Museum experiences. Please submit a form so we can learn more about your event.

- For profit or private events: \$600 for up to 5 hours open to guests
- Nonprofit, community organization organizations, governmental agencies: \$300 for up to 5 hours of activation
 - Discounts may be available to nonprofit 501c3 organizations on a case-by-case basis, if an event helps us reach audiences that may not have access to the Museum. Please submit a reservation request for the Community Engagement team to consider your needs.

How do I pay?

Balance due in full 30 days prior to event or upon confirmation, whichever comes last. Our Guest Services Team will contact you prior to this with an invoice and accepted payment methods.

What kinds of activities will be in the Discovery Station?

Once your booking is confirmed, one of our Community Engagement Specialists will work with you to tailor a unique “Museum Pop-Up” exhibit to your event. Professional Museum educators will be present to help foster guests’ curiosity and facilitate conversations about real pieces from the Museum’s Education Collections.

How far in advance or close to my event may I request the Discovery Station?

Requests may be made a minimum of twenty-one days prior to the event date and up to one year in advance. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-reserve basis. For the easiest booking process, we suggest putting your request in at least 60 days in advance.

What days are the Discovery Station available to book?



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The Discovery Station can be booked Friday to Sunday. Any requests for events outside this schedule will be considered on a case-by-case basis; please email communityengagement@dmns.org to inquire about availability. Not available on December 25.

The Discovery Station prioritizes events April-October. If outdoors, events in November-March will be considered, but due to the nature of the outdoor program we may suggest other program options during that time instead.

How far will the Discovery Station travel?

It can travel within a 90-minute driving radius of the Museum, including considerations for traffic. We reserve the right to decrease the maximum length of activation available based on the travel time required to get to a venue.

How long can the Discovery Station be at our event, and during what times?

The Discovery Station can be open to guests of your event for a minimum of 2 hours and a maximum of 5 hours. A minimum of one hour is needed on either side of the experience for setting up and tearing down. Experiences can occur at any time between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

How large is the Discovery Station?

The experience footprint is 20' x 10' and will be activated under tents (if outdoors). A flat surface is needed.

How long does it take to set up and take down?

One hour at the beginning and one hour at the end. These two hours are not included in the time the Discovery Station is “activated” and open to guests.

Who will staff the Discovery Station?

A Community Event Specialist will oversee all logistical needs leading up to and during the event and will drive the experience to the event. Programs will be fully set up and staffed by professional educators from the Museum.

What about inclement weather?

If the program occurs outdoors, the Museum reserves the right to cancel, leave early, or modify the experience due to weather/safety issues such as snow, extreme high or low temperatures, high winds, or storm warnings. If the Museum cancels due to weather, you will be refunded in full. More information on our weather parameters is available upon request.



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Is there an age restriction?

There are many engaging activities for adults and families of all ages to learn and play side-by-side. Some experiments and demonstrations require adult permission. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian present.

Is it available to be booked by schools?

The Discovery Station's target audience is adults and families in festival settings and is not an appropriate program for student groups and school settings. Please visit www.dmns.org/learn for the Museum's school programs, or email communityengagement@dmns.org with specific event questions.

Is it accessible?

Yes, entrance to the Discovery Station is accessible. Staff are trained and happy to support any additional reasonable accommodation requests to create the best experience possible for all guests.

Is the experience offered in Spanish and English?

All activities in the space are bilingual in Spanish and English. Special presentations are bilingual dependent upon the availability of bilingual staff and cannot be guaranteed.

How many people can be accommodated?

The Discovery Station activities are designed to be free-flowing and nonlinear, so guests can choose the type and length of their experience. Typically, guests engage for 5 to 20 minutes. The Discovery Station can actively accommodate about 15 guests at a time.

My event falls outside of one or more of the requirements listed above. Will the Museum still come to my event?

We may be able to make adjustments on a case-by-case basis or suggest another program instead. Please contact communityengagement@dmns.org with specific questions.