

Planetarium Admission Costs for School Groups

The planetarium staff and facility is in no way motivated by revenue, politics, tourism, or other similar considerations. However, a planetarium is a facility that needs to be operated, serviced, and kept current. As a result, a small admission fee is charged to groups who visit the facility. A charge of \$4.00 per student is charged for admission to help supplement the cost of equipment and materials used by the planetarium. Teachers and up to 4 adults per classroom are admitted free. Keep in mind that maximum seating capacity is 92, plus some space for wheelchairs. **Payment should be made by check or purchase order to Walker County Schools** and it must indicate that it is for planetarium admissions and reference the date & group name. Payment by check or a purchase order should be made upon arrival at the planetarium.

How to Schedule

Reservations can be made by calling (706) 375-8001 (Monday through Friday from 9:15 to 11:30 A.M. and from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M.). if no answer call 706-375-3493. More often than not, planetarium visits by school groups are scheduled for either Tuesdays or Thursdays. You are encouraged to register as far in advance as possible. Please make reservations at least a week before you wish to come. **Before making a reservation**, please have the following information handy:

Your school name, contact person's name, address, phone numbers and email where you can be contacted.

Grade level and the number of classes and the total number of students and adults that will be attending.

We also need to know the number of people in your group that are in wheelchairs. If you have more than 2 people in wheelchairs, some regular seating must be removed and that will therefore reduce the number of regular seating available.

Program title(s) of requested -

Preferred date and time with two alternative dates.

Have your calendar handy in case your chosen date(s) are filled.

Before calling to make a reservation, determine bus availability.

Note: The Planetarium has a maximum seating capacity of 92 plus some space for wheelchairs. If your group is larger, arrangements for two separate programs will be necessary. See "Tips on Visiting" below.

Cancellation Policy: Advance cancellation notice is required. If you fail to cancel your appointment, a deposit will be required for all future scheduled appointments by your school. The deposit will be non-refundable, but will be deducted from the total bill when your group checks in.

The Planetarium secretary will eMail or mail (via USPS) a written confirmation for each program reservation. Please verify that the date, time and requested program are correct. Cancellations should be reported immediately.

Tips on Visiting:

Restroom facilities are limited at the planetarium so, students should go to the restroom before leaving their home school. In planning your trip, allow time before the program for a brief restroom break before and after the program.

No food (snacks, bag lunches) or drinks are allowed in the planetarium or in the planetarium lobby. However, we have a climate-controlled "display & meeting" room with tables & chairs for groups as large as 92 people. Teachers and students may use that area to eat box lunches brought from their school. Please leave the area clean. To use the "display & meeting" room, make arrangements with planetarium secretary when making reservations.

Our 92-seat planetarium seems to be adequate for three (3) classroom size groups. With larger groups of 4 to 6 classrooms, teachers may decide to divide their group and allow part of the group to eat lunch while the others are in the planetarium and then switch out. Teachers are wise to plan a useful activity for students during lunchtime.

Please consider leaving large items such as backpacks at home, in the bus, or in your car. Lockers are not available. Children are very different, but as a general rule, planetarium programs (even kindergarten-level productions) are not recommended for children under four years of age. Our programs are suitable for ages five and up.

Note: Our campus is smoke-free and use of tobacco products are prohibited.