

The Museum has 7 galleries and interactive activities related to local history, biology, and environmental science.

Museum Galleries

Changing Tides Gallery

Explore how coastal processes have shaped our landscape and how Earth is influenced by the moon and sun.

Waterways Gallery

Discover how water cycles connect streams to the sea and stomp out marine debris in our Save the Ocean exhibit.

Green Swamp Gallery

Learn more about food webs, animal interactions, and see a new side of flora and fauna with our SeaScope.

Sea Shore Gallery

Explore our touch tank, learn about sea animal life cycles, and view our extensive seashell collection.

Ocean Reef Gallery

Dive under the sea to experience our coast's hard bottom reefs and the variety of species that live locally in our dry aquarium.

Barrier Island Gallery

Learn about the history of our coastline and the lifecycle of sea turtles. Explore animal adaptations and coloration with Draw Alive!

Coastal Plains Gallery

Investigate our collection of Native American Artifacts and discover local winged inhabitants, from the shore to your backyard.

Museum Highlights

Touch Tank

Learn how sea stars, sea urchins, and horseshoe crabs have adapted to life in the intertidal zone and interact with live sea creatures!



Save the Ocean

Stomp out trash in our virtual ocean and learn ways that we can protect the ocean at home!



Planetarium Highlights



Star Show

See what stars are in the sky tonight with a star show after every dome show.

Paul Dennis Science Hall

Explore hands-on activities and interactive displays in our science hall! Soar through our solar system with NASA simulators and explore how telescopes work.

An interactive STEM program is included. Two options are available: Matter Matters or Forces of Motion.

The Planetarium features a 40-ft 360-degree overhead dome with educational videos and live star shows, as well as the Paul Dennis Science Hall with Earth, space, and technology based exhibits.

Selected Dome Film Options

Accidental Astronauts: K-3rd

Explore the Earth, Moon, and Sun with two robot kids who get swept up in an exciting space adventure.

Magic Globe: K-6th

Explore the seasons from the perspective of a little girl on summer vacation at her grandfather's house.

Earth, Moon, and Sun: 3rd-6th

Explore the relationship between the scientific process and human exploration while investigating the moon, sun, and sky.

Astronaut: 4th-8th

Discover the perils that lurk in space and learn what it takes to be an astronaut.

Voyage to Distant Worlds: 4th-12th

A tour of the objects in our solar system from the sun out to the Kuiper belt.

Additional shows available upon request.



Field Trip Options

Field Trip options to the museum only, planetarium only, or both the museum and planetarium are available.

Museum

At the museum, students will explore museum galleries and participate in an interactive STEM program. Programs are included free of charge with every field trip. Our program options are:

Swamp Sleuths: Learn about life cycles and food web interactions of mammals, fish, and reptiles in our region in this fun CSI style program.

Eco-Coastal Exploration: Learn how water flows from land to sea and how this affects pollution and other coastal issues through interactive science demos.

Planetarium

At the planetarium, students can see a show in the dome and have time to explore the science hall. An interactive STEM program in the science hall is included free of charge. Show options of varying length are available including:

Dome Film: 30-45 minutes
Star Show: 15 minutes
Extended Star Show: 45 minutes
Dome Film and Star Show: 45-60 minutes

Outreach

Have our educators come to you!

- Standard specific program options from both facilities are available.
- \$80 plus travel fee (varies by location) per in-person hour long program
- Contact our Education Manager for program options.

Field Trip Pricing

In Person Group Rates

- For the Museum or Planetarium Only: \$6 student fee
- For both facilities: \$9 student fee
- All teachers get in free
- Booking teachers receive a FREE individual membership to the museum
- Parent Chaperones pay general admission

Planning Your Field Trip

Confirm with our Education Manager

Confirm a date and trip details by calling or emailing our Education Manager or filling out the request form on our website.

Deposit

An \$80 deposit per facility is due 2 weeks before field trip date. 24 hour cancellation or rescheduling notification is required to avoid cc charges.

Payment

Cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are accepted. Payment in full is due the day of the field trip.

Day of Trip

Plan to arrive on time. Late arrival is not the responsibility of the venue and can impact programming.



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Field Trip Guide



Two great venues offer hands on enrichment opportunities to inspire curiosity from the stars to sea stars through tailored curriculum for K-12 learning opportunities.

For more information contact our Education Manager at (910) 579-1016x102 or email education@museumplanetarium.org

Visit our website at museumplanetarium.org