

Field Trips @ OMSI

Group Leader Packet



Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

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Field Trip Group Leader Information

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

- **2 Weeks Before your Field Trip:**
 - Update your headcount, OMSI cannot lower your headcount on the day of your visit. Please provide your closest estimate to the expected headcount.
 - Pay the full balance after headcount is confirmed.
- **1 Week Before your Field Trip:**
 - Make name tags (stickers) with your organization group name for each person in your group (student & adults). This is your ticket in! Each person in your group is required to show a name tag. OMSI does not make name tags.
- **Week of your Field Trip:**
 - Group leaders should separate students into groups and assign chaperones in advance of arrival to OMSI. **OMSI asks for a minimum of a 1:5 adult to student ratio for groups PreK–8th, 1:10 adult ratio for groups 9–12th.**
 - Review chaperone expectations with all adults in your group.

“The Orcas exhibit was very interesting and had depth of information. ... Really enjoyed this fantastic exhibit, watching the dive patterns on a specific whale, reading about the family system and life cycle for example. ... We watched The Arctic: Our Last Great Wilderness. Beautiful photography and videography, so much information about the Arctic animals. The theater has fantastic view and audio. It was an extra cost, but seemed well worth it for the movie. Would absolutely go back for future exhibits and movies. Not just for kids.” - Liza, Google Review

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ARRIVAL & CHECK IN:

- OMSI opens at 9:30 AM. Doors will automatically unlock at that time.
- Buses may drop off students and chaperones directly in front of the building then drive to a designated bus parking zone.
- Bus parking is located in both South and North parking lots.
 - School bus parking is included with the field trip price.
 - **2023 Update:** Cars, vans and chaperone vehicles must follow standard guest parking policy. Parking must be paid at a parking kiosk or via Parking Kitty app.
- A volunteer in a red OMSI shirt may approach your bus to discuss your greet your group. If you don't see a volunteer please send a group leader into OMSI to check in.
- Enter the museum through the main entrance. Send a group leader to the front desk.
- Group leader should be prepared to provide OMSI staff with final headcount breakdown of students, teachers, and chaperones. [The last day to lower your headcount is 14 days before your field trip. You may add participants on the day of your visit pending availability.](#)

During Your Visit



Exhibit Halls

OMSI has many fun, educational exhibit halls! The Turbine Hall is located on the lower level, the Natural Sciences Hall is located on the upper level. The Featured exhibit starts on the lower level and continues to the upper level. **Some premium featured exhibits require an additional admission ticket and may not be included in group admission.**



Lab Spaces

Groups are welcome to visit any of OMSI's labs that are open with general admission tickets. Occasionally labs may be closed as part of a pre-arranged reservation or due to staffing demands. **Labs are closed most Tuesdays during the school year.**



Films & Shows

Group shows must be pre-arranged and purchased in advance by the organization. If your groups has signed up for a show: Students and chaperones must arrive to planetarium shows and theater films at least 10 minutes early. Late groups & individuals will not be admitted and no refunds are available.



Submarine Tours

U.S.S. Blueback tours are about 45–55 minutes. Tours depart from the Northwest corner of the main lobby and are guided from the museum to the submarine. Tours requiring walking visitors will navigate tight corners. **All tour visitors must be 4 years old or older.**

While At OMSI

Runnings, horseplay, eating, drinking, and chewing gum are prohibited in exhibit halls. **Chaperones are expected to encourage learning opportunities, guide students through exhibits, and monitor student behavior expectations.**

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Thank you for signing up to chaperone this OMSI field trip! We look forward to welcoming you to our museum!

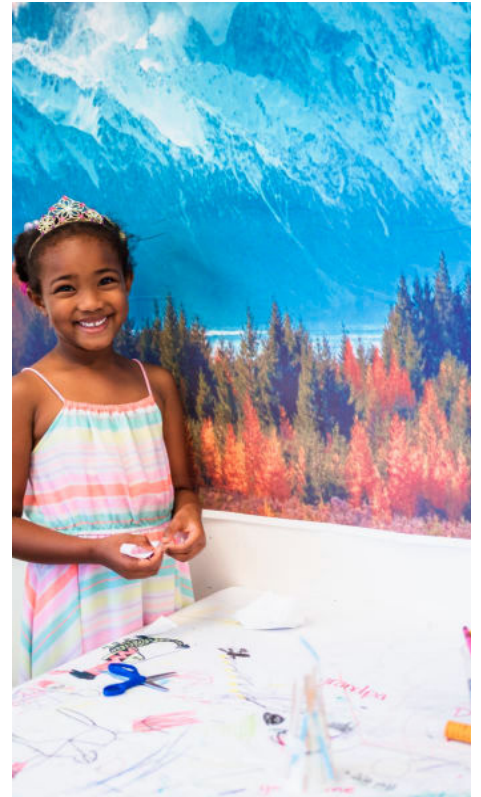
CHAPERONE EXPECTATIONS:

- Your primary role as chaperone is to keep students safe and keep your student cohorts together. **You must stay with your student cohort at all times.** You are responsible for monitoring student behavior. No running, horseplay, eating, drinking, and chewing gum are prohibited in the exhibit halls, labs, planetarium, or on the U.S.S. Blueback. Find the full [visitor agreement here](#).
- Bring the following with you: field trip schedule, OMSI museum map, list of student names in your cohort, and contact information for the organization group leader. Arrive with a print out or have this information available on your cell phone.
- While exploring OMSI you should find opportunities to engage students to explore exhibits and talk about their discoveries. OMSI instructors and volunteers located in exhibit halls are happy to help answer questions!
- If you arrive separately from the group leader/bus, please wait outside, in the lobby, or visit the cafe until your group leader arrives.
- If you are driving separately and plan parking at OMSI. All chaperones must pay for parking using the Parking Kitty app or kiosk located outside of the museum.

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Science Playground

- **This hall requires a reservation in advance! If this is not specifically listed on your confirmation materials or field trip schedule your group will not be admitted to this hall.**
- Science Playground is specifically designed for our youngest learners and focuses on early childhood education for toddlers up to Pre-K age students.
- Kindergarten classes may visit in the Fall semester only when on a field trip reservation.



- Reservations are for 30-minute play time blocks per group.
- If your group has over 40 people you will be separated into multiple reserved times.
- Each group must wait to be greeted by an OMSI educator before entering the space.
- Chaperones must actively supervise students to ensure safe play. Lots of toddlers are in the space - we must ensure they are safe too.
- Rough play is not tolerated and groups will be asked to leave if an inability to maintain safety.



Main Lobby: Check in your group at arrival. Find an OMSI staff member here if needed.

Turbine Hall: Center for Innovation, Chemistry Lab, Physics Lab, and Teen Tech Center.

Natural Sciences Hall: Natural Science exhibits, Prenatal Exhibit, Life Lab, Earth Lab, and Paleontology Lab.

Featured Exhibit: Some premium featured exhibits require an additional fee.

Science Playground: Requires a reservation in advance.

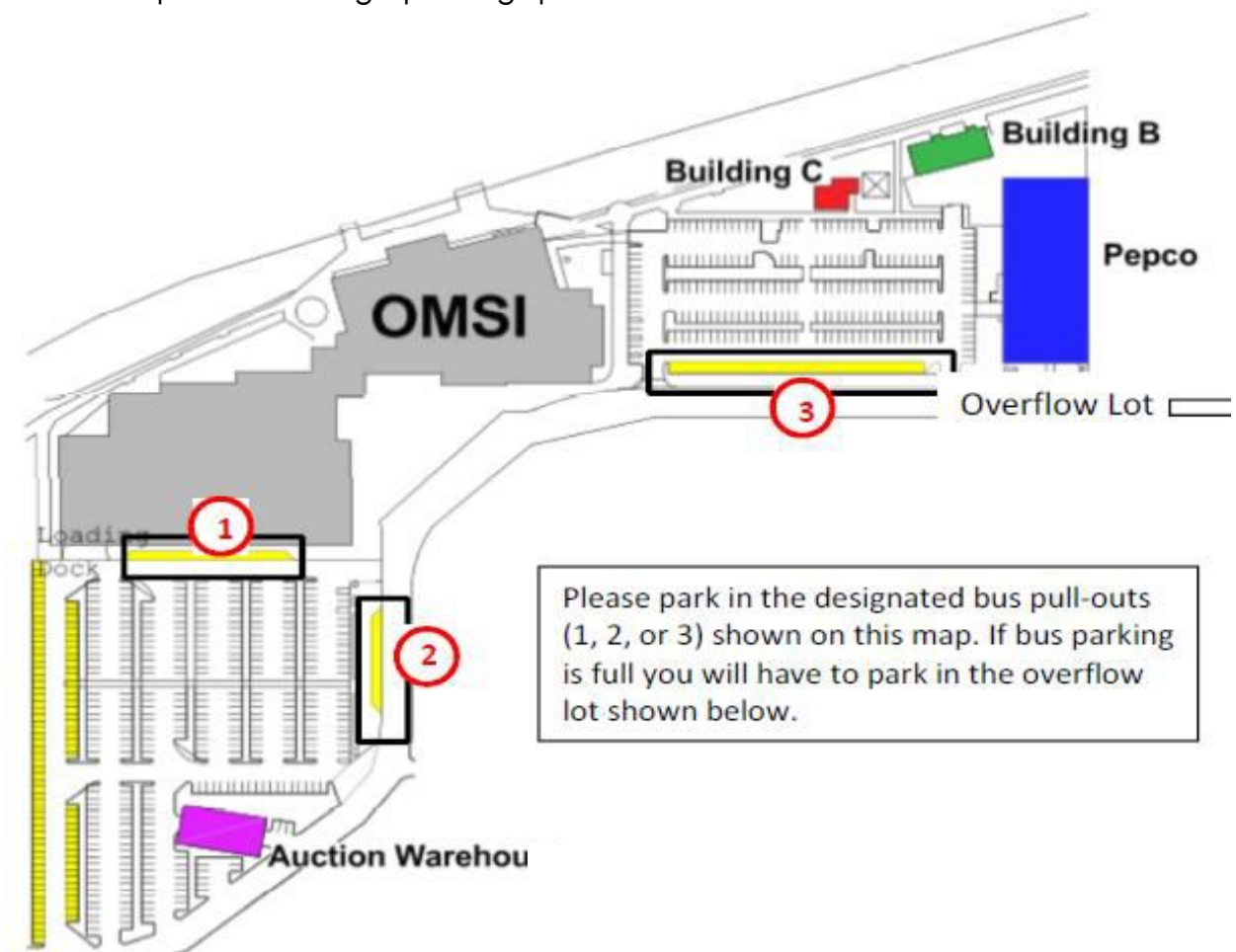
Turbine / Courtyard Lunchrooms: Requires a reservation in advance and will appear on confirmation if available.



Field Trip Group Leader Information

Bus Parking

Please provide your bus drivers with this information in advance. Bus parking is located in our South parking lot and the designated bus pull-outs located on either side of the main entrance. School buses will receive free parking. Buses may drop off students and chaperones in front of the main entrance prior to finding a parking spot.



Vans, cars, and any vehicle smaller than a school bus who uses the OMSI parking lot will follow standard guest parking policies.

2023–2024 parking rates via Parking Kitty app or through kiosks in the North and South parking lots. OMSI parking costs \$5 (+ fees) for 2 hours or \$8 (+ fees) for all day parking.

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Lunch Rooms

- School groups must have a reservation for a space for lunch in advance if planning to eat at OMSI. Lunch room reservations are 25 minutes. Please arrive on-time.
- The Turbine lunchroom is located in the Northeast corner of the Turbine Hall. Groups must walk through the Turbine Hall to access the space. This is the only permanent lunch room for groups.
- The Courtyard lunchroom is available March-September and is located outside under a tent behind the Main Lobby.
- A lunch room is not a guarantee and must be arranged by the group leader in advance. The lunchroom time will appear on your official confirmation if a space has been confirmed.
- If your group is smaller and does not fill the space you may share the space with another school. We ask you instruct your students to not leave gaps when sitting. Fill each chair on one table before spreading out to another table.
- If your group is larger we may assign you multiple lunch times. Please breakdown your groups before you arrive and inform each chaperone of their scheduled time.
- After you arrive and check in, please take your lunches to your assigned lunchroom area. You can either bring your own tubs for storage or use our provided tubs to store your lunch boxes and place tubs on the floor against the wall to leave room for other groups to do the same.
- Each group is responsible for cleaning up after lunch - cleaning spray and paper towels are provided.
- NOTE: If you are unable to reserve a lunchtime in one of our lunch areas, you can either eat in small groups at the tables near the cafe or featured exhibit, eat outside, or eat on your bus. Please do not sit on the ground in the various exhibits or halls to eat since this will block other guests, potential fire exits, bathrooms, etc.

FIELD TRIP Meal Deals

CHOOSE ONE PACKAGE

Each meal includes a fresh baked lunch box cookie and spa water.

GLOBAL ADVENTURE

Grilled Free-Range Chicken Teriyaki with Jasmine Rice
Hilltop Farms Broccoli and Carrots (NGI)

Crispy Organic Island Springs Tofu Teriyaki with Jasmine Rice, Hilltop Farms Broccoli, and Carrots (NGI)

KITCHEN TABLE

Crispy Home Style Free-Range Chicken Strips with JoJo Potato Wedges, Hilltop Farms Broccoli & Carrots (NGI)

Tillamook Mac N' Cheese with Hilltop Farms Broccoli & Carrots

STONE HEARTH OVEN PIZZA PARTY

Hand Tossed pizzas fired in our open-hearth oven, served with a Caesar Salad (NGI Available)

Classic Cheese

Pepperoni

Margherita

PRICING

- ✓ 25 - 50 Students/Teachers \$11.50
- ✓ 51 - 100 Students/Teachers \$10.50
- ✓ 100 - 150 Students/Teachers \$9.50

ORDERING

Please schedule your group's meal a week in advance before your arrival. This can be done with our catering department.

Please reach out to:

Justin Brierton

justin@epicurean-group.com

(415) 583-6109

All orders require a 50% deposit upon acceptance and final payment due at the time of arrival. We accept all major credit cards, cash and check. Cancellations require three business days' notice.

Why Choose Lunch from THEORY RESTAURANT?

We are the *premiere food provider* at educational institutes on the west coast and now OMSI. We know your students!!! Our menus are fun, bite sized and packed with nutrition.

- **COMPLETE MEALS.** All our meals are served hot with fresh whole ingredients made by our Chef and Team.
- **SPEED.** No waiting in lines or for preparation. All our meals are packed and ready to go at your designated lunchtime. This gives you more time in the Museum!
- **EASE.** No need to pack a lunch, worry about storing or distribution we will handle it all!



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Tyrannosaurs — Meet the Family

March 2, 2024 – September 2, 2024

Tyrannosaurs — Meet the Family brings the latest tyrannosaur discoveries to life, overturning preconceptions about these ferocious predators. The exhibition explores the most feared and revered of all dinosaurs in new and different ways.

This exhibition offers visitors a look at rare and magnificent fossils, reconstructing the life-sized skeletons of these terrifying carnivores in unique ways.

Field trips are available for groups of 12 or more who reach out at least 2-weeks in advance of the field trip date.



Young and old alike can get up close and personal with one of the world's most complete *T. rex* skeletons. "Scotty's" skeleton was cast from a fossilized *Tyrannosaurus rex* found in Saskatchewan, Canada. It stands at 15 feet tall. It is both magnificent and terrifying, but also playful. Situated in front of a rear projection, Scotty's shadow appears to come to life, making hand puppets while the *T. rex* roars and growls.

