



DISCOVERY PARK OF AMERICA

See beyond.

STUDENT GROUP PLANNING GUIDE

At Discovery Park of America, we're proud that our mission includes providing support for teachers and administrators in taking STEAM and history teaching out of the classroom and applying it in a hands-on, state-of-the-art experience.

By contributing to an interdisciplinary and applied approach, integrated into cohesive learning programs, we are helping teachers ignite and inspire the next generation of critical thinkers, problem solvers and innovators. We have many existing classes and programs designed to meet state standards, or we're happy to help you coordinate something unique for your students.

Education Scholarships

Thanks to the *Kirkland Scholarship, students from all K-12 schools with 50% of the students qualifying for free or reduced lunches qualify for scholarships that pay for *100% of the ticket price to visit Discovery Park of America.

*Scholarships do not cover transportation, meals or special attractions and temporary exhibits. The education team will work with you on those as they develop your visit plan.

You will be required to email proof of your FRL percentage to reservations@discoveryparkofamerica.com.

Park Hours

Closed: New Year's Day,
Easter, Thanksgiving,
Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day.

Low Season

Jan – Feb: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aug – Dec: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Tues. and Wed.
Tram will not be operating

High Season

March – July: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Open 7 days a week
Tram will be operating, weather permitting
**Please check our website and our Facebook,
Instagram and Twitter accounts for weather-related closings.**



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Student Group and Chaperone Ticket Price

- Student General Admission: **\$7.95** per student
- One adult will be admitted **free** for every 10 students
- Any additional adults booking with group: **\$10.95**
- Chaperones paying at the door without booking with group: **\$19.95 + tax**
- Principals, administrators, school nurses and bus drivers: **Free**
- Bus drivers: Stop by our Cafe and have a cup of coffee on us!

To get the Student Group Ticket Price, you must:

- Sign and return a field trip contract
- Enter Discovery Center as one group
- Have 10 or more paying students

Educational Programs

Discovery Park of America also offers educational programs led by one of our instructors and designed to meet the latest Tennessee state standards. Education programs are free, but availability for programs is limited, so be sure to book as early as possible. [Click here to learn more about our Educational Programs.](#)

PAYMENT

No deposit is required, but payment must be presented in full on the day of your visit. Check or credit card, please.





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Student Group Lunches

Please note that outside food and beverage may NOT be eaten at Discovery Park unless it is to satisfy religious or medical requirements. Students may bring their own lunches, but they must remain in their backpacks or on their bus and be eaten offsite. Several parks are located nearby, and a picnic is often another fun part of a student's day. Lunch options are available through Sabin's Café, our on-site food service provider.

NOTE: Students visiting on a field trip from a school that provides lunches are allowed to bring sack lunches from their school cafeteria, but please make arrangements in advance.

Important: Lunches purchased from an outside restaurant **WILL NOT BE** permitted into Discovery Park of America. (E.g. McDonald's, Subway, Wendy's, etc.)

Chaperones on a field trip can order a student lunch through Sabin's Café to eat with their children, or lunch can be ordered ala carte from the Sabin's Café menu. All should be advised that food ordered ala carte may not be ready immediately as it is prepared to order.

Student Group Menu

\$6

HAMBURGER

One hamburger, potato chips and a drink
Gluten-free bun can be requested

HOTDOG

One hotdog, potato chips and a drink

VEGETARIAN SANDWICH

Vegetarian sandwich on white bread, an apple and a drink
Gluten-free bread can be requested

DRINKS:

Coke, Sprite or water



Special Attractions

Discovery Park offers four special attractions that may be booked in advance or upon arrival. Sometimes we have temporary exhibits on a variety of topics that you may want your group to experience. The prices on those vary and may be booked in advance or upon arrival.

Starship Theater

\$4.95

Now Showing: **“Journey to Space”**

From Giant Screen Films, a leader in the large format/IMAX industry, comes spectacular journey across, over, and through the magical realms of the most dramatic continent on earth: Africa.

Starship Theater

\$4.95

Now Showing: **“Tornado Alley”**

From Giant Screen Films, a leader in the large format/IMAX industry, comes Storm Chasers star Sean Casey and the researchers of VORTEX 2, in the most ambitious effort ever made to understand the origins and evolution of tornadoes, on this heart-pounding science adventure.

Want your group to experience our previous Starship Theater films, “Journey to Space” and “Tornado Alley”? Those films may be shown if you book the theater for \$139. The theater seats up to 28 people.

The Tower

\$4.95

Ride the Elevator up 120 feet and see for miles!

Earthquake Simulator

\$4.95

10-minute story and simulation of historic earthquakes. Show begins every 30 minutes.

Everyone, students and adults, going to a special attractions or temporary exhibit must have a ticket. All students must be accompanied by at least one adult.

Pick-two Attractions and Save!

Can't decide which special attraction to experience? Pick any two for just \$7.95. Temporary exhibit ticket prices vary. More information can be provided by our reservations department. All prices are plus tax unless you have provided a copy of your tax-exempt certificate. Special attractions and temporary exhibits may be booked by e-mailing reservations@discoveryparkofamerica.com or calling reservations at 731-885-5455, opt. 6. They are also sold at the Discovery Park ticket counter and at each attraction while space is available.





Developmentally Disabled Adult Outing Program

Developmentally disabled adults benefit greatly from opportunities to interact with people outside of their home environments. These outings offer a chance to practice important life skills such as communicating and interacting with others. When developmentally disabled adults are able to participate in their communities, the community as a whole also benefits. When others see developmentally disabled adults behaving in a way appropriate to the circumstances and enjoying the same activities as everyone else, it helps to build community awareness and break down stereotypes.

This program is designed to offer such opportunities and is available for any organization licensed by a state department of intellectual and developmental disabilities (or equivalent state department). With pre-registration, and under the supervision of caregivers approved by a licensed organization, developmentally disabled adults may visit the Discovery Park of America at the discounted student group rate. Please contact our reservations department for more information or to book your trip.

Special Programs

Discovery Park offers many educational programs targeting both children and adults.

Included are events like:

- Canstruction®
- STEAM Saturday
- Historical Theater Academy
- Regional Library LEGO® Competition
- Wildlife Education Series
- Cardboard Boat Regatta
- Military Living History and Civil War Days
- Independence Day Celebration
- Outdoor Summer Camp
- LEGO® Summer Camp
- Home School Days
- A Seussical Birthday

Check the Discovery Park calendar online for details.

Art Classes

The Life Enrichment Center at Discovery Park of America is fully equipped to host art classes of all types! From Wine and Paint Classes to Pottery Workshop to Kids Create! (art classes for children ages 6-12), we offer something for everyone.

[Check the Discovery Park calendar online for details.](#)

Ready to Book Your Student Group?

[Click here](#) to fill out an online reservations form, or for assistance e-mail reservations@discoveryparkofamerica.com or call reservations at 731-885-5455, opt. 6.

We look forward to hosting your school group at Discovery Park of America!