

Adults: Things to Know

All Chaperones visiting the planetarium are responsible for being aware of these.

1. We need the adults to follow the instructions of the Clark Planetarium Staff members, and to encourage the students to do likewise. *Please remember; that as the adult chaperones of the group, you are responsible for everyone in the group and the groups behavior during the visit.* The Clark Planetarium Staff are responsible for the building and the theatres.
2. Please turn off your phone, or put it on silent if you need to. We want you to engage with the kids and participate in the exhibits with them.
3. We want the kids to be respectful of the hands-on exhibits. Please make sure they take turns on the exhibits, and use them appropriately.
4. There may be other groups scheduled to be here during the same time frame that your group is, and they may even be seeing some of the same shows. Please encourage the kids to be respectful of each other, and other groups.
5. We do not want the kids to duck under, climb over, or cross any of the barriers. This is for their safety, and to protect the exhibits.
6. Please make sure the kids are walking up and down the staircases as the group moves between levels. We do not want them to run, jump, or play on the stairs.
7. There are banisters on the staircases, and in the Hansen Dome theatre that kids like to duck under and play in. For safety reasons, we ask that they do not play or duck under these banisters.
8. The Clark Planetarium has a large service elevator for individuals with Wheelchair needs, or other special needs accommodations. Please do not let your group ride or play on the elevator, and only use the elevator if necessary.
9. The IO exhibit is a great “Landscape” experience on the 3rd floor of the Clark Planetarium. There are many large, and very real rocks in the exhibit area. Many kids try to climb these rocks, and could end up hurting themselves. Please don’t let the kids climb or play on the rocks in the IO exhibit.
10. If the group has ordered the Popcorn and Drink combo, it is best to arrive 15 minutes (or more) before your IMAX film to pick up your items. Double check with the scheduling teacher to see if you do.
11. If your group has Concessions time. The concessions stand will be open 30 minutes before the IMAX film starts, and will begin cutting off individuals from purchasing concessions about 10 minutes before the show starts.
12. The IMAX Theatre entrance is on the Second Floor, to the right of the concessions stand.
13. Food is only allowed in the IMAX Theatre, and there is no other place inside the Clark Planetarium for groups to eat.
 - If the group is eating lunch during the IMAX film, make sure the students have their food in hand before being seated for the show. When the film is done, remind the kids to pick up after themselves.
14. The Hansen Dome Theatre is on the 3rd Floor, just past “*Newton’s Daydream*” on the left-hand side.
 - Food and drinks are not allowed in the Hansen Dome Theatre.
15. It’s best to be at the theatre entrance 10 to 15 minutes before the shows start. If anyone would like to sit next to a specific person while they are in a film, they need to be standing next to that person when the group lines up. Shows are seated row by row, and there is always a chance that if the row being seated fills up, they will be separated.
 - A theatres entire run of shows for a day can be delayed if groups are adjusting seats while being seated.
16. The Science on a Sphere presentation is done on the large sphere in the Lobby area, and is the only place in the Planetarium that groups may sit on the floor. It is best to arrive one or two minutes before the presentation starts.
17. The scheduling teacher is the one who decided if your group would visit the gift shop. If a chaperone tries to take their group into the gift shop, we will not stop you, but we encourage you to follow the teachers lead and we are encouraging the kids to remind you about it as well.
18. In the end, we want you and your group to learn new things and to have fun and enjoy the field trip!