SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Highly interactive, hands-on, and educational traveling exhibits change every three to four months.

See what engaging new experience will await you and your class at kalamazoomuseum.org

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FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sundays & Holidays: 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
(Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and Easter)

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HOW TO:
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1. Choose your program(s)

Details for programs (such as descriptions and Michigan Educational Standards) are available at kalamazoomuseum.org/education

PRE-SCHOOL
Children’s Landscape
Early Childhood Explorations
Children’s Landscape is a self-directed hands-on exhibit for families and preschool groups filled with educational materials. Literacy-based Circle Time programs in this space may include musical activities, games, or art projects. These programs run Monday – Friday at 9:00 a.m., Saturday at 11:00 a.m., and other times as requested.

PLANETARIUM $3/student ($45 minimum fee)

(Pre-K – 1st)
- One World, One Sky
- In My Backyard
- 1st Grade Sky Patterns
- The Little Star That Could
- Perfect Little Planet
- Sky Legends of the Three Fires
- Polars: The Space Submarine
- Earth, Moon, and Sun
- Constellations Tonight
- Habitat Earth
- Dawn of the Space Age
- Weather: Wonders and Mysteries Revealed

Shows last approximately one hour each. More show times available at kalamazoomuseum.org/education

HISTORY WORKSHOPS $3/student ($45 minimum fee)

(1st – 3rd)
- Pioneer Life
- Three Fires Native Americans
- Ancient Observatories: You Be the Architect

2. Book your visit

Book your visit up to a year and no less than two weeks in advance: Call or email Elizabeth Barker at (269) 372-7965 or ebarker@kvcc.edu.

Provide the following information:
- Your name and contact information
- Your school/organization’s name and mailing address
- Names and email of other teachers who will be accompanying the group
- Desired program(s)
- Dates and arrival/departure times (Have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time.)
- Grade level or ages of children in group and special needs
- Approximate number of students and adults
- Email address to receive the confirmation and future correspondence related to your visit

You will receive a confirmation of your visit by email. When the confirmation is received, your booking is official.

3. The day you visit

1. Check in at the front desk at least 15 minutes before your scheduled time.
2. Your class will be provided with a designated storage bin for coats, lunches, bags, etc. (Kalamazoo Valley Museum is not responsible for lost or stolen property. Small lockers are available for $0.50 each.)
3. Adults will be provided with badges to identify them as members of your group.
4. Museum staff will provide a short orientation for students and chaperones. Chaperones must stay with students at all times.

Parking Tips: Bus parking must be reserved prior to your visit through Central City Parking at (269) 342-6383. Students can be unloaded in front of the Museum or on the north side of the building on Eleanor Street. Car parking is available at the Eleanor Ramp, which accepts cash and credit cards. The KVM cannot validate visitor parking.

Helpful Hints:
- Bathrooms are located on the first and second floors. A map of bathroom and drinking fountain locations is available at the front desk.

Fees:
- Can be paid upon your arrival at the Museum at the front desk by check, cash, or credit card
- Billing can be deferred until after your visit and paid via invoice
- Planetarium, Innovation Lab, and Workshops are $3 per student
- There is a minimum charge of $45 per group for all fee-based programs
- School employees are free with ID badge
- $1 per chaperone for fee-based programs
- For parking fees, please contact Central City Parking at (269) 342-6383

Chaperones: Groups should bring one adult per six students for the best student experience. Extra chaperones will be admitted to programs, if space permits, for the usual chaperone fee of $1 per chaperone.

Cancellations and Late Arrivals
If you must cancel a reservation for a fee-based offering, please send a written note at least two weeks in advance. You may email ebarker@kvcc.edu or fax (269) 373-7997 to Attention: Elizabeth Barker. When weather conditions require school cancellations, we will attempt to reschedule your visit.

If your school/group arrives more than 10 minutes after the scheduled start of your planetarium program, the Museum reserves the right to substitute a shorter show, if time allows, and/or will attempt to fit your group into the next scheduled show.

Cancellation Fees
If you cancel with less than two weeks’ written notice, your school/group will be billed a late cancellation fee of $45 per program. This fee will not be charged if your school or the Museum is closed due to inclement weather. Schools will not be able to book further programs until the late fee is paid.

- Flash photography is not permitted.
- Food and drinks are permitted only on the first floor.
- You may choose to eat lunch inside on the floor near the planetarium or outside in one of the many surrounding parks.
- KVM does not have a gift shop. There is a penny press on the front desk.
- Playground equipment is located at the Arcadia Creek Festival Place behind the Museum.
- Check out our accessibility page on the website for more information on available tools to help your students fully enjoy their visit.