



Charleston Planetarium
— Where Stars Come Alive!

Charleston Planetarium Field Trip Information

Thank you for planning a visit to the Charleston Planetarium! We are excited to welcome your group and look forward to providing an immersive, educational, and fun learning experience for your students.

Admission & Fees

Available days: Monday through Sunday

Time slots: 1 hour, 1½ hours, or 2 hours available from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Pricing:

1 hour: \$300

1½ hours: \$350

2 hours: \$400

Payment:

Invoices will be sent via PayPal, and payments can be made by card or check (payable to *Charleston Planetarium Society*). A deposit of half the total is due on the invoice 2 weeks before the field trip date.

Late arrival:

Please arrive on time to make full use of your scheduled field trip time. Late arrivals may have activities cut for time

Cancellation policy:

If you need to cancel, please notify us at least 28 days in advance to receive your deposit.

Address:

Charleston Planetarium
2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., A-112
Charleston, SC 29407

Reservations & Group Size

Reservations:

Must be made online through our reservation system. Available dates and times can be viewed at the time of booking. Reservations are first-come, first-served and must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Group size:

Limited to 40 individuals (including teachers and chaperones). For larger groups, two separate shows may be required.

Special needs:

Please indicate if your group has students with special needs when making your reservation. It is recommended to book a longer field trip for students that may need extra time for activities or for entering and exiting the dome.

General Guidelines

Supervision:

Students must be supervised at all times. They should remain with their group and not wander off for any reason.

Behavior:

Respectful and attentive behavior is expected from all students. They must follow the directions of planetarium staff to maintain a safe and positive learning environment.

Restrooms:

Public restrooms are available nearby. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. It is recommended to allocate time to use the restroom prior to your field trip scheduled start time.

Lunch:

Public seating for lunch is available at the food court. Alternatively for groups with a lunch break seating is provided. Please note that for groups intending to have lunch, paper products, food, and beverages will not be provided

Field Trip Packages

Multiple groups:

For field trips with multiple groups there are 2 options:

Booking two groups back to back. In this instance each group will have 1 hour inside the planetarium for the film and activities.

Booking two groups at the same time. In this instance we require field trips to be at least 1½ hours. Both groups will be present in the planetarium. One group will be in the dome watching the film while the other group will be outside working on activities.

Program options:

Choose your preferred program during booking.

1-Hour Field Trip:

Includes:

- A Feature Film
- A Q&A session
- A student worksheet activity
- Time to visit the gift shop and museum

1½-Hour Field Trip:

Includes:

- A Feature Film
- A Q&A session
- A student worksheet activity
- 1 Extra activity
- Time for bathroom breaks
- Time to visit the gift shop and museum

2-Hour Field Trip:

Includes:

- A Feature Film
- A Q&A session
- A student worksheet activity
- 2 Extra activities
- Time for bathroom breaks

Time for lunch

Time to visit the gift shop and museum

Extra Activities

Our extra activities include:

Scavenger hunts

Sample Itinerary for 1 Hour Field Trip

Time	Activity
9:50	Field trip group arrives & Bathroom check
10:00	Gates open then close & Students are seated & Meet with the head chaperone.
10:02	Introduction questions
10:05	Entering dome & Pre-show questions
10:10	Start film
10:34	Post-show activity & Exiting dome
10:44	What Would You Bring to Space worksheet
10:50	Gift shop & museum time
