



## MOSAC SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

##### WHAT DO MOSAC SCHOOL PROGRAMS COST?

- Exhibit-Only Visit - \$330
- Exhibits Plus a Dome Theater Show - \$550
- Exhibits Plus a 60-Minute Learning Lab - \$525
- Academy Program (full day) - \$825
- *All programs are priced for up to 35 students and 10 chaperones*

##### DO YOU HAVE MAPS?

Yes! Our map can be found here: <https://visitmosac.org/museum-map/>

##### WHERE ARE THE CLASSROOMS?

Our classrooms are on the first floor of our museum just past the Curiosity Café, near the multi-stalled restrooms.

##### WHERE IS THE DOME THEATER?

The Dome Theater is on the second floor of the museum. If you take the main stairway in the lobby it will be on your right when you reach the second floor; look for the double doors and moon mural.

##### HOW LONG CAN WE STAY AT THE MUSEUM?

You are welcome to stay as long as you like until we close at 4pm (M-F during the school year).

#### DAY-OF:

##### WHAT DO I DO WHEN I GET TO MOSAC WITH MY GROUP?

When you arrive for your field trip, please keep your students on the bus. If parents are transporting students in carpools, please gather them outside the museum, clear of our entrance doors. One of our staff members will come out to greet you for check-in. They will get an accurate headcount and go over museum expectations and any scheduled events. If you have any questions, please email us at [education@visitmosac.org](mailto:education@visitmosac.org).

If you have scheduled an Exhibit-Only Visit: You are welcome to explore the museum at your own pace! No materials will be provided. Chaperones and teachers must always stay with their students, within eyesight, and we ask that teachers create these groups before arriving. Some exhibits may have a Curiosity Collaborator or a volunteer in them to assist you and your students. Public dome shows are excluded from your field trip experience.

If you added a Dome Theater Show: Please line up outside the UC Davis Multiverse Theater 10 minutes prior to your scheduled program time.

- The registered number of students and a maximum of 10 adults per class may go into the theater. Our Multiverse Theater has limited space and additional chaperones will not be allowed entry.

- Please make sure all the students use the restroom prior to lining up.
- No siblings are allowed into the dome theater show.

If you added a 60-Minute Learning Lab: Please line up in the hallway near the Curiosity Café 10 minutes prior to your scheduled program time.

- The registered number of students and a maximum of 6 chaperones, including the teacher, can go into the classroom during the 60-minute learning lab. Chaperones may be called upon to assist during the program.
- No siblings are allowed in the 60-minute learning lab.

If you scheduled an Academy Program: Please line up in the hallway near The Curiosity Café 10 minutes before your scheduled program time.

- The registered number of students and a maximum of 6 chaperones, including the teacher, can go into the classroom. Chaperones may be called upon to assist during the program.
- No siblings are allowed in the academy program.

## **CHAPERONE QUESTIONS:**

### **WHAT IS THE REQUIRED STUDENT TO CHAPERONE RATIO?**

MOSAC requires 1 chaperone per every 5 students, with a maximum of 10 adults, including the teacher allowed per class. Any additional chaperones will need to purchase general admission tickets at the front desk.

### **HOW MANY CHAPERONES ARE INCLUDED IN A FIELD TRIP?**

Each field trip includes 10 adult admissions into the museum, including the teacher. Additional adults will need to purchase general museum admission at the front desk.

### **DOES THE NUMBER OF CHAPERONES INCLUDE TEACHERS AND AIDES, OR JUST PARENTS?**

The number of chaperones includes teachers and parents. 1 on 1 aides, translators, nurses, or other individuals needed to make a students' visit more accessible and positive will be admitted as well. Please alert staff to these needs before your visit to make the appropriate accommodations.

### **HOW MANY CHAPERONES CAN PARTICIPATE IN A 60-MINUTE LEARNING LAB?**

Six chaperones (including the teacher and any one-on-one aids) can participate in the learning lab. Chaperones can alternate within the classroom during the lab, but no more than six adults can be in our lab at any one time.

### **HOW MANY CHAPERONES CAN PARTICIPATE IN AN ACADEMY?**

Six chaperones (including the teacher and any one-on-one aids) can participate in the classroom activities of the academy at any given time. Additional chaperones are welcome to enjoy the museum, and participate in the public dome show that the academy students will participate in (advance registration is required). Chaperones can swap out midday after the lunch break, but no more than six adults can be in our classroom activities at any one time, and we ask you to avoid distracting ins and outs.

### **HOW MANY CHAPERONES CAN VIEW THE SCHOOL DOME THEATER SHOW?**

Ten chaperones (including the teacher) can participate in the school dome show.

## **CAN WE BRING EXTRA PEOPLE?**

Each class reservation includes up to 35 students and 10 adults maximum. MOSAC requires 1 chaperone per every 5 students, with a maximum of 10 adults total (including the teacher/s) allowed per class. All extra chaperones will be treated as general museum guests and must purchase tickets. If any of your students require you to bring additional chaperones, please contact us in advance. Siblings are not allowed on field trips. If adults do attend with extra children, then both the adult and the sibling will be treated as general museum guests, must pay admission, will not be included in the field trip programs, and should not be counted in your 1:5 ratio. Thank you for your cooperation.

In our labs and academies, a maximum of 6 adults, including the teacher, are allowed in the classroom. These adults may be called upon by the Educator to assist students during the program. In our Multiverse Theater shows, a maximum of 10 adults per class are allowed due to limited space.

## **WHY ARE THERE CHAPERONE CAPACITIES IN PROGRAMS?**

Capacities and maximums are based on room capacities and to reduce any distractions for the students in these programs.

## **CAN SIBLINGS COME INTO THE PROGRAMS?**

No. Our Learning Labs, Academies, and School Dome shows are meant for students in the field trip class only. No extra siblings will be permitted to attend.

## **PARKING & DIRECTIONS:**

### **HOW DO WE GET TO MOSAC?**

MOSAC is located at 400 Jibboom Street in Sacramento. We are easily accessible off the I-5 at Richards Blvd. If you are heading north on I-5, take the Richards Blvd exit (520) and turn left. Proceed to Jibboom Street. If you are heading south on I-5, take the Richards Blvd exit (520) and turn right. Proceed to Jibboom Street.

### **WHERE CAN PARENT DRIVERS PARK?**

MOSAC's parking lot is a city lot with a daily flat fee of \$6 per car. You can use the kiosk in front of the museum to pay for parking or by visiting the [PARKMOBILE website](#), input the location code of MOSAC (6848) and check out as a guest. It may be helpful to suggest parents driving themselves carpool with one another. This is a daily fee, so parent drivers can pay from the PARKMOBILE app or website before leaving the school to save time!

Remember to lock your cars and do not leave any valuables visible, as MOSAC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

### **WHERE CAN OUR SCHOOL BUS PARK?**

Bus parking is permissible when and if it is available (in the back northwest corner of our lot). If it is not available, buses may park off site in the City Parking Lot in Old Sacramento, Discovery Park, or on the street at Bercut and Railyards. A map of these parking options is available upon request.

## **FOOD:**

### **ARE THERE LUNCH FACILITIES?**

Lunches may be eaten on our patio tables (this area is covered) or on our river front patio behind the museum (picnic style). These areas are “first-come, first-served” and may not be reserved. Please be aware that there may be more than one group using the area at a time. There are no indoor facilities for eating. We do ask that you leave your area clean for other groups. Please note that there is no food or drink allowed in the exhibits, classrooms, or the theater.

### **DO YOU HAVE LUNCH STORAGE?**

Currently, we do not offer any monitored storage on site during field trips. We invite your students to carry any lunches, visiting materials, or other belongings in backpacks during their visit.

### **WHAT TIME DOES THE CURIOSITY CAFÉ OPEN, AND WHAT DO THEY SERVE?**

The Curiosity Café at MOSAC is open seven days a week, from 10am – 2pm. The café offers grab and go lunch options such as wraps, salads, and sandwiches. And hot options such as pizza and rice bowls. Drinks, chips, and desserts are also available. These options are subject to change at any time.

## **PROGRAMS:**

### **CAN I WATCH A PUBLIC DOME SHOW WITH MY STUDENTS?**

No. Our public dome shows are not available for field trip groups. If you are interested in attending a dome show, please consider adding a school dome show to your visit upon booking.

### **I AM A CHAPERONE; CAN I WATCH A PUBLIC DOME SHOW BY MYSELF?**

No. We ask that you stay with your chaperone groups while students are in the building.

### **I AM AN EXTRA CHAPERONE, NOT IN A LAB OR ACADEMY; CAN I WATCH A PUBLIC DOME SHOW BY MYSELF?**

Yes. If you have purchased a public ticket and are not responsible for a chaperone group with students, you are considered a public guest and can attend a public dome show on your own. If your ticket was included in the field trip group, we ask that you refrain from public dome shows so they stay open for our general guests.

### **WHAT TIMES ARE THE LEARNING LABS?**

Our labs are bookable at 9:30am and 11:00am daily Monday through Friday. Some specific labs in are not available every day. Please see the [Learning Labs](#) page on our website for specific days of availability for each lab. We have limited capacity for labs, so we encourage you to plan a backup date when you call to book your field trip in case your first choice is already booked up.

### **WHAT TIMES ARE THE ACADEMIES?**

Our academies are full day programs, scheduled to run from 8:45am – 2pm. The academies are highly scheduled, with specific times set to explore the museum, participate in labs and engineering activities, and a dome show. Please refer to our [Academies](#) page for more details.

### **WHAT TIMES ARE THE DOME SHOWS?**

Our school dome shows are bookable at 9:15am, 10:15am, 11:15am, and 12:45pm.

**WHAT TIMES ARE THE STAGE SHOWS?**

Our stage shows are scheduled daily, subject to changes due to staffing and attendance. We aim to have a show each morning at 10:40 and/or 11:40. These are drop in shows which are available to anyone visiting the museum. They occur in the featured gallery upstairs. On arrival, ask a staff member if there is a stage show scheduled during your visit!

**ARE PRE-VISIT MATERIALS AVAILABLE?**

For all classroom-based programs reference documents will be sent out to help prepare your students and to continue the learning afterwards. The materials include an overview of the program, alignment to Next Generation Science Standards, vocabulary, and several activities.

**ARE YOUR LAB LESSONS AND MATERIALS AVAILABLE ONLINE?**

Our lab lessons and materials are not available online.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPLORATION GUIDES TO INFORM OR GIVE STRUCTURE TO EXHIBITS?**

Yes! We have exploration guides for both middle- and high-school student groups, as well as an all ages public exploration guide. Public guides are available at the front desk. The middle school and high school options are available upon request.

**WHICH FIELD TRIPS ARE BEST FOR HOMESCHOOL GROUPS?**

We are aware that most homeschool groups are not able to get a 1:5 chaperone to student ratio, so we have two other options which we hope will better fit your group! We have MOSAC's first Homeschool Day planned for October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, which will be a ticketed entry per person and include hands-on experiences in our lab, dome shows, Curiosity Carts, and more! We also offer group rate discounts when purchasing tickets ahead of time. Our discount is 10% off for a group of 15 or more. Call our scheduling team at (916) 674-5000 ext. 104 for the group sale discount. If you would like to be added to our homeschool mailing list, please email [education@visitmosac.org](mailto:education@visitmosac.org)

**CAN HOMESCHOOL GROUPS BOOK LABS OR OTHER PROGRAMS?**

Labs, School Dome Shows and Academies are geared towards specific age levels. If your homeschool group is within that grade level band, and comfortable adhering to our chaperone ratios in labs, we would love to have you book!