

SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When the cost is listed as the price per class, how many students does that mean?

- Class size means up to 35 students or up to the maximum number of students allowed for a program if it is less than 35.
- If booking for more than 35 students, you will need to split into two groups and pay for two classes. Please contact us at 403-346-2010 ext 104 with any questions.

How can I book multiple classes at once?

- It is often possible for us to accommodate multiple classes doing the same program at the same time, by adjusting the order that the program is delivered to each class (essentially rotating the classes through different stations). You can find out if this is possible for the program you are interested in by looking at the “Maximum Number of Students” section of the program information. If the value listed is more than 35, then more than one class can participate in the program at once.
- Another option is to choose two or three programs that would be a good fit for your multi-class group and we can rotate the classes through the different programs throughout the day.
- If you are still unsure if your particular situation can be accommodated, please don’t hesitate to call us at 403-346-2010 ext 104.

Is there any extra cost for booking programs at my school or another park node?

- Programs that take place at your school or another park node will be charged mileage plus travel time for the interpreter to drive there and back. This cost is calculated as \$35/hour within the City of Red Deer. Outside of Red Deer, the cost will be charged for mileage (to/from) at \$0.58/km plus interpreter travel time charged at \$35/hour.
- Programs that take place at the Kerry Wood Nature Centre, Fort Normandeau, or McKenzie Trails Recreation Area **do not** incur these extra costs. Programs at any other location **do** incur mileage and travel time expenses.

How many adult helpers are required?

- Adequate supervision is extremely important for your class’ enjoyment of their trip. Extra adults for different ages groups are required according to the following guidelines:
 - Kindergarten – Grade 2 1 adult for every 5 kids
 - Grade 3 – Grade 6 1 adult for every 6 or 7 kids
 - Grade 7 – Grade 12 Extra adults at teacher’s discretion

How do planetarium shows work?

- Due to space limitations, a maximum of 25 children can fit inside the planetarium at one time. We enter the planetarium through a large tunnel that requires crawling or crouching to get through.
- If your group has any mobility issues, not to worry! We regularly accommodate wheelchairs and other mobility issues by lifting an entire side of the planetarium so the individual can comfortably enter the main tent area before the rest of the group enters through the tunnel.

What are the requirements for planetarium shows that are at locations other than the Kerry Wood Nature Centre?

- If we are bringing the planetarium to your space, please ensure this space has at least one working GFCI protected electrical outlet and the following spatial dimensions: 30 feet diameter by 25 feet height.
- Please ensure the floor space where the planetarium will be set up is swept and cleaned of any debris (dirt and other debris will damage the planetarium).

Is GST extra?

- School & Youth programs are GST exempt. GST will be added to adults-only or family group programs.

What is the protocol for inclement weather?

- We do not cancel for inclement weather except for two scenarios: 1) dangerous winds, 2) extreme and/or nearby thunder and lightning.
- In most cases, it is up to the teacher to decide whether or not a program will be cancelled due to inclement weather (e.g., cold, snowing, raining). If the teacher decides to go ahead with the program, then they must ensure **all** students are dressed appropriately. If the teacher decides to cancel or reschedule a program due to inclement weather, we require **24 hours notice**, otherwise you will be charged for the original program.
- If your program is an outdoor program with no indoor alternative, then it will be necessary to reschedule the program.