



PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Payment and Cancellation Policy

A contract will be sent after a reservation is made. A \$75.00 deposit is required within 7 business days of making the reservation. The balance and changes in number of visitors is required 2 weeks before the date of the trip. The deposit will be refunded if the reservation is canceled no later than 30 days before the date of the trip. We cannot make refunds for anyone absent on the day of the trip. Program fees can be paid by check or major credit card.

Reservations

Advance registration is required for all programs. Please call (631) 854-5539 to register a group. Please inform the Reservations Office if your group has any specific needs.

Accessibility

The Mansion and Museum are not fully accessible. However, we will provide reasonable accommodations for individuals and groups. Please inform the Reservations Office of your needs in advance.

Important Information

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before your program is scheduled to begin. Our programs begin promptly, and latecomers cannot be accommodated. The Museum does not have a cafeteria. Picnic tables are available in the upper parking area.

Fees

45-minute Museum Program	\$ 7.00
90-minute Museum Program	\$11.00
Planetarium Show	\$ 7.00
45-minute Museum Program/ Planetarium Show Combo	\$11.00
90-minute Museum Program/ Planetarium Show Combo	\$14.50



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2025 Visiting Camp Programs



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MUSEUM PROGRAMS

Animal Expedition

45-minutes

Accommodates up to 60 people per session
10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, & 2 PM sessions
Campers will tour the Stoll Wing and Habitat Room with an educator and examine preserved specimens.

Beneath The Waves

45-minutes

Accommodates up to 60 people per session
10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, & 2 PM sessions
This program highlights the marine collection in the Hall of Fishes and Habitat Room, and includes a hands-on examination of preserved marine specimens.

Estate and Collections Tour

45-minutes

Accommodates up to 120 people per session
10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, & 2 PM sessions
In this program, campers will visit the Museum's diverse collections of preserved marine life, African animals of the Sudan grasslands, view a 3,000 year-old Egyptian mummy, and come face to face with the planet's largest fish.

Beneath The Waves & Watercolor Illustration

90-minutes

Accommodates up to 60 people per session
10 AM, 12 PM, & 2 PM sessions
Explore the Hall of Fishes and the Habitat Room, examine preserved coral, shells, bones and teeth, and learn about the artists and scientists that created the Museum's exhibits and scientific catalogues. This program concludes with campers creating watercolor illustrations of collection pieces.

The Vanderbilt Mummy

90-minutes

Accommodates up to 60 people per session
10 AM
Grades 4-8
This program highlights the Egyptian mummy Mr. Vanderbilt collected on his 1936 visit to Cairo. Campers will study the mummy, coffin, and x-rays, and discover interesting details about their life. The program concludes with campers creating a bookmark using hieroglyphs.



Pollinators

90-minutes

Accommodates up to 60 people per session
10 AM
Grades K-4
Visit the butterfly and moth collection and discover the beauty of these insects, and the role they play in a healthy ecosystem.



PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS

All programs are 45 minutes long.
Up to 187 visitors per show.

11:15 AM - One World One Sky

Pre-K - Kindergarten

Elmo and Big Bird live in the United States, and Hu Hu Zhu lives far away in China. Together, they watch the sunset, locate the Big Dipper, the North Star, and the Moon. The trio discovers they see the same stars at night, and on an imaginary trip to the Moon, they discover how different it is from Earth.

12:00 PM - The Little Star that Could

1st - 3rd grade

Little Star is an average yellow star in search of planets of his own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special, and discovers that stars combine to form star clusters and galaxies. Eventually, Little Star finds and meets each of his planets.

1:00 PM - Stars

4th grade and up

Every star has a story. Some are as old as time, faint and almost forgotten. Others burn bright and end their lives in powerful explosions. New stars are created every day, born of vast clouds of gas and dust. Through every phase of their existence, stars release the energy that powers the Universe. Journey to the farthest reaches of the galaxy and experience both the awesome beauty and destructive power of Stars.

2:00 PM - Night Sky Live!

1st grade and up

This live presentation by an astronomy educator uses the Reichert Planetarium's Star ball to show the audience what the Long Island night sky above them will look like on the very day they visit. This "traditional" planetarium program highlights seasonal constellations, stars, and year-round celestial events.

Visit vanderbiltmuseum.org/education/planetarium-education-programs/ for a list of all full dome shows.