



CALIFORNIA
ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES

Chaperone Guide

Thank you for serving as a chaperone today!
We hope that you enjoy your trip. This guide
contains some handy tips to help you and
your students get the most out of your visit.



Your Responsibilities

1. Students must be supervised by a chaperone at all times.
2. Keep track of your students and act as a role model for their behavior.
3. Involve them in learning using the tips in this guide.
4. Learn something new yourself!
5. Don't try to see it all in one day. Choose a few areas and focus.

Trip Tips

Upon Arrival

Fill out the Important Notes while in line.

What's Happening?

Pick up a sheet in the lobby to learn the daily program schedule.

Restrooms

Located on every floor. The most spacious is by the Swamp.

Where to Eat Lunch

In the central Piazza or either side garden. We regret that lunch storage is unavailable.

First Aid/Security

Missing a student?
Check in here.

Lost and Found

Misplace a jacket or lunchbox?
Visit Coat Check.

Engage students with these simple exercises.



1. Take a moment.

Watch an animal interacting with its environment. Why does it behave this way?

2. Be a scientist.

Imagine you are part of a scientific expedition and could pick anything from this exhibit to study. What would it be? What would you want to find out? What tools would you use?

3. Look closely.

For 15 seconds, study an object up close. What do you notice? What questions do you have about it?

4. I remember.

Find something that relates to your own experience. Tell your story.

5. Find something new.

Choose two animals and discover their similarities and differences. Study their tails or toes, eyes or ears, or body shape and color.

Fun facts to share

Approximately 1.7 million native California plants blanket the Living Roof!

Our oldest penguin, Pierre, was born in 1983.

All living things share a common ancestor with each other—your dog, your goldfish, your tulip, *you*.

There are over 2,000 tropical fish in the Philippine Coral Reef tank.

The Pendulum knocks down a peg every 39 minutes.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Lunch time and place:

Bus departure time:

Bus number:

Phone number(s):

MY GROUP

I am responsible for these students:

Suggestions for Visiting Our Major Exhibits

THE PLANETARIUM

Advanced reservations are required for school groups. Day-of passes will not be distributed.

Entrance: Level 1 – The line begins by the **Pendulum**. Arrive at least 15 minutes before your reserved showtime, and sit with your student group.

Exit: Level 3 – Straight ahead you will see the entrance to the **Naturalist Center**. Now might be a convenient time to visit! Or, head across the floating bridge to find restrooms, stairs up to the **Living Roof**, or the staircase which leads down to the main floor.

THE RAINFOREST

Entrance: Level 1 – Enter the line near the **Project Lab**. Stay with your group as you travel up the ramp, and expect to spend at least 30 minutes inside the dome. Loose objects must be put away. First entry 10AM, last entry 4:30PM.

Exit: Lower Level – Once inside the dome, the only exit is the elevator at the top, which will deliver you to the basement-level Aquarium!

THE AQUARIUM

Entrance: Level 1 – Spot the staircase near the **Swamp**. Exhibits showcase the California Coast (Hint: **Tidepool**), the Philippine Coral Reef, and life on our Water Planet.

EARTHQUAKE

Entrance: Level 1 – The one-way exhibit route begins near the Cafe. Our new major exhibit has touchable geology specimens, a shake table, activities addressing earthquake preparation, and even live ostriches!

AFRICAN HALL

Entrance: Level 1 – One entrance is just to the left of the lobby, and the other is near the interactive bug games. (Hint: this is where you'll find our **South African Penguins!**)

THE NATURALIST CENTER

Entrance: Level 3 – Head upstairs directly across from the Planetarium. The Naturalist Center has great opportunities to interact with specimens and explore more about the natural world! Open 11AM - 4PM.

Daily Programs

Feedings, Dive Shows, and more!

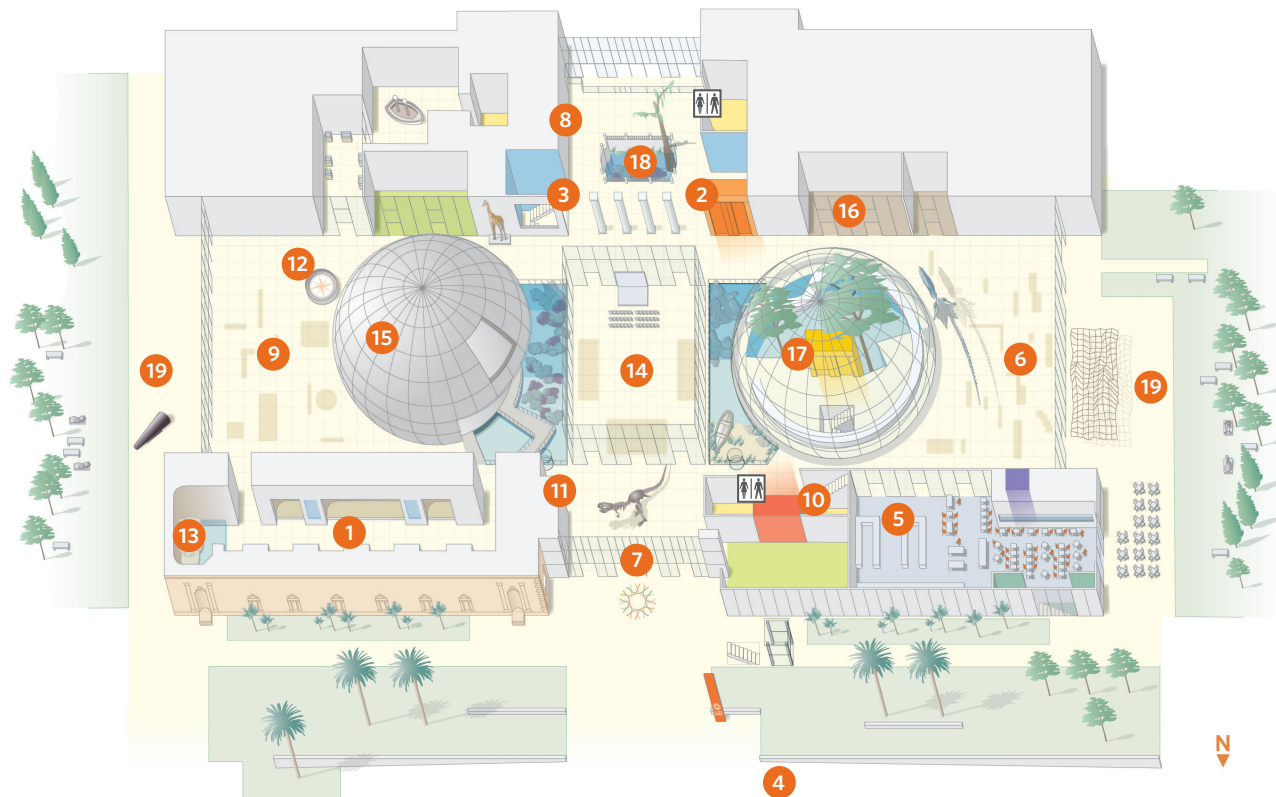
Daily schedules are listed on flyers and screens at the entrance. Presentations last 15-20 minutes.

Watch scientists at work

At the Project Lab, a viewing window allows you to watch real science happen before your eyes!

Who's that in the orange lab coat?

These docents give special demonstrations and are available to answer your science questions!



Level 1 Map

1. African Hall
2. Aquarium elevator
3. Aquarium stairs
4. Bus drop-off zone
5. Cafe
6. Earthquake
7. Entrance
8. First Aid/Security
9. Islands of Evolution
10. Living Roof, Forum & Naturalist Center Access
11. Lost & Found/Coat Check
12. Pendulum
13. Penguins
14. Piazza
15. Planetarium
16. Project Lab
17. Rainforest
18. Swamp
19. Gardens