

Science Zone

New Tour Policy

Due to varying nature of visitors and groups we have enjoyed over the past two years in our new location, we are implementing a new tour policy beginning in the fall of 2011.

We offer two separate tour options for our visiting groups:

Free Exploration Tours

* Tours must be scheduled in advance.

* Free exploration tours must have at least 1 adult for every eight children.

* Free exploration tours need to be limited to 60 minutes.

* The Science Zone expects these groups to be monitored and well-supervised.

* Free exploration tours cost \$2 per person, regardless of age.

Guided Lesson Tours

* Classrooms may choose



to schedule to a guided lesson tour with an educator.

* Tours must be scheduled in advance.

* The adult-student ratio for guided lesson tours must not exceed 1:10. (If you have more than 20 children for the guided lesson, the remaining children must meet the 1:8 minimum ratio.)

* Cost is \$3 per person. Adults pay \$2 per person.

* Duration of tour is 45 minutes. Groups may stay for 30 minutes of free exploration at no additional charge.

* The maximum size of a guided lesson tour is 20 students.

* Lesson content and topics must be discussed and agreed upon with The Science Zone educator in advance. We would very much like to accommodate your specific interests when possible.

Memberships

Schoolwide membership: \$100 annually, plus \$2 per student attending the school

Classroom membership: \$25 annually, plus \$2 per student in the class

If your class is part of a membership, you are entitled to free free-exploration tours. Guided lesson tours will be at the cost of \$1 per participant. The guidelines for adult-to-child ratios must be met.

Exhibits

The Science Zone has the Brain exhibit on display until Oct. 22. We have an excellent guided tour of this exhibit ready for your classes to experience! Educator Jennifer Wistisen also can set up a sheep brain dissection demonstration for interested classes. This must be scheduled in advance, so that brains can be on-hand.

The Science Zone will have a new exhibit, Thoracic Park, on the floor as of Nov. 2. The exhibit studies the thoracic cavity, and field trip tour and lessons will be available with the exhibit.

Lessons tailored to specific curriculum can be requested and planned in accordance with our new tour policy. We welcome suggestions and special requests.

We also have an entire Zone Zoo of critters available for lessons and experiencing! Contact Anita to schedule critter demonstrations.

Field trips can be scheduled all week, even though we are closed to the public on Mondays. Please see guidelines in new policy, above.