



LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S
DISCOVERY
Center

Your Field Trip Package

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Hours of Operation:

Tuesday – Friday 10:00am – 4:30pm

Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00pm

ABOUT US

The Louisiana Children's Discovery Center is the premier children's discovery center on the Northshore. It is the perfect place for families with toddlers and children up to age ten to learn and explore together in a safe and fun hands-on environment. The open and interactive area is filled with unique, entertaining and educational areas to explore.

The Louisiana Children's Discovery Center features over 20 innovative exhibits and displays that children can touch, climb or move; an art center equipped for messy, hands-on art making; and a variety of arts-based classes and camps that will be conducted throughout the year.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an exceptional environment where play & learning inspire children to embrace the world.

VISION STATEMENT

The Louisiana Children's Discovery Center aims to be a unique, interactive resource which offers creative opportunities for families and children to learn, play, discover and grow together.

VALUE STATEMENTS

1. Learning is fun!
2. Innovate, initiate & create
3. Accept others & their ideas.
4. Do the right thing.
5. Teach optimism by example!
6. Empower staff & volunteers to create an extraordinary visit for our guests.

GOALS

- Develop and offer innovative learning experiences
- Strive for always having exhibits which reflect the changing needs of our community
- Help preserve the history of our region
- Be a resource to our community to enhance learning through play
- Become a financially independent facility
- Be an innovative, leading children's discovery center

"Where families discover a new way to play"

Exhibits

With more than 20 hands-on, interactive exhibits to discover you and your students will have multiple opportunities to learn and play together! We invite you to visit our website for a complete description and photos of our exhibit areas. Please visit our website at www.lcdcofhammond.org to view our exhibits.

SCHEDULING YOUR FIELD TRIP!

When planning your field trip to the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center, your students will have the opportunity to touch, explore, play and discover in each of our exhibit areas. Each area is filled with interactive learning stations designed for exploration and discovery.

Group Rates:

In order to receive discounted admission rates, field trips must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance. Please book your trip early; **dates fill up quickly** during the school year and summer.

- ☺ Admission for Public School individual students is \$7.
- ☺ Teachers and School Employees are admitted free. Chaperones are \$5 each to be paid to the school. Parents who do not reserve with the group and show up the day of the trip will be asked to pay full price admission of \$5.22.
- ☺ Final payment is due the day of the field trip. All checks should be written to LCDC or Louisiana Children's Discovery Center. The school representative should come the day of the trip with one check for all in attendance, including paying chaperones.
- ☺ Private, Parochial, and Home School – Louisiana sales tax must be collected. Students \$7.22 each and Chaperones \$5.22 each.

Field Trip Hours:

Tuesday- Fridays: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Discovery Center Capacity:

The Louisiana Children's Discovery Center is prepared to handle groups up to 75 children at one time during hours when we are open to the public. We are closed to the public on Mondays. We invite groups larger than 75 students to contact us for special accommodations.

DISCOVERY CENTER GUIDELINES

Please review all Discovery Center guidelines with students & chaperones prior to your visit.

- 🌀 Directions: Follow all directions of the discovery center staff & volunteers.
- 🌀 Interact: Adults should interact with children at all exhibits! Encourage children to ask questions. Adult chaperones are supervision for your group.
- 🌀 Share: Please share with others and return items to their proper place.
- 🌀 Cell phones: Please refrain from cell phone use while in the discovery center.
- 🌀 Only walking: Please only use your walking feet inside the discovery center.
- 🌀 Voices: Remember to use your inside voice while inside the discovery center.
- 🌀 Exhibits: Be sure to take turns at all exhibits and treat the exhibits kindly.
- 🌀 Respect: Always respect the discovery center property and report any exhibit maintenance issues to staff members.
- 🌀 Yummy: Please only eat or drink in the party room area and refrain from chewing gum.

The discovery center is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Membership cards, discount offers and/or free passes are not valid for field trip admissions.

Please share this with your parents!

Cancellation Policy

Please provide a 1-week advanced notice if you need to cancel or reschedule your trip. If you have cancelled a field trip you will be required to pay in advance before scheduling your next trip.

(Exceptions: Any school or LCDC closure or unsafe weather related situation.)

Sick Child Policy

If anyone is too sick to attend school or work, they are too sick to visit the Discovery Center. In order to provide a healthy, germ-free environment, we ask that you refrain from visiting the LCDC if you have or display any of the following symptoms:

- 🌀 Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- 🌀 Fever, Vomiting, and/or Diarrhea
- 🌀 Severe cold with sinus drainage
- 🌀 Impetigo (infectious skin disease which shows up as small pimples that turn into red blisters in a circular pattern)
- 🌀 Lice
- 🌀 Strep throat (child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before coming to the discovery center)
- 🌀 Any of the following: measles, mumps, rubella, roseola, chicken pox or any other transmittable disease. Children with chicken pox may not come until all of the sores are crusted and there are no new eruptions.

The admissions desk personnel has the right to deny discovery center entry based on their observation of the above illnesses.

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Lunch at the Discovery Center

You do not have to eat lunch at the discovery center BUT if you do choose to, our party rooms are available at no charge. We ask that you keep all food and beverage items in the party room at all times. We will provide cleaning supplies and extra trash bags for your utilization. Please empty any unfinished liquids in the sink before disposing the containers.

YOUR PLANNING CHECKLIST!

To make your reservation, please call the LCDC at 985-340-9150. Please book your trip as early as possible so that we may accommodate you with the date that best fits your schedule.

- ☐ Select chaperones for the trip and plan an orientation meeting for the chaperones using the Discovery center Guidelines and this checklist. The recommended ratio is 1 adult: 5 children.
- ☐ A confirmation will be e-mailed to you. Please thoroughly look over this information to ensure its accuracy.
- ☐ Children should wear school identification and **tennis shoes** while visiting the LCDC. The discovery center IS open to the public during field trips. We recommend a name badge with the school name, grade level & school phone number.
- ☐ Inform bus drivers and/or car drivers of plans for dropping off children (drop-off is at the front entrance on N. Cypress Street). **The LCDC does not supply parking for buses.** For passenger vehicles, there is a parking lot adjacent to the building which may be accessed from the alley entrance on E. Charles Street. School busses can park in the parking malls along the railroad track.
- ☐ Discovery center staff will greet you and bring your group into the theater for a brief orientation. Your group leader should visit the admissions desk with payment after your group has entered the center.
- ☐ Payment must be completed on the day of your visit. Acceptable forms of payment include: cash, checks made payable to the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center (or LCDC), Visa, MasterCard or Discover. One person paying for all attendees is requested.
- ☐ **Adults should interact with children at all exhibits!** Encourage questions, do not just give answers. Follow the child's lead. Allow them to set the pace.
- ☐ While our staff is here to help make your trip a great experience, please remember that we always defer to the teachers, staff and chaperones for behavior of your students

Exhibits

Donor Gear Clock

This exhibit encourages interaction for children. The many different gear sizes are playful, whimsical, fun and interesting to watch.

The Old Oak Tree

Much of Louisiana is timbered with a variety and abundance of beautiful trees. One of the most popular is the Oak Tree. The City of Hammond is well known for its large, historic Oak Trees. The base of the tree exhibit and its raised platform house many interesting facts and discoveries for the little visitors. This exhibit encourages quiet interaction and promotes book reading.

Toddler Area

This area is filled with fun pretend play for visitors 3 years and under. From caring for babies, cooking up a meal, to sliding down their own toddler slide. Here, children can also explore a multi-sensory journey through the Tactile Tunnel.

Creation Station

This versatile art center has plenty of workspace for the young artist and the colorful design provides instant inspiration! Perfect for all kinds of creative activities, the creation station has paint and brush bins right at hand and ample storage for supplies. Pedestrians will enjoy the sidewalk art show.

The Waterfront

Shrimp, Shrimp, Shrimp! They are boiled, fried, stuffed, stewed in Creole Sauce and added to Louisiana gumbo & jambalaya. Shrimping has a long history in Louisiana. This kid-sized working pier and shrimp boat are sure to keep them busy working the day's catch.

The Milking Cow, Chicken Coop, & Garden

This exhibit has been specifically designed to promote the knowledge and understanding of hand milking a cow for all ages. The Garden is designed to encourage kids to plant and pick vegetables. A scarecrow with interchangeable outfits watches over the garden.

Vet Clinic

This exhibit demonstrates a whole new way to view wellness! There are plenty of jobs to go around for our little caretakers. Use stuffed animals to talk about feelings and creative ways to manage anger, frustration or loss in the Vet Clinic. Kids can put on scrubs and role play with the animals.

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Middendorf's

In the Middendorf's restaurant, children can discover and pretend to be the cook, server, cashier and more as they play with pretend food but real Middendorf's menus, aprons and nametags. This quaint exhibit offers a unique experience to all children.

Ambulance

The Hammond Emergency Medical Services Ambulance educates visitors about emergency ambulance service to the City of Hammond. When someone calls 911 for a pretend medical emergency, the Hammond EMS role play ambulance sounds its siren and lights up for transporting the patient. The fully-loaded back end will fascinate all ages.

Hot Air Balloon

If you simply want to enjoy the experience of flying, there's nothing quite like it. Many people describe flying in a hot air balloon as one of the most serene, enjoyable activities they've ever experienced. This exhibit will give the illusion of flying without leaving the ground.

Under Construction

Come join the crew! In the 10 foot height, kids can connect plumbing fixtures, take measurements and build with blocks on a custom-designed building table.

Rock Wall

Climbing is truly a sport for all ages. This climbing wall for children is perfect for most kids. They have remarkable strength-to weight ratios, making them amazing natural climbers. Climbing at a young age helps bolster confidence and gives kids a way to stay fit while still having fun. Unlike many other competitive activities, climbing unites all participants, regardless of their skill level or experience.

Block Center

Build a skyscraper as tall as you are or a chair on which you can sit. Use your imagination to conceive an idea... then make it real. Children and adults alike will become architects, physicists, mathematicians and problem solvers in a gallery filled with foam blocks! This area offers lots of STEM activities.

Crane Command

Filled with fine and gross motor activities that build coordination and self-confidence, this open framed multi-level "crane" invites kids to transport lightweight foam bricks, collect and move bricks around the construction site using wheelbarrows. Children can slide down a slide, crawl under the floor and hide out.

Theater

The grand, vintage theater is the centerpiece of the performance gallery. The theater includes a center stage with working lights, curtains, and seating for the crowds. Lights, camera, action!

Music Factory

Immigrants from a variety of nations have added their music traditions to Louisiana's rich cultural blend. It is no exaggeration to say that Louisiana is one of America's richest sources of traditional ethnic music. This signature exhibit showcases the sounds of Louisiana by encouraging visitors to dance along to their selected song.

Aerobic Alley

This musical dance floor is a colorful, projected interactive floor that allows visitors to move with the light movements. As the visitor moves over the floor, it reacts with light and sound. The more aerobic you are, the more active the show becomes.

Bubble Stations

A variety of bubble-making components, from bubble wands to giant bubble machines, engage children in open-ended exploration and experimentation. Bubble stations offer children a chance to explore the science of bubbles.

Dino Dig

This exhibit allows children to have fun exploring for hidden treasures and fossils. It is also great for just playing in the sand.

Excavation Pit

Enjoy dozing and hauling heavy loads of rock with different trucks and bulldozers.

YOUR MAP TO DISCOVERY!



*Map is not to scale!

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DIRECTIONS:

From the North:

1. On I-55 continue to Exit #, University Drive
2. Take University Drive exit and turn left onto University Drive
3. Continue on University Drive until you reach Oak Street (the corner of SLU & the Fire Department)
4. Turn right onto Oak Street and continue until you reach W. Charles Street (Cate Square Park on the right)
5. Turn left onto W. Charles, cross over the RR & Cate Street
6. Turn right at N. Cypress and we are on your right

From the South:

1. On I-55 continue to I-12 and take I-12 East towards Slidell
2. Continue to Exit #, Hammond Square Mall/Hospital exit and turn left onto Hwy 51
3. Continue on Hwy 51 into downtown Hammond.
4. Cross over W. Thomas (Hwy 190) and E. Thomas (Morris Ave)
5. Turn right onto E. Charles Street at LaCarretta & Post Office
6. Cross over the RR & Cate Street
7. Turn right at N. Cypress and we are on your right

From the East:

1. From I-12 continue to Exit #, Hammond Square Mall/Hospital exit and turn right onto Hwy 51
2. Continue on Hwy 51 into downtown Hammond.
3. Cross over W. Thomas (Hwy 190) and E. Thomas (Morris Ave)
4. Turn right onto E. Charles Street at LaCarretta & Post Office
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Discovery Center Scavenger Hunt

Use this guide to assist you on your path to discovery! As you maneuver your way through these delightful exhibits, use the clues below to help you unlock the treasures inside the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center! Write your answer on the blank line in each block. Turn in your completed guide to the Front Desk for a prize.

What was today's specialty in the Creation Station? _____	Name one instrument on the Music Factory exhibit. _____	What did you see as you flew over the City of Hammond? _____	Where can you relax and read a book or see a puppet? _____
In which exhibit could you find a pulley? _____	What exhibit allows you to climb high? _____	What is the name of the Shrimp Boat? _____	Name one of the rules of the discovery center. _____
The gears help which item operate? _____	In what city is the discovery center located? _____	What is the theater named? _____	What type of tree is inside the discovery center? _____
What vegetable is grown in the farm? _____	What number do you dial in an emergency? _____	What is the name of the Restaurant? _____	In which exhibit could you use a wheelbarrow? _____

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FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

SECTION

1

About Your Group

Name of Group: _____ Group Leader: _____

No. of Students: _____ Grade: _____ No. of Chaperones: _____ No. of Teachers _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

Please check what type of organization you are:

☐ Public School ☐ Private School ☐ Home School ☐ Daycare ☐ Other _____

SECTION

2

About Your Visit

Although we would like to accommodate your first choice, it is not always possible. Please share your top three choices for the time/date of your field trip. **Doors open at 10:00 am.**

	Date of visit	*Entrance time	Exit time
1 st choice			
2 nd choice			
3 rd choice			

Would you like to use our room for lunch?

☐ Yes Please ☐ No Thank You (Eating Elsewhere)

SECTION

3

Book Your Trip

After completion of this form, please submit via the following (ASAP).

1. Fax to 985-340-9156
2. E-Mail to carolyn@lcdcofhammond.org
3. Mail to PO BOX 1765, Hammond, LA 70404 Attn: Carolyn Todd

A confirmation will be mailed once your field trip is reserved. Please do not assume your date is secure until you receive a confirmation letter.