

Field Trip FAQs:

How Much Does a Field Trip Cost?

Field trips are \$10 for students and \$8 for chaperones. You receive one free chaperone with every six students. Teachers and aides for students with special needs are always free. Chaperones must be at least 18.

Can I Preview The Museum Before I Decide to Book a Field Trip?

Teachers from Collier, Lee, Glades, Hendry, and Charlotte counties may preview the Museum at no charge during regular Museum hours. Please email education@cmon.org to set up a tour.

What is a Typical Field Trip Like?

Here at CMON, we learn through play! Every exhibit is a hands-on immersive experience where your students will learn STEAM-based concepts while enhancing their interpersonal skills. During your Museum visit, you will follow a schedule where you have plenty of time for exploration. Teachers may choose to explore the exhibits, including the Traveling Exhibit, participate in projects in the Art Studio, or play outside in the backyard (weather permitting). The highlight of our field trips is the new make space exhibit, the Inventioneer's Lab. Your visit to the Inventioneer's Lab includes facilitation by one of our Makers. Add a STEAM-based workshop to your field trip for an additional fee.

What STEAM Workshops Do You Offer? How Much Do They Cost?

Each 30-minute STEAM Workshop takes your CMON field trip to the next level (up to 25 students per workshop)*

S – Super Scientist

- Practice the scientific method
- Test acids and bases
- Determine physical or chemical reactions

T – Kids Can Code!

- Learn the language of robots
- Try some screen-free coding
- Test your own codes and watch the robot twist, turn, and beep!

E – Rollercoaster Redesign

- Team up to engineer, test, and redesign roller coasters
- Learn about Newton's Laws
- Rise to the challenge to create the winning coaster

A – Artful Antics

- Learn color theory and art techniques
- Explore pieces of work from CMON's fine art collection
- Create a unique masterpiece

M – The Math Path

- Explore patterns and shapes as you discover a secret path
- Practice counting, addition, and subtraction
- Celebrate the finish line with a mighty math party

A Museum Educator will lead your STEAM workshop, modifying the content to fit the grade level of your students.

When Should I Arrive at the Museum?

We ask groups to arrive at 9:45 a.m. to have time to complete group check-in and orientation. Groups will enter the Museum at 10 a.m. Groups arriving late will need to have their assigned schedule altered. They will begin the program at whatever time they arrive and may miss their first or second sessions.

What Days Can I Book a Field Trip?

Field Trips are available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Add-on STEAM workshops are only available to field trips booked on Mondays or Tuesdays and extend your visit to 1:30 pm.

Who Can Book a Field Trip?

Field trip reservations are available for public and private school groups, daycares, and homeschool groups teaching students in PK-3 through Grade 3. Homeschool groups are eligible to reserve field trips with a minimum of 10 children in the same age range.

How Do I Book a School Field Trip?

Gather the information listed below and place a field trip request online. This is not a guaranteed reservation. CMON staff will follow up with you to complete your booking, including the name of the main contact, school, contact number, email address, three date options for your field trip, grade, number of students/attendance, and optional STEAM workshop add-on.

How Do I Know My Booking is Complete?

After booking your field trip, you will receive a confirmation and the Teacher's Schedule by email. Please make sure all teachers and chaperones participating in the field trip receive their schedule before the field trip.

What is the Minimum/Maximum Number of Students Required to Book a Field Trip?

Field trips are available for a minimum of 10 students. CMON's daily field trip maximum is 80 students. If you have more than 80 students, you will need to book two dates.

What Are Your Payment Guidelines?

Payment may be made by credit card, check, or cash on the day of your field trip. Free admission passes, half-off admission passes, discount coupons, library access passes, CMON memberships, or any other form of discounted admission may NOT be applied to students for field trip payment. Chaperones who are members of the Museum may enter for free if they check in at the front desk with their ID.

Will You Issue a Refund if I Overestimate the Number of Students Attending the Field Trip?

CMON does not provide refunds for overestimating the number of participants attending the field trip. You may contact CMON up to the day before your trip to request a headcount change and a new invoice.

What if I Need to Change or Cancel my Reservation?

The Museum is in high demand for visiting groups and we must limit the number of groups scheduled on any given day. Therefore, if your plans change, we ask that you cancel, reschedule, or change the number of students in your group well in advance of your visit.

Is the Museum Accessible For Students and Adults With Disabilities?

CMON is a fully accessible museum. Please let us know when booking if your group requires special accommodations.

What if There is Severe Weather?

For visitor safety, the outdoor areas of CMON will be closed when lightning is in the immediate vicinity. CMON does not refund payment for inclement weather during your visit.

What are Our Lunch Options?

Schools must bring their lunches if planning to eat while at the Museum. Please make sure your lunches are sorted by teacher into coolers or baskets clearly labeled with the name of your school and teachers' names. All lunches are eaten outdoors on the terrace of the Inventioneer's Lab.

Can We Shop in the Store?

Schools may shop in the Museum Store at any time during their visit, however, CMON has a policy of no more than six students at any given time. Students **MUST** be accompanied by a chaperone.

Chaperone FAQ's

What is Your Student-to-Chaperone Requirement?

CMON requires one chaperone (18+) for every six students.

Are There Any Expectations for Chaperones?

Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the group and are required to supervise and stay with students at all times during their visit to CMON.

Can Chaperones Bring Other Children with Them?

Chaperones **MAY NOT** bring younger or older children with them on the field trip. If they bring younger or older siblings, they will not count toward your required student-to-chaperone ratio and will be required to check in as a general Museum visitor at the general admission rates.