



Planetarium Program Planning

(please read thoroughly, fill out where necessary, and return to WRI)

School:

Primary Contact:

Preferred times:

- *Considering travel time and set up time, the earliest time available for a planetarium show to begin is 9:00am.*
- *Programs run 30 minutes which includes entering/exiting the planetarium.*
- *For full day of programs, there should be a half hour break mid-day for staff lunch and for the planetarium to cool down.*

Grades:

- *What grade levels will be attending planetarium shows? Please specify which grades will be at each show time.*

Number of students per class:

- *Up to 25 students and one teacher (plus WRI staff) fit in the planetarium per show.*

Have these students had an astronomy unit? If so, please give a brief description of what was covered and key concepts/vocabulary. If an astronomy unit will begin after the planetarium show, what are the key concepts/vocabulary to be covered?

Planetarium Location Considerations:

1. It is approximately 11 feet tall (and would need a room with a minimum of 12 foot ceilings) and is about 20 feet in diameter. It's ideal if the temperature can be adjusted in the room where the planetarium is set up. Schools have previously utilized the gym, band room, or library as suitable spaces to set it up.
2. Ideally, the planetarium will have its own room without other activities going on during planetarium presentations. This will assure that your classes have the best planetarium experience possible.
3. For presentations over multiple days, it is essential that the planetarium is in a secure space by itself where the room can be locked when the planetarium isn't in use.
4. Please have the space cleared and ready for the planetarium the day before the planetarium visits.
5. WRI staff will set up a time to do a brief pre-program site visit to see the space.