

**Welcome to**

**DISCOVERY**

**YOUTH**

**2015-16**

Children's Discovery Museum  
of San Jose  
180 Woz Way  
San Jose, CA 95110  
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# What is Discovery Youth?

**Discovery Youth is a FREE media and service-learning based after school and Saturday program.**

## Media

Participants will explore artistic and technical techniques of photography and film production. Through the use of digital cameras and the Adobe Software Creative Suite, participants will create high quality photographs and movies and will have the opportunity to publicly showcase their work through Open Houses at the end of each session.

**Tuesdays** (beginning October 13): 5th & 6th grades, 3:30-6:00pm

**Thursdays** (beginning October 15): 7th-9th grades, 4:00-6:30pm

## new! Special Projects

This is a new combination community service and media program. Participants earn community service hours at the museum by designing activities, developing digital media, and playing a role in program planning. Participants may commit to a single project or attend every Wednesday! This is an opportunity to hone skills and work on personal projects to share with the world. Participants will work with our knowledgeable staff and equipment to turn creative ideas into reality.

**Wednesdays** (beginning October 14): 7th-9th grades, 4:00-6:30pm

## Museum Volunteers

Participants, 5th-9th grade, will have the chance to volunteer at the Children's Discovery Museum! They will interact with museum visitors by facilitating arts and crafts, science and performing arts activities.

Participants may also work behind the scenes researching and collecting data, documenting the projects and happenings of daily activities.

Participants will also partake in team building and reflection activities.

**Saturdays** (beginning October 17): 5th-9th grades, 10:00am-1:00pm

## Leadership Group

Participants, 10th-12th grade, will be exposed to exciting leadership opportunities and, with the guidance of our experienced staff, will take part in designing and facilitating activities for Museum Volunteer participants and our museum guests.

**Saturdays** (beginning October 17): 10th-12th grades, 9:30am-1:00pm



# Drop off/Pick up



Discovery Youth (DY) operates out of the CDMediaStudio, and the entrance is located at the side of the museum. Upon arrival, head to the backdoor (between the amphitheater “group entrance” and the loading dock) and ring the intercom button. Someone upstairs will come to the monitor and buzz you in.

## Attendance

In order for our participants to get the most out of DY, we want to make sure they are regularly attending. As we have many group activities, each group will come to rely on its members.

We understand that

circumstances may come up. If a

participant will be more than 15 minutes late or absent, please notify the Youth Programs Educator by email or phone at the earliest convenience.



***DY is a fun and free space for all! We ask that our participants adhere to the following guidelines:***



## **Participation**

We ask that every activity we do here at DY is approached with an open mind and a positive attitude. Our participants take part in all of our projects, games, and discussions; this ensures everyone will get the most out of their experience here.

## **Respect and Cultural Awareness**

DY is a free space for youth from all over San Jose and Santa Clara County to come have fun, and enjoy a cooperative learning experience. This means that we'll be working with a diverse group of individuals from various backgrounds, with different lifestyles, beliefs, and ideas. In order for DY to function as a collaborative team and community, it is important that everyone who participates and comes to CDM feels safe and respected.

## Dress Code

At DY we'll be playing active games outside, working with art supplies, and interfacing with the public. This means participants will want to wear comfortable clothes in which they can move around, that they don't mind getting dirty. On Saturdays during volunteering and field trips, it is important for participants to wear attire that is appropriate for representing the Children's Discovery Museum. This means: no spaghetti straps, no bare midriffs or otherwise revealing or provocative clothing, no baggy clothes, and no clothing with obscene or otherwise offensive graphics or slogans. Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh length when sitting. It also means that closed-toe shoes are required every day. Hats are not allowed on the museum floor (when we're volunteering with museum visitors), but may be worn outside or in the media studio if adhering to the other dress code policies. You may be sent home to change if your attire is not appropriate.





## Cell Phones and Technology

We understand that many children today have cell phones, and having them on your person is not a problem. However, in order to be attentive and gain as much knowledge and experience from the program, it's important that participants put them away during program time. This includes any form of portable technology such as video games, tablets and personal music devices (like iPods). In case of an emergency where a parent or guardian may need to get in touch with a participant, we ask that parents call the Media Studio, or direct line of the Youth Programs Educator, and inform staff of the situation.

## Discipline

We have a simple 3-step disciplinary system which includes:

- 1. Verbal Warning:** An official warning issued after rules are broken.
- 2. Written Warning:** If a verbal warning is not enough, we ask our participants to write a letter to their parents about what happened and that letter needs to be signed and returned.
- 3. Dismissal from the program:** Dismissal issued when warnings do not work or if you break a zero tolerance rule.



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