



## MUSEUM FACT SHEET

Since opening in 1990, **Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose** has become one of the largest and most respected museums of its kind in the nation. With interactive exhibits and programs encompassing science, humanities, performing arts, health and physical fitness, the award-winning museum offers new exhibits each year that respond to children's diverse educational needs. With the broad themes of community, connections and creativity, hands-on exhibits invite self-directed, open-ended explorations.

**Museum Visitors in 2018-19:** 372,954      **Visitors Since 1990:** 9,538,846 million

**Exhibition Galleries:** Art Gallery, Art Loft, Bubbles, Kids in Motion, Mammoth Discovery, Rainbow Market, Secret of Circles, Streets, Lee and Diane Brandenburg Theater, Cadence Amphitheater, WaterWays, Wonder Cabinet, World Theater and World Market, Voyage to Vietnam (West Wing Changing Exhibit Area)

**Outdoor Expansion:** *Bill's Backyard: Bridge to Nature* opened in October 2017, connecting children and families to the natural world and doubling the museum's exhibit space. Ten exhibit features on one half-acre bring science and environmental education and imaginations to life for children, families, and educators.

**Community Celebration Series:** Culturally rich programs throughout the year invite families of all backgrounds to experience the many customs and traditions in Silicon Valley. The museum offers science and health programs that stimulate observation and inquiry, and physical activity.

### Youth Programs:

- BioSITE (Students Investigating Their Environment)
- Discovery Youth (media training and community service program for 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Summer of Service (service learning program for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders)

**School Field Trip Program:** Two hour, non-guided museum visits can be booked with a minimum of 10 kids per school or qualifying organization. Family Science Nights and Classroom Programs are offered for local schools throughout the year.

**FoodShed:** Whole, fresh and seasonal foods are available at the museum's beautiful café.

**Nursing and Quiet Room:** A quiet and private room is available for nursing mothers and those needing a calm space to relax.

**Research at the Museum:** The museum's innovative exhibits and programs are developed and enhanced through the latest education research. The museum is also a resource for formal and informal research through established partnerships with the University of Santa Cruz, Stanford University, and several renowned firms.

**Location:** The striking 52,000 square foot purple building is located in downtown San Jose in lush Discovery Meadow in Guadalupe River Park. The iconic geometric shaped building was designed by Mexico City-based architect Ricardo Legorreta.

With the addition of *Bill's Backyard: Bridge to Nature*, the museum's footprint is 79,500 square feet.

**Hours of Operation:** Tuesday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday: 12 – 5 p.m. and 11 – 12 p.m. is Members' Hour. Open Mondays Memorial Day through Labor Day and select holidays.

**Admission:** Adults and Children \$15; Seniors (60+) \$14; Infants (under 1 year old) and Members are free.

**Membership:** Annual memberships start at \$175 and offer unlimited free access to the museum for the entire family, guest passes, Members'-only hours, special discounts, and much more.

**Access and Inclusion:** The museum offers two programs that ensure children and families can visit the museum regardless of ability to pay. The museum is part of the national initiative, *Museums for All*, that allows up to four family members admission for \$2 each with an EBT, Medi-Cal, or WIC card. Since opening in 1990, the *Open Door Policy* has allowed visitors who can't afford the full ticket price to pay what they can.

*Afternoons for All Abilities:* The second Tuesday of every month, children with disabilities are invited to enjoy the museum during a less crowded and quieter time. A special storytime and a sensory activity are offered.

**Event Rental and Birthday Party Venue:** Due to popular demand, the birthday party program is expanding with several fun and memorable locations for birthday parties. With the addition of *Bill's Backyard*, the museum now has three spectacular venues - inside and outside- for a variety of after-hour private and corporate events. *Bill's Backyard* is the perfect setting for a private morning or evening event.

**Parking and Transportation:** Convenient parking is available on Woz Way, Auzerais Avenue, Almaden Boulevard, and at the San Jose Convention Center. Public bus and Light Rail stops are adjacent to the museum.

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