



*Children's Hands-On Museum
of Tuscaloosa*

2013-2014

A Guide to

Field Trips

**Common Core Standards &
Alabama Course of Study
Curriculum Based**

(205) 349-4235

www.chomonline.org

Downtown Tuscaloosa • University Blvd.

Curiosity!

Creativity!

Discovery!

WHAT'S NEW AT CHOM?

The Children's Hands-On Museum is always updating our In-Depth Programs and exhibits, as well as constantly offering new additions to your old favorites. Check out these exciting new changes that will enhance your next visit to CHOM.

Look for exciting new things in the following exhibits:

Space Station
Kool Zone
Beavers' Bend
Captain Tim Parker's Tow Boat
Arts Studio

New standards covered by additions to the following In-Depth Programs:

Some Body (K-2)
Tribal Traditions (K-2)
History of the Holidays (3-5)
Chemical Craze (3-5)
Shocking Sensations (3-5)
FUN-damentals of Physics (3-5)

**Sign up for our
email blasts to get
the scoop on
everything new at
CHOM!**

BRAND NEW PROGRAMS!!!

**A BUMP IN THE NIGHT
(K-2)**
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Learn through PLAY!

EXHIBIT EXPERIENCES: Pre K - 5th

Design your own Exhibit Experience by choosing up to five of our permanent exhibits to explore.
LIMIT 50 STUDENTS.

On the Main Floor:

The Main Floor of the Children's Hands-On Museum offers a look into Tuscaloosa's past, as well as new exhibits like the Kool Zone and the Space Station. Exhibits cover social studies, science, music, and much, much more!

CHOCTAW INDIAN VILLAGE

Journey back in time to CHOM's Choctaw Indian Village. Learn about native foods and traditions. Touch animal skins and create your own clay pot or shell necklace. Weave a piece of history at one of our standing looms or read a story in pictographs. You'll learn how Alabama's original inhabitants lived and worked in this immersive exhibit.

GRANDMOTHER'S ATTIC

Wear history in Grandmother's Attic. Suit yourself in boys' and girls' clothes from the past. Have a tea party just like the good ol' days. "Piece" a magnetic quilt - then parade through T-Town!

PLANETARIUM

Multi-media planetarium shows fascinate and inspire all ages. Learn about the moon, planets, stars and galaxies as you gaze at the night sky. Build your own constellation with our magnetic stars, and read about ancient heroes of the past.

SPACE STATION

This exciting exhibit offers an out of this world experience as you explore space! Direct the action at Mission Control; launch a space craft; fly over Valles Marinaris and build your own space sculptures while wearing astronaut gloves! Venture through the history of space exploration as you view real images taken from space crafts and genuine articles donated by NASA.

This exhibit option available only to 2nd - 5th grades.

A TRIP THROUGH T-TOWN

Be part of Tuscaloosa's past. Work as a "soda jerk" at Central Drug Company. Make a withdrawal at First National Bank of Tuscaloosa. Buy goods, mail a card and whisper secrets through the Whisper Tube at Maxwell General Store. Drop by the barber shop for a "shave and a haircut".

THE KOOL ZONE—NEW MUSIC STANDARDS

Kaleidoscopes, cameras, flying balls, fun mirrors and an air ball booth make it a favorite! A light tower of kaleidoscopes lets the class explore the magic inside or float balls on columns of air. Convex mirrors reflect the fun and learning! **NEW:** Mix your beats like the coolest DJs with our interactive sound and keyboard station.

CHOM'S MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Our Gift Shop has exciting, fun, affordable toys and books that reinforce exhibits and programs! Choose the **Gift Shop as one of your exhibits if you need browsing time** - or - request goodie bags for your children! Orders must be placed at the time reservations are made. Goodie Bags: \$3 and up per child. It's a great way for every child to have a special souvenir of their field trip!

*Find Course of Study and
Common Core Standards
correlations for your grade
level on our website!*

Take a Virtual Tour at www.chomonline.org

EXHIBIT EXPERIENCES: Pre K - 5th

Pre-K visits last 1 hour & are scheduled for Fridays.

K-5th grade visits last 1 hour & 15 minutes.

In the Basement:

The Basement Level of the Children's Hands-On Museum offers a wide range of experiences to all age groups. All Exhibit Experiences are tailored to the age and developmental needs of each group.

Planning a field trip is Easy!

Call Exa Skinner at
(205) 349-4235 ext. 16
or email Melissa Roberts at
melissa@chomonline.org.

DCH HOSPITAL

Explore a hospital as a doctor, nurse, lab technician, or patient. Dress as medical professionals and treat patients. View objects under the microscopes in the lab and care for babies in the nursery. Use the NEW computer system to learn more about our bodies. Plan a healthy meal with our new Healthy Plate.

BEAVERS' BEND

Explore a wetlands environment and its inhabitants. Visit a beaver's lodge and learn about animal habitats. Get up close and personal with huge Wentz microscopes or create your own paw print.

NEW COMPONENT— Peek into our discovery doors to learn new nature facts, then make a rubbing before leaving.

CAPTAIN TIM PARKER'S TOW BOAT

All hands on deck! Navigate the Black Warrior River as you command this towboat replica. Take turns being the captain, first mate, and crew! Grab a pole and toss a line into the river to catch fanciful fish! Use the Xbox Kinect to kayak, fish, or ride a wave runner! Even try out our locks and dams kiosk, and learn to tie a knot like a real sailor at our **NEW** Nautical Knots station.

ARTS STUDIO

NEW MUSIC & ELA STANDARDS!!! Art is alive in this colorful studio! Create gigantic sculptures. Visit the Nature Room to make music with Mother Nature's Orchestra. Create original digital artwork or perform on a stage. Climb into a giant kaleidoscope or check out the kaleidoscope tower. Give a puppet show! Dress for the stage!

JAPANESE HOUSE

Visit a traditional Japanese home. Leave your shoes at the door, then play games in the tatami room. View a relaxing serenity garden. Compare daily customs as you tour - you can even try on a kimono and practice "eating" with chopsticks!

LIL' SPROUTS FARMER'S MARKET

"Drive" the farm truck through the city or countryside to sell your produce at the Farmer's Market, as you listen to 1940's radio shows. Shop for fresh fruits and veggies. Weigh your purchases, and ring them up at the checkout stand.

RECOMMENDED FOR PRE-K-1ST GRADE.

ONCE UPON A FARM

Younger visitors can explore the barnyard in this special exhibit designed for **ages 0-3 years**. Filled with developmentally appropriate activities to stimulate imaginations and fine and gross motor skills, it's loads of fun! "Drive" a tractor, pick carrots and corn, dig potatoes, or "swim" in the infant pond!

RECOMMENDED FOR PRE-K.

HANDS-ON EXCITEMENT!

CRAZY ABOUT PRE-K

In-Depth Experiences designed just for Pre-K students!

CHOM provides hands-on excitement and unforgettable learning opportunities developed especially for the Pre-K age group. *Pre-K In-Depth Experiences: available on Fridays at 9:15 and 10:45.* Program topics include the arts, social studies, sciences, and technology. Each PRE-K program lasts 1 hour. **LIMIT 20 STUDENTS.**

It's a Bird; It's a Plane...NO! It's a BAT!

Meet the bat - our nighttime flying furry friends! Compare the differences and similarities between bats and birds - two creatures so alike, yet so different. Eat like birds! Fly like bats! Learn why we need them around! *This program runs for the month of October.*

DINOmite Dinosaurs!

Junior Jurassic Park! Discover the world of Paleontology...How do we know what a dinosaur looked like? What is a fossil? Do we see any of the dinosaur's cousins living here today? Learn the answers to these questions and more while making your very own fossil! *This program runs for the month of November.*

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Take a holiday around the world! Learn where America gets so many of our holiday traditions. Experience a place where spiders are the Christmas symbol. Find out where people celebrate their holidays by making colorful lanterns. Discover on this journey that we are all the same, and we are all different! *This program runs for the month of December.*

Food for Thought —NEW PROGRAM!

This new program is offered all school year! Yummy, yummy, yummy, I've got a healthy tummy! Food for Thought teaches us how to treat our bodies so we can live strong, long lives. We'll get to jump around and try tasty treats from the Healthy Food Plate! *Available October-May!*

Pinnocchio's Playhouse

The imaginative world of puppets awaits you! Is it possible to make a puppet out of a shadow? Explore the history and practice of puppetry. Children perform a puppet show of their own and interact with marionettes, hand puppets and stick puppets. *This program runs for the month of January.*

Eyes and Ears and Mouth and Nose

Explore the world through your five senses! Stop and smell the roses, taste the difference between sweet and salty, and listen to the sounds around you. We'll discover how important all of our senses are by using each and every one of them during this program. *This program runs for the month of February.*

A House for Mr. Mouse

Flock, dive, and roam to find the many places that animals call home. Reveal who takes their home everywhere they go, who steals supplies to make their habitat, and learn more about the animals in your own neighborhood! *This program runs for the month of March.*

A Bug's Life

Look through the eyes of an insect! Here we discover which insects were friends with the dinosaurs, who uses their feet to taste their food, what insect makes food for humans, and why we don't need to be scared of the creepy, crawly friends around us! *This program runs from April through May.*

All Pre-K In-Depth Experiences help young children develop critical skills needed to prepare for school. Early Childhood education specialists deliver each program and tailor it to the specific needs of your class.

Call (205) 349 - 4235 or email prek@chomonline.org.

We specialize in AWESOME!

IN DEPTH EXPERIENCES: K-2nd

Curriculum-based programs in the arts, social studies, sciences, and technology for K-2nd grades! **LIMIT 20 STUDENTS PER SESSION.**

NEW SCIENCE & ELA STANDARDS!!!

SOME BODY

Re-written to help your class start the school year right! Learn about contact contamination and the importance of washing your hands. Discuss the three senses you use most at school and how important sight, hearing, and touch are to learning. Visit Mr. Bones in CHOM's DCH Hospital exhibit. Explore the wonders of the human body! **Runs August-September!**

A BUMP IN THE NIGHT—New Program!!!

Inspired by our successful "Go in' Batty" Program, "A Bump in the Night" explores three different nocturnal creatures that go "BUMP" in the night. Discover the habitats and characteristics of bats, owls, and opossums. Find out how their babies are alike and different, and play a game to see how mother animals find their babies. Even discern the differences in what these animals eat and sample yummy "Bat Salad." **NOW runs all of October!**

TRIBAL TRADITIONS

What was it like to live in the Southeastern United States hundreds of years ago? Step into the lives of peoples from the Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, and Chickasaw tribes to discover their traditional ways of life. You'll play authentic games and participate in traditional dances. Examine Native American artifacts and make your own jewelry and art. Even sample traditional Southeastern Native American cuisine! **NOW runs all of November!**

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

How do different cultures around the world observe holidays? Play games, make music, and create masterpieces as you learn about the similarities and differences among cultural celebrations. You'll learn about Gantan (Japanese New Year) and Three Kings Day, St. Nicholas Day, plus many others. **Runs all of December!**

THE LITTLE RED HEN

Join the Little Red Hen on her quest for help to make bread. Act out this famous fable through an interactive puppet show. You'll learn the process of making bread, from seed to stalk, to harvest, and finally to recipe! Students will cook their own delicious homemade breads to eat. **Runs all of January!**

In-Depth Experiences correspond directly to the Alabama Course of Study and Common Core Standards, with correlations to the SAT 10, and AMSTI. To assist you in planning your visit to CHOM, specific correlations for each program are listed on CHOM's website at www.chomonline.org.

To reserve a dynamic In-Depth Experience for your class,

Call Exa Skinner at (205)349-4235 ext. 16; or email Melissa Roberts at melissa@chomonline.org

THE WHOLE TOOTH

Talk to a real local dentist to learn proper brushing and flossing techniques. Do an experiment with us to see how different kinds of foods affect your teeth and learn how to make teeth-healthy snacks. You'll learn to identify foods from different food groups. Plus, you'll study animal skulls and teeth to determine the difference between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. **Runs all of February!**

Program sponsored by Sixth Dental District.
SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

WILD WETLANDS

Why are wetland animals and environments so important? How can you help protect them? Discover a variety of wetlands creatures and track them to their natural habitats. Make a reptile or amphibian mask, and learn their differences and similarities. You can even create your own edible "Beaver's Lodge." **Runs all of March!**

BUGGED OUT!

Experience the fascinating and diverse world of insects. Learn about bug anatomy by creating your own insect-inspired artwork. "Communicate" with your insect friends. Differentiate between insects and arachnids. Discover the many types of camouflage insects use, as well as their other methods of survival. Even journey outside with us for a real live insect hunt! **Runs April-May!**

Ask about getting \$1 off admission for each of your students!

NEVER TOO OLD FOR FUN: 3rd-5th

In-Depth Experiences & Dynamic Demonstrations for 3rd-5th grades are curriculum-based programs in the arts, social studies, sciences, & technology tailored to OLDER students.

IN-DEPTH EXPERIENCES

and DYNAMIC DEMONSTRATIONS

directly correspond to the Alabama Course of Study and Common Core Standards, with correlations to SAT 10 and AMSTI. To assist you in planning your visit to CHOM, specific correlations are listed on our website at www.chomonline.org.

All programs last 1 hour & 15 minutes.

To reserve a spot for your class, call

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or email **Melissa Roberts at**
melissa@chomonline.org.

In-Depth Experiences LIMIT 20 STUDENTS PER SESSION

SOUTHEASTERN CELEBRATIONS

Discover the original Southeastern peoples from the Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, and Chickasaw tribes. Journey back in time in our Choctaw Village to hear the heartbeat of Mother Earth and the music of the time. Play authentic games and examine Native American artifacts from Moundville. Discuss human migration, Native American language, and traditional family roles of long ago. **Runs the month of November!**

THE HISTORY OF HOLIDAYS

How did the United States get its holiday traditions? Trace our customs back to Germany, Turkey, Italy, Mexico, Japan, and many more countries! Discover the differences and similarities between cultures from past and present, all around the world. Older students will make intricate poinsettia art, journey to our Japanese House exhibit to celebrate Japanese New Year, and learn about the traditional German Christmas tree. **Runs for the month of December!**

Dynamic Demonstrations

AVAILABLE ANY MONTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!

SHOCKING SENSATIONS

Learn the ins and outs of electricity in this **hair-raising** experience. You'll see lightning, make a human battery and learn about solar energy! Plus, our Van de Graff generator will provide you with quite a shock. It's electrifying!

CHEMICAL CRAZE

Become a scientist and put your hands on the ooey, gooey, fizzy side of the amazing world of science! Study the effects of chemical and physical reactions when common household ingredients interact. **NEW!!**—Discover careers in the field of chemistry!

NEW
PROGRAM!!!

WEATHER DETECTIVES

How does a tornado start? Why does it rain? What is inside of a cloud? Answer all these questions and more as you become a meteorologist for a day in our **BRAND NEW DEMONSTRATION!** Learn the science behind weather and how the professionals predict it. Identify the conditions necessary for weather changes and explore instruments for collecting weather data. Plus learn how tornados form and how they are influenced by outside sources when you get a look at our **AMAZING TORNADO MACHINE!**

FUN-damentals of PHYSICS

"Gear Up" with this demonstration of simple machines and friction. Explore Newton's First Law of Motion through small group interaction with a large inclined plane, simple machines, and the not-so-simple "CHOM Machine" created just for you!

Demos are perfect for small or large groups up to 60!

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

Helping you get more CHOM for your dollar...
Ask about these promotions when you book your trip!

RiverWorks Discovery

FREE field trips for 150 students this fall offered on a first come/first served basis, courtesy of PARKER TOWING COMPANY, INC. of Tuscaloosa. Fun, easily understood language and water stewardship activities teach about transportation, commerce, Alabama history, and culture. Students also learn what they can do to protect and improve the health of our waters. **GRADES 3-5 ONLY.**
Runs August-September 2013.
LIMIT 45 PER SESSION.
SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

Loyal Friends Discounts

Returning teachers, CHOM wants to thank you for visiting us year after year! If you have **EVER** booked at CHOM, enter our drawing to win \$1 off the admission of each student in your class! We will select two teachers who have scheduled to visit CHOM August 20-September 15, 2013, **AND** two teachers who have scheduled to visit CHOM during the month of April 2014, to receive \$1 off admission for each child in the class
Offer valid for use by each teacher only once from August 2013-May 2014.

To be eligible for any/all discounts, you must ask about them **WHEN YOU SCHEDULE YOUR TRIP.** Presenting coupons/discounts at the time of your visit will disqualify your eligibility for the offer. **Offers are not valid without the verification and consent of CHOM.**

Flip-Flop Fun

A Flip-Flop program is a 2 hours and 45 minute long trip comprised of a combination In-Depth and Exhibit Experience. You pick an In-Depth Experience plus five exhibits for your class to visit. Many teachers enjoy the convenience of our two-in-one field trips because they save money on transportation by allowing up to 40 students to participate during each session. Not to mention, your class can have more time for fun at CHOM.
WHEN ARE "FLIP-FLOPS" AVAILABLE?
Flip-Flop programs are offered Monday-Thursday from 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, with a 15 minute bathroom break at 10:30 AM.

It's the "CHOM-plete" experience!

Flip-Flop Pricing:

Tuscaloosa City Public Schools—
\$10/per student
Student Groups within Tuscaloosa County—
\$12/per student
Student Groups from outside of Tuscaloosa County—
\$14/ per student

New Teacher Discounts

Are you a first year teacher or a teacher who has never registered for a field trip at CHOM? You may be eligible for a discount! Sign up to win \$1 off the admission of each student in your class. Drawings will be held for each In-Depth Experience, as well as in August for one Exhibit Experience.
Offer valid for use by each teacher only once from August 2013-May 2014.

Unforgettable Experiences!

Field Trip FAQ

CHOM has offered unique experiences not available in traditional classroom settings for over 28 years. So many years of experience at providing unique hands-on learning through play means we *specialize in awesome!* Last year teachers from all over Alabama and Mississippi brought curious, excited students to CHOM for *Exhibit Experiences, In-Depth Experiences, Planetarium shows, group demonstrations* and more. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions that may help you plan your next visit!

What makes a field trip to CHOM special?

- **All Field Trip Experiences correspond directly to the Common Core State Standards & Alabama Course of Study, with correlations to the SAT 10, and AMSTI.**
- We continue to construct new exhibits and improve your old favorites!
- We constantly update our In-Depth Programs to keep information current and exciting.

How do I book a field trip to CHOM?

- **BOOK** for grades K-5 with Exa Skinner at (205)349-4235 ext. 16 or email melissa@chomonline.org to reserve your visit. For Pre-K reservations, call (205) 349-4235 ext. 19 or email prek@chomonline.org
- **CONFIRM** your visit arrangements. You will receive a confirmation package with confirmation agreement shortly after you schedule your visit. *Check the sheet to **verify all information.*** Contact us immediately if there is any discrepancy. **IMPORTANT: Be sure to sign & fax your confirmation for receipt no later than the date specified. If not signed by all parties and faxed as asked, YOUR FIELD TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED.**
- **PAY YOUR DEPOSIT** —**NEW:** A deposit of \$3 per person will be required 3 WEEKS prior to your visit. For field trips with fewer than 3 weeks lead time, deposit policies will be handled on a case-by-case basis. **IF YOUR DEPOSIT IS NOT PAID ON TIME, YOUR FIELD TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED.**
- **PREPARE** students and adult chaperones by discussing behavior expectations and field trip rules. Distribute copies of these rules to each chaperone before arrival. Arrange for payment and transportation. **Collect all admissions from extra adults before you arrive.** Make sure drivers have directions and parking information.
- **ARRIVE** 5 minutes before your program. Check in at the Front Desk and complete payment before programs/tours begin. **Tours begin ON TIME.** Early arrivals must wait until their scheduled visit. Late arrivals will result in a shortened visit.

Which CHOM Experience is right for my class?

- Check our website www.chomonline.org. There you can find correlations to Common Core Standards & Alabama Course of Study for all In-Depth Experiences and exhibits in the museum. You can also take a virtual tour of our 28 permanent exhibits!
- Read this Field Trip brochure to become familiar with our programs, policies, fees, and guidelines. Choose exhibits or programs that best fit with your curriculum.
- Determine your group size. Some programs have a limit on the number of students that may be attend. These limits may help you decide on a CHOM Experience.

What does a CHOM field trip cost

- **FIELD TRIPS:** Tuscaloosa City Public Schools—\$5.00 per student
- (Pricing excludes Student groups within Tuscaloosa County—\$6.00 per student
- Flip-Flops)** Student groups from outside of Tuscaloosa County—\$7.00 per student

Let us help you make the most of your year!

SCHOOL FIELD TRIP SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Please read all information before scheduling your trip at CHOM

CHOM accepts bookings by individual teachers for his or her class.

If you must book for multiple classes, individual teacher names will be required and each teacher will be asked to sign & return reservation agreements accepting responsibility for all field trip arrangements, including payment responsibilities.

GRADES K - 5 GROUP INFORMATION

10 or more students qualify as a school group.
K- 5th Exhibit Experiences & In-Depth Experiences:
Mon.-Thurs. at 9:15-10:30, 10:45-noon, and 12:30-1:45 pm.

Call (205) 349-4235 EXT. 16 or EXT.25
email melissa@chomonline.org OR
exa@chomonline.org

PRE-K GROUP INFORMATION

Pre-K programs are on Fridays at 9:15-10:15, and 10:45-11:45.

Call (205) 349-4235 EXT. 19 or
email prek@chomonline.org

RESERVATION CHECKLIST for ALL GROUPS

We will need the following information when you call:

Date & Time

Exhibit Experience or In-Depth Experience

Number of students

Number of chaperones

(required number plus extra paying chaperones)

Emails & names for teacher, school secretary & principal

School complete address, fax & phone numbers

Exhibit Experience: Which exhibits?

Gift Shop: Group visit time? Placing a group order?

Deposit: Confirm amount and due date

Payment info: Cash, Check, or Purchase Order

Note: PO Number is required for invoicing.

Invoicing must be pre-approved by CHOM

CHAPERONES

Chaperones are an important part of every field trip. Plan for only one chaperone per group of 10. One (1) adult is required for every 10 students in your group, and will be admitted free, along with your bus driver. To facilitate supervision of students, 1 teacher per class will be admitted free leaving you able to supervise all of your groups. ALL additional adults will be charged the field trip admission price upon arrival. Sorry, there will be no invoice for additional unplanned adults.

Making chaperones aware of museum rules before arriving will assist your chaperones in guiding student groups effectively. **Chaperones and teachers are responsible for the behavior and safety of their students. Chaperones must stay with their group at all times. Disruptive students will be removed from the group if teachers do not handle the situation. Unsafe and undesirable behavior in the museum will result in visit termination for the group.**

Please remember chaperone numbers affect the field trip experience. If your group arrives with a large number of extra parents, they will not be able to enter classrooms.

REMEMBER: - CELL PHONES must be set to OFF or VIBRATE.

- NO OUTSIDE FOOD or DRINK is allowed.

- SIBLINGS CANNOT be part of your group if NOT a member of the regular class.

FEES & PAYMENT

A deposit of \$3 per person is due 3 WEEKS PRIOR to your visit. Your group's remaining balance is due no later than the day of your visit. We accept cash, credit cards, & checks.

School purchase orders and invoicing are acceptable only if pre-approved before your visit.

FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS:

Tuscaloosa City Public School System: \$5 per student

Student groups within Tuscaloosa County: \$6 per student

Student groups from outside of Tuscaloosa County: \$7 per student

CHOM values our museum members, but please note, as stated in membership brochures & membership packets, museum membership does not provide free admission for organized group tours and field trips.

TRIP CONFIRMATION

Shortly after you book your visit, you will receive an information packet that will include a **confirmation agreement to be signed and faxed to CHOM by the date noted.** Included in the packet will be the amount of your deposit and balance due, museum rules, curriculum correlations, teacher tips, directions to CHOM, and parking information. Review this information very carefully.

OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE

Notify CHOM immediately if you have any changes.

Pay your deposit and fax signed reservation agreement by date specified.

If not received by due date, your field trip will be cancelled.

- Be sure to copy & distribute museum rules to each chaperone before arrival, so they may fulfill their duties effectively.
- Finalize your count and notify CHOM of any changes at least two weeks before your visit.
- If your count changes, call Exa Skinner at (205)349-4235 EXT. 16 as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee space in programs if your group number changes after reservations are confirmed. Groups arriving with fewer students than confirmed, will be charged for their full original reserved spaces .
- Groups arriving with more students than originally confirmed must pay those admissions at the time of the visit. Be aware that space in programs cannot be guaranteed
- Collect money **before** arriving at CHOM from additional non-chaperone adults.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All field trips require set up time, special materials purchased in advance, and extra personnel for delivery.

Call Exa Skinner at (205)349-4235 EXT.16 to cancel group reservations.

A group will be required to forfeit their deposit for cancellations made less than three weeks in advance. If your group fails to appear for your scheduled tour, your school will be invoiced for the remaining BALANCE DUE with copies of signed confirmation agreements provided to the School Secretary and Principal.

**In the event of crisis on the day of your field trip, CHOM will make every effort to work with teachers to re-schedule a trip if date(s) are available.*

Call or email TODAY!



Children's Hands-On Museum of Tuscaloosa

DAYS & HOURS

MON-THURS 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 FRIDAY 9 a.m. - 7:30pm
 SATURDAY..... 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 CLOSED SUNDAYS & MAJOR HOLIDAYS

NON-FIELD TRIP ADMISSION:

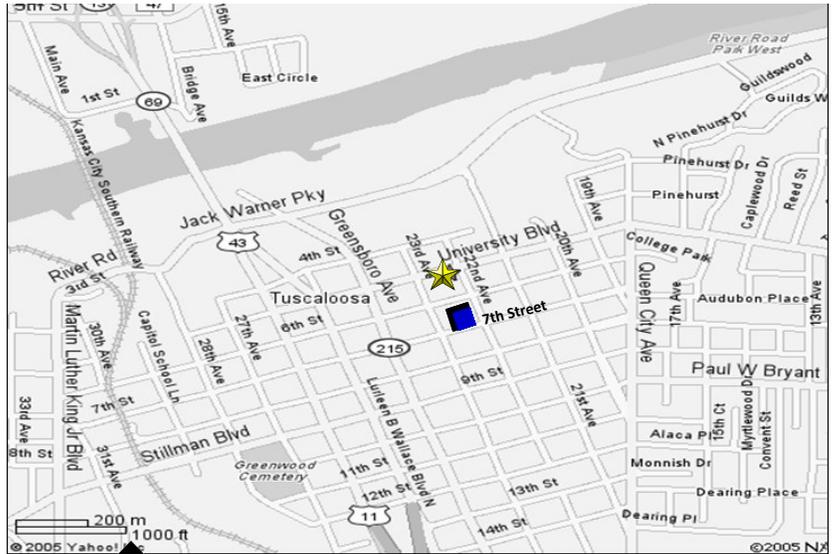
Under 1 year.....FREE
 Under 3 years.....\$5
 3 - 59 years\$8
 60 years and older\$6
 Group Rates Available
 Field Trip Admissions: see page 11

GIFT SHOP

Visit CHOM's Gift Shop for fabulous fun! Find some of the most unusual and affordable toys and books around. Gifts for play, that also reinforce concepts learned in our exhibits and programs! All ages are welcome to shop, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

PARKING

Personal vehicles may park in any legal parking space. On weekdays, parking limited to 2 hours. \$15 parking tickets are issued by the city. **Free parking for buses & personal vehicles is available in the City Parking Deck located on the corner of 7th Street & 23rd Avenue.** Parking Deck can be accessed from the 7th Street side of the building. **Buses should load and unload in the bus lane directly in front of the museum, then move to parking area.**



- Parking Deck
- ★ Children's Hands-On Museum

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