



*Children's Hands-On Museum
of Tuscaloosa*

2014-2015

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!

NEW for 2014-2015:

The Children's Hands-On Museum is always updating our Focused Field Trips 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.

New standards covered by additions to the following Focused Field Trips and Dynamic Demonstrations:

Wild Wetlands (K-2)
Bugged Out! (K-2)
Shocking Sensations (3-5)

Look for exciting new things in the following exhibits:

KOOL ZONE
ONCE UPON A FARM
PLANETARIUM
SPACE STATION

NEW PROGRAMS!!!

MOTION COMMOTION (K-2)
THE WONDERS OF WONDERFUL YOU (K-2)

THE AMAZING SPACE (3-5)
DOWN BY THE RIVER (3-5)

ALPHABET SOUP (PRE-K)
PETITE PICASSOS (PRE-K)

CAN'T CATCH ME...

I'M THE GINGERBREAD MAN (PRE-K)

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BROWN BAG SCIENCE (PRE-K)

Sign up for our "Teachers ONLY" email list to get updates on free, reduced, and specialty CHOM field trips!

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Learn through PLAY!

BASIC FIELD TRIPS: Pre K - 5th

Design your own field trip 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. Ask about which shows we offer for your age group. **This exhibit option available only to 1st - 5th grades.**

SPACE STATION

This exciting exhibit offers an out of this world experience as you explore space! **NEW: Look for our 3D moon phase viewer and low gravity crater bounce. COMING SOON!** Direct the action at Mission Control; 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

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! Mix your beats like the coolest DJs with our interactive sound and keyboard station. **New:** Give our kaleidoscope table a spin to see everyday items in a new light.

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.

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

Take a Virtual Tour at www.chomonline.org

BASIC FIELD TRIPS: Pre K - 5th

Pre-K visits last 1 hour & are scheduled for Fridays. K-5th grade visits last 1 hour & 15 minutes.

LIMIT 50 STUDENTS

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!

Fill out a **Request for Group Reservation form online at www.chomonline.org.**

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

For Pre-K call Kelly Adams at (205) 349-4235 ext. 21 or email kelly@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 computer system to learn more about our bodies. Plan a healthy meal with our new Healthy Plate. Match giant microbes with their pictures. Learn the placement of human organs.

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. Peek into our ever-changing 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 Nautical Knots station.

ARTS STUDIO

Art is alive in this colorful studio! Create gigantic sculptures. Visit the Nature Room to get in tune to the heartbeat of Mother Nature with a collection of rhythm instruments. Create original digital artwork or perform on a stage. Climb into a giant kaleidoscope or become a lighting designer. 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! **NEW:** finger manipulatives, improved book corner, and fishing game! **FOR PRE-K ONLY.**

HANDS-ON EXCITEMENT!

CRAZY ABOUT PRE-K

ALL NEW line-up for our Pre-K Focused Field Trips!!!

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 August.***

Alphabet Soup

ABC and all the way to Z! Meet the letters as we make our way through the alphabet and find out all the cool things our letters can do! ***This program runs for the month of September.***

Batty Birds and other Winged Things

Meet the bat - our nighttime flying furry friends! Compare the differences and similarities between bats and birds - two creatures so alike, yet so different. Then, meet other wonderful winged creatures who share the world with us! ***This program runs for the month of October.***

Petite Picassos

Join Pablo Picasso as we explore the wonderful world of ART! Check out famous works of art, then...SKETCH, SCULPT, and PAINT your own masterpieces. ***This program runs for the month of November.***

Can't Catch Me...I'm the Gingerbread Man!

The Gingerbread Man is cooking up all kinds of mischief at CHOM! Catch him, a yummy treat, and meet his friend The Stinky Cheese Man. ***This program runs for the month of December.***

Food for Thought

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!***

Rhythm Nation

Shake, Rattle, and Roll using the fun instruments and groovy beats from all around the world! ***This program runs for the month of January.***

Brown Bag Science

Explore the world of science! Everything you need for a fizzing, popping, bubbling good time...ALL IN A PAPER BAG! Each of three stations visits a different science...Chemistry, Physics, and Biology. ***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 for the month of April.***

DINomite Dinosaurs!

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.***

**Pre-K Focused Field Trips are available on
Fridays at 9:15, 10:30, and 11:45.
Each PRE-K program last 1 hour.
LIMIT 20 STUDENTS PER SESSION.**

**Call (205) 349 - 4235 ext. 21 or
email kelly@chomonline.org.**

We specialize in AWESOME!

FOCUSED FIELD TRIPS: K-2nd

Curriculum-based programs in the arts, social studies, sciences, and technology for K-2nd grades!

THE WONDERS OF WONDERFUL YOU

Explore the wonders that make up the human body! 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! LIMIT 30 STUDENTS**

A BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Inspired by our successful "Goin' 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 EXTENDED: September 29-October 31! LIMIT 20 STUDENTS**

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! **Runs all of November! LIMIT 30 STUDENTS**

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! LIMIT 20 STUDENTS**

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 for the month of January! LIMIT 20 STUDENTS**

Focused Field Trips 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 Focused Field Trip for your class,

Fill out a Request for Group Reservation form at www.chomonline.org; Call Exa Skinner at (205)349-4235 ext. 16; or email Melissa Roberts at melissa@chomonline.org

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 February 23- March 26! LIMIT 30 STUDENTS**

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 March 30-May 14! LIMIT 30 STUDENTS**

MOTION COMMOTION

Explore the properties of motion and the effects of gravity! Students will enjoy hands-on experiments in this **BRAND NEW PROGRAM!** Study the effects of motion by placing different objects in an array of catapults. Play with our "Friction Speedway." Build your own ramps and send balls down them. Experiment with "Marshmallow Poppers." Study the Slinky as it moves along stairs and inclined planes. **2ND GRADE:** Get to know simple machines! **Book this program any time of the year! LIMIT 30 STUDENTS**

NEW PROGRAM!

Sign up for our email list to receive special promotions!

NEVER TOO OLD FOR FUN: 3rd-5th

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

Focused Field Trips

NEW PROGRAM!

THE AMAZING SPACE

Have you ever dreamed of travelling in space? Learn about the Earth and other planets, their distances from the sun, and the position of Earth and its moon. Study the sun and its effects on Earth. Visit CHOM's Space Station exhibit to learn the history of space travel and Alabama's role in it. Venture inside our planetarium to study the phases of the moon. Learn about craters, and discover what makes up the stars. **Available any time of the year! LIMIT 30 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! LIMIT 30 PER SESSION.**

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! LIMIT 30 PER SESSION.**

Dynamic Demonstrations

AVAILABLE ANY MONTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!

FOCUSED FIELD TRIPS 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, fill out a **Request for Group Reservation form** at

www.chomonline.org;
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or email Melissa Roberts at melissa@chomonline.org.

FUN-damentals of PHYSICS

"Gear Up" with this demo 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! **UP TO 60!**

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! **UP TO 60!**

WEATHER DETECTIVES

How does a tornado start? Why does it rain? What is inside of a cloud? 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 when you get a look at our **AMAZING TORNADO MACHINE! UP TO 60!**

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 circuits! Plus, our Van de Graff generator will provide you with quite a shock. **UP TO 60!**

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

BARGAINS!!!

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

Down by the River

FREE field trips for 250 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 during this **OUTDOOR** experience.

GRADES 3-5 ONLY.

Runs **August-September 2013.**

LIMIT 20 PER SESSION.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

Flip-Flop Fun

A Flip-Flop program is a 2 hour and 45 minute long trip comprised of a combination *Focused* and *Basic Field Trips*.

You pick a *Focused Field Trip* 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—

\$12/per student

Student Groups within Tuscaloosa County—

\$14/per student

Student Groups from outside of Tuscaloosa County—

\$16/ per student

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 February 2-20.

LIMIT 30 PER SESSION.

FREE Program sponsored by Sixth Dental District.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

The Ultimate Field Trip

Get more bang for your bus bucks with the **Ultimate Field Trip!** Take one of your favorite CHOM field trips *plus* visit the Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum. Save on bus fare by booking two field trips at once. Cut down on field trip paper work. Pay one price for both trips. The Ultimate Field Trip offers expanded learning opportunities for grades 3-5, as well as NEW Course of Study and Common Core Standards.

WHEN IS THE ULTIMATE FIELD TRIP AVAILABLE?

Ultimate Field Trips are offered Tuesday–Thursday from 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM

**MAKE ONE CALL,
BOOK TWO TRIPS!**

Ultimate Field Trip Pricing:

Tuscaloosa City Public Schools—

\$10/per student

Student Groups within Tuscaloosa County—

\$13/per student

Student Groups from outside of Tuscaloosa County—

\$14/ per student

LIMIT 30 STUDENTS PER SESSION.

Unforgettable Experiences!

Field Trip FAQ

CHOM has offered unique experiences not available in traditional classroom settings for 30 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 *Basic and Focused Field Trips*, 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 *Focused Field Trips* to keep information current and exciting.

How do I book a field trip to CHOM?

- **BEGIN** the field trip reservation process by filling out a **Request for Group Reservation** form on our website www.chomonline.org.
- **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 Kelly at (205) 349-4235 ext. 21 or email kelly@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 30 days prior to your visit. For field trips with fewer than 30 days 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 Basic and Focused Field Trips. 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 attend. These limits may help you decide on a CHOM Experience.

What does a CHOM field trip cost

- **FIELD TRIPS:** Tuscaloosa City Public Schools—\$6.00 per student
- (Excludes **Ultimate** Student groups within Tuscaloosa County—\$7.00 per student
- & **Flip Flops**) Student groups from outside of Tuscaloosa County—\$8.00 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.

K-5th GROUP INFORMATION:

10 or more students qualify as a school group.
Reservations available Mon.-Thurs. 9:15-10:30, 10:45-noon, and 12:30-1:45. Call (205) 349-4235 ext. 16 or email melissa@chomonline.org.

PRE-K GROUP INFORMATION:

10 or more students qualify as a school group.
Reservations available Fridays 9:15-10:15 and 10:45-11:45.
Call (205) 349-4235 ext. 21 or email kelly@chomonline.org.

RESERVATION CHECKLIST for ALL GROUPS

We will need the following information when you contact us:

- Date and Time
- Basic Field Trip, Focused Field Trip, or Dynamic Demonstration?
- Number of students
- Number of chaperones (required number + extra paying chaperones)
- Emails and names for teachers, school secretary, and principal
- School complete address, fax, and phone numbers
- Basic Field Trip: Which Exhibits?
- Gift Shop: Group visit time? Placing an order?
- Deposit: Confirm amount due and date of payment
- Payment information: cash, check, credit card, or purchase order*
- Mail or email confirmation?

* 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 and will be admitted free, along with your bus driver. 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 the 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 30 DAYS PRIOR to your visit. Your group's remaining balance is due no later than the day of your visit. We accept cash, credit cards, and checks. School purchase orders and invoicing are acceptable only if pre-approved before your visit.

FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS:

Tuscaloosa City Public Schools: \$6 per student
Student groups within Tuscaloosa County: \$7 per student
Student groups from outside Tuscaloosa County: \$8 per student

Although we value our museum members, as stated in membership brochures & packets, museum membership does not provide free admission for organized 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.
- Provide your bus driver with pick up and drop off times and with parking instructions.
- Finalize your count. 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. Groups arriving with fewer students than confirmed will be charged for their original reservations.
- 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** ★

A group will be required to forfeit their deposit for cancellations made less than 30 days in advance. If you would like to reschedule, your deposit may be used for another field trip.

If your group fails to appear for your scheduled tour, you will be invoiced for the remaining BALANCE DUE with copies of signed confirmation agreements provided to the School Secretary and Principal.

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.

Begin the reservation process at www.chomonline.org



Children's Hands-On Museum of Tuscaloosa

DAYS & HOURS

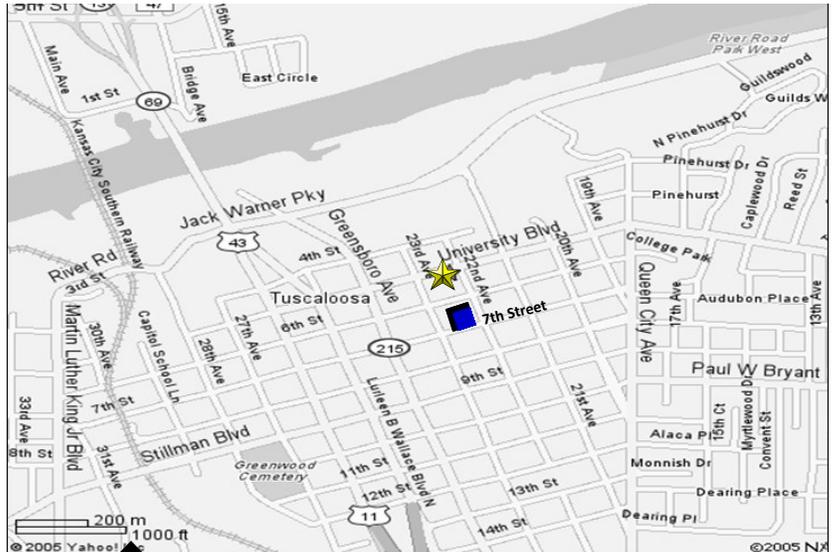
MON-THURS 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 FRIDAY 9 a.m. - 7:30pm
 SATURDAY..... 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 CLOSED SUNDAYS & MAJOR HOLIDAYS

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 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 on 4th Street and 22nd Avenue.**



-  Parking Deck
-  Children's Hands-On Museum

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