

DeKalb County Schools'
Fernbank Science Center
Planetarium Admission Policies

School programs:

- **DeKalb:** Students and teachers from schools within the DeKalb County School System will be scheduled and admitted without charge.
- **Groups:** Students of fifteen or more from all other schools (or home-schools) who schedule as a group in advance will be charged \$3.00 per student. For each fifteen students one adult chaperone will be admitted without charge. All other adults beyond this number will be charged \$4.00.

Public programs:

- **Admission fees:** Adults attending public programs will be charged \$4.00; Children, students and senior citizens (aged 62 and over) will be charged \$3.00.
- **Infants:** Children two years of age and under (i.e. before their third birthday) are not charged admission.
- **Members:** Friends of Fernbank (FMNH) individual members receive complimentary admission upon presentation of their currently valid membership card. Members holding family or dual membership receive complimentary admission for two adults and four children. Additional adults or additional children pay the full price.
- **Free Admission:** The following receive complimentary admission:
 - Fernbank Staff and their guests .
 - DeKalb County School System employees, upon presentation of an employee ID.
 - Members of the Media and other special guests, at the request of a Fernbank administrator
- **Reduced Admission:** We have agreements with the following organizations, which entitle members to free or reduced admission on presentation of a card:
 - ASTC Passport: free admission, same as FMNH members, above
 - AAA Attraction Discount Program: \$3, adults and seniors, \$2, children
 - ISIC Student ID Card: \$2, students only
 - Planetary Society: \$3, adults and seniors, \$2, children
 - Some seasonal programs, such as promotions which we run with the NY Times or Smithsonian.
- **Group Admission** for public shows : Reduced rates for public planetarium programs are available to groups of 15 or more. The basic group rate is \$3.00 per person (children or adults), with one free chaperone for each 15 paid admissions. There are no walk-up group rates – groups must schedule in advance.
- **Special Groups:** Nonprofit organizations which serve low-income or disabled populations may receive free admission. Such groups should be asked to contact our clearing house, VSA Arts of Georgia, at 404-221-1270. VSA will then contact the Scheduler directly.

General Policies:

- **Readmission:** Because the planetarium is totally dark at various points in the programs, admission or readmission after programs have started is difficult. The receptionist always makes a public address announcement about readmission and astronomers also make an announcement before school shows.