

Visitor Code of Conduct

The Great Valley Museum and William R. Luebke Planetarium at Modesto Junior College welcomes everyone to learn about science and our home, the Great Central Valley of California. Respectful sharing of spaces and resources ensures an enriching experience for all visitors. This ensures that the entire visiting public is treated with respect, and that every visitor has an equal opportunity to enjoy a meaningful experience. Along with the Yosemite Community College District Board Policy and Procedure 5500, Standards of Conduct, the following conduct is asked of all visitors. We ask that all visitors follow the guidelines described below.

Visitor Behavior

- Appropriate personal behavior and conduct are required from visitors at all times.
- Visitors must adhere to instructions posted and/or verbally communicated by museum staff.
- All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an individual 18 years of age or Older.
- Visitors are required to wear proper attire while on Museum property. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
- Strollers are permitted in all galleries, unless otherwise noted.
- Eating and drinking are not permitted in any part of the Museum or Planetarium. Food and drink is permitted in the lobby of the Science Community Center.
- Visitors are to refrain from shouting, running, and other disruptive behavior.
- Pets are not permitted in the Museum.
- The Museum and Planetarium are smoke-free buildings (including e-cigarettes).
- The following items are not permitted in the Museum at any time:
- Bicycles, scooters, tricycles, skateboards, roller/in-line skates, drugs or alcohol, weapons of any kind and any other item deemed dangerous by the museum.

Safety and Security

- To preserve the artifacts on display, visitors are not to touch or lean on any of the exhibits or displays.
- Photography is permitted for personal use only, with hand-held equipment. Please exercise due care when taking close-up photographs of any exhibit or display. The use of tripods, monopods, etc. is not permitted unless pre-approval has been requested and given. To make such a request, please visit the front desk. In some special exhibitions, photography may not be permitted. Signs will be posted wherever such restrictions apply.
- Trespassing, entering, or remaining in or upon Museum premises when the Museum is not open to the public, except with the express consent of Museum staff, is strictly prohibited.
- Any access onto or within any adjacent areas under construction or closed to the general public is also prohibited.
- Tampering with fire and safety devices, such as fire extinguishers, alarm pull stations or light switches is not permitted.