

Registration Form

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Special needs and requests—diet, accessibility, etc. (please specify):

Return completed registration form with payment by Friday, June 8, 2018

By fax: 703.224.3099

By email: Registration@ChildrensMuseums.org

By mail: Association of Children's Museums
2711 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Hotel

ACM has negotiated a special rate for workshop participants at the **Best Western at Historic Concord**, for \$150 per night (single or double), plus applicable taxes. State that you are with the Association of Children's Museums to receive the group rate. **Book in the block by Friday, June 8, 2018.**

Cancellation policy: 72 hours advance notice

Phone reservations: 978.369.6100

Note: Complimentary hot breakfast is included with the group rate at the hotel.

What You Will Learn

- Current research on the benefits of outdoor play:
 - ◆ Independence and self-confidence
 - ◆ Quiet observation
 - ◆ Problem-solving and teamwork
 - ◆ Sensory integration
- How to work with user groups in order to design for the broadest group of visitors.
- How to message and program for inclement weather, year-round.

Who Should Attend

- Designers, administrators, educators
- Museums considering outdoor exhibits or expansions
- Emerging children's museums
- All those who want to be empowered to take on outdoor play and learning spaces with confidence.



Thinking Outside the Museum:

Creating Outdoor Spaces and Experiences for All Visitors Workshop

June 25–26, 2018

At the Discovery Museum

177 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720



Thinking Outside the Museum Workshop

In 2016, Discovery Museum opened Discovery Woods, an accessible outdoor nature playscape and 550 square-foot treehouse, enticing families to play outdoors and enabling children of all abilities to play together.

Learn how to design and program year-round, all-weather outdoor spaces at your museum.

Sunday, June 24

Arrival and Hotel Check-In

Visit the Discovery Museum, open 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Show your registration confirmation for free admission.

Monday, June 25

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transportation to Discovery Museum

Bus will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. Parking is also available. Workshop will be held in the Play Lab at the Discovery Museum, Acton.

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Victoria Garvin, ACM

Neil Gordon, CEO, Discovery Museum (DM)

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Exploration of Outdoor Spaces

On guided tours, participants will explore outdoor spaces using an observational framework based on the benefits of outdoor play, focusing on how features provide outdoor play benefits and accessibility.

10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Prep for Share Out

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Share Out

Participants will share their observations and discuss opportunities the outdoor features provide, and how those differ across different user groups.

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Networking

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

A Conversation about Design, Decision, and Process

Denise LeBlanc, Director of Learning Experiences, DM

Focus: What to consider when designing for an outdoor space. The conversation will cover Discovery Museum surveys, focus groups, pilot program, design procedure, and lessons learned.

2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

A Conversation about Accessibility.

Alli Leake, Early Childhood Education Director, DM

Jennifer Brooke, Principal, Lemon|Brooke Landscape Architecture

Focus: How to convene and work with expert user groups to identify key needs for accessibility. The conversation will cover the benefits of outdoor play for individuals with ASD, ADD, and ADHD; working with the geography of your space; and outdoor feature accessibility.

4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Revisit the Outdoor Spaces

Participants will revisit the outdoor spaces to reflect on the afternoon's conversations.

4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Day One Wrap Up

To cap off the day, participants will be asked to share take-aways and any questions.

Return to Hotel

The bus will leave promptly at 5:15 p.m. for return to the hotel.

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Optional No-Host Dinner

Tuesday, June 26

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transportation to Discovery Museum

Bus will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

A Conversation about Weather

Rachel Danford, Outdoor and Environmental Educator, DM

Focus: The opportunities and issues of variable weather in outdoor exhibits and programming. The conversation will cover current research on nature preferences and ecophobia; how to message about inclement weather; and more.

10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

What's the Weather Exploration

Participants can engage with some of the most popular weather-based programs.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Closing and Final Thoughts

Bus will leave promptly at 1:15 p.m. for return to the hotel. Participants can also arrange their own transportation from the museum.