




Friends Circle




A photograph of two young boys sitting on a ledge, looking up at a large aquarium tank. The tank is filled with various fish and coral. A large blue circular graphic is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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We invite you to join the Friends Circle to get closer to the action and play a role in the discoveries that lie ahead.

Join the Friends Circle to:

- » Advance our biodiversity research and scientific discoveries
- » Make STEM learning easily and equitably accessible
- » Connect people with nature to foster an understanding of the natural world

A photograph of a butterfly with black and yellow wings perched on a metal railing. In the background, a man and a woman are walking on a walkway surrounded by lush tropical plants.

As our thanks to you, you'll enjoy express entry at each of the Academy's key attractions, have the opportunity to invite your friends and family to join you on every visit, and experience special events—designed just for your enjoyment—throughout the year.

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Friends Circle benefits

With a gift of \$1,500+, you will receive all membership benefits plus:

Access

- » Complimentary admission for up to six adults and accompanying children (age 17 and younger) for one year
- » Express entry throughout the building
- » Personal assistance with live phone support

- » Optional admission card for a household caregiver
- » Complimentary admission to NightLife (21+ with ID) for up to six adults

Events

- » Invitation to the Friends Family Breakfast

- » Invitation to Member Nights
- » Annual Academy Open House featuring scientists and curators
- » Access to Member Month programming
- » Invitations to exhibit and planetarium show premieres

Complimentary Passes

- » Four Daytime Admission passes to share
- » Four NightLife passes to share

Other

- » Recognition on donor wall and Academy website
- » Subscription to donor e-News
- » Complimentary coat check



With a gift of \$3,000+, you will receive all of the above benefits plus:

Access

- » Access to the private Donor Lounge

Events

- » Complimentary admission to the Benjamin Dean Astronomy Lectures
- » Invitation to the Lilienthal Lecture with a reception featuring the guest speaker

- » Invitation to a reception as part of the premiere of *BigPicture*
- » A behind-the-scenes collections tour

Complimentary Passes

- » Two additional Daytime Admission passes to share (6 total)
- » Two Daytime VIP Tour passes

- » A complimentary glass of sparkling wine when dining at The Terrace Restaurant
- » Two hours of complimentary parking in the Music Concourse Parking Garage

With a gift of \$6,000+, you will receive all of the above benefits plus:

Access

- » A complimentary Academy membership to share

Events

- » A special movie night in Morrison Planetarium

- » A behind-the-scenes tour of the Academy's rarely seen Anthropology collection
- » A reception with the guest speaker preceding a Benjamin Dean Astronomy Lecture

Complimentary Passes

- » Two NightLife VIP Tour passes to use or give away
- » Two additional Daytime Admission passes to share (8 total)

- » Two additional hours of parking in the Music Concourse Parking Garage (4 hours total)

With a gift of \$10,000+, you will receive all of the above benefits plus:

Events

- » Invitation to a behind-the-scenes collections tour
- » Invitation to a tour of an exhibition or new installation
- » A local expedition with Academy scientists

- » Access to the Institute for Biodiversity Science & Sustainability Seminar Series
- » A priority invitation to the Big Bang Gala

Complimentary Passes

- » Two additional hours of parking in the Music Concourse Parking Garage (6 hours total)



Donor events and certain benefits are subject to change to ensure the health and safety of our guests. The California Academy of Sciences is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution. You may choose to waive benefits to make your gift fully tax-deductible.

From field trips to field research, the Academy believes in the power of science to transform individuals, communities, and ecosystems.

Join the Friends Circle and partner in our mission.

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MAIL DONATION TO:

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ATTN: Development Department
Golden Gate Park
55 Music Concourse Drive
San Francisco, CA 94118

Hours

DAYTIME ADMISSION:

Monday–Saturday: 9:30 AM–5 PM

Sunday: 11 AM–5 PM

MEMBERS ONLY:

Tuesday: 8:30–9:30 AM

Sunday: 10–11 AM

NIGHTLIFE (21+ WITH ID):

Thursday: 6–10 PM

Last entry one hour before closing.

