



Bay Area
Discovery
Museum

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings from the Bay Area Discovery Museum (BADM)! Your child's class will be participating in the Try it Truck Program at your school.

Visit Date and Time: _____

What is the Bay Area Discovery Museum?

The Bay Area Discovery Museum is a nonprofit children's museum with a mission to transform research into early learning experiences that inspire creative problem solving. Museum programming focuses on creativity development and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. For more information, visit our website at <http://bayareadiscoverymuseum.org/>

What will my child do during the Try it Truck Program?

Children will be engaging in the 'Think Make Try' Engineering Design Process by visiting in a series of hands-on stations featuring engineering challenges and tools (ranging from hand tools such as hammers and pliers to high-tech tools such as a laser cutter and 3-D printer).

How can you get involved?

In order to participate in this experience, we need your support as volunteers so that your students can safely explore the engineering stations. **BADM requires at least 3 adult volunteers for each classroom participating in the session. For example, a session with 3 participating classrooms will require 9 adult volunteers.** See below for more information about volunteering. Please let your child's teacher know if you can volunteer for this field trip.

YES! I would like to volunteer on _____

No thanks, I can't volunteer this time.

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Volunteer Expectations

As a classroom volunteer, you will be supporting children in exploring STEM concepts by facilitating different activities. Don't stress, we'll provide you with information about the activities and suggestions on how to facilitate.

Here are our expectations of volunteers for Bay Area Discovery Museum programs:

Student Supervision: Please abide by directions from School Programs staff about maintaining a safe space for learning.

Ask Questions: One easy way to engage students to ask them questions such as "I wonder what would happen if..." or "I wonder why this happened..." Asking questions like these allows children to develop problem solving skills and encourage creative thinking; just remember there are no wrong answers!

Have Fun: The Try it Truck offers a variety of activities to explore and enjoy. We encourage you to have fun with these activities by supporting students' hands-on learning and immersing yourself in the activities as well.

Once again, thanks in advance for helping to make this day of active, exploratory learning, enjoyable and memorable for both you and for all of the students in your child's class. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

School Programs Team
Bay Area Discovery Museum

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