

FORT WORTH MUSEUM SCIENCE AND HISTORY





A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL Opening August 2022

GALAXY PARK

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Children's Courtyard will soon be home to "Galaxy Park," a fully accessible playground where children with all abilities can interact side-by-side in the space themed, out-of-this-world adventure space. "Galaxy Park" will open August 2022, in the space that formerly held the interactive Waterworks play area.

Visitors will learn and thrive in this new outdoor space. Outdoor play provides for greater freedom and flexibility for all students and guests. The playground will enable a wider range of active movement for our guests and for all of the educational programs that take place on site from our Museum Preschool and our Grant Education Programs, to our Field Trip guests.

"The all-inclusive, all-ability playground is a significant addition to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and is the first new construction since the building was finished in 2009," said Orlando Carvalho, President of the Museum. "This playground will be a fundamental place for guests to find enjoyment, develop social skills through community play and build physical activity. We invite children of all backgrounds together with their parents, guardians and other family members to explore what makes the Museum great."

The playground will be a gathering place for all young space lovers to explore and imagine together. We are excited to bring this new experience to guests of all ages and abilities as we rediscover what makes the Museum a staple in the Fort Worth Community.

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The large geometric, Hedra Scout, play structure encourages guests to explore like astronauts from ground level interaction, multiple slides, and a belt system that would allow all guests access to the fun.

Guests can practice honing their agility, balance, and hand-eye coordination as they explore the structure. They will have a chance to play together and build cooperation and imagination

Guests can blast off and jump from the moon rocks to scale a lunar structure, or visit the Cozy Dome. The sensory friendly element will also allow guests to take a moment and relax if they are over stimulated.

Outdoor play extends opportunities for large muscle development, core-body strength, flexibility, motor skill growth, and social-emotional development by offering variety, challenge, and complexity in ways that are not attainable in an indoor space.







PLAYGROUND RENDERINGS

1 | Front View

- 2 | Back View
- 3 | Side View







GALAXY PARK LANDSCAPE MAP



LEGEND

1 LANDSCAPE PLANTER BEDS 2. TEXTURED / COLORED CONCRETE 3. POURED-IN-PLACE PLAY SURFACE 4. GRANITE 'FWM' SCULPTURE 5. HEDRA SCOUT 6. MOBIUS CLIMBER 7-PANEL 7. COZY DOME 8. ORBITAL PATHS OF THE PLANETS (MOSAIC TILE INLAY) 9. POTS / PLANTS 10. MUSICAL PLAY EQUIPMENT 11. SITE FURNISHINGS 12. ROCKET DISPLAY



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ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History was established in 1941 by educators and was one of the first children's museums in the country to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. We are an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Since opening our current facility in 2009, the Museum has expanded offerings for Pre-K - 12 and multi-generational experiential learning that embraces history, science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM).

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