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 MUSEUM of **LIFE + SCIENCE**
WEDDING GUIDE

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overview

At the Museum of Life and Science, we strive to bring wonder-filled moments to each visitor of the Museum.

It is our pleasure to do the same for each attendee of your special event. We are so excited to join you on the journey towards your special day and can't wait to see what wonderful moments await!

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main museum



**Mix and mingle around a tornado.
Dance next to a lunar lander.**

Our **Main Building** exhibit space offers a number of creative settings to give you and your guests an exceptional experience. We can accommodate a variety of group sizes depending on the event details.



Seated Capacities:

Aerospace (30'x40')
100 people

South Gallery (40'x48')
120 people

South Wing (40'x48' PLUS exhibit space)
175 people



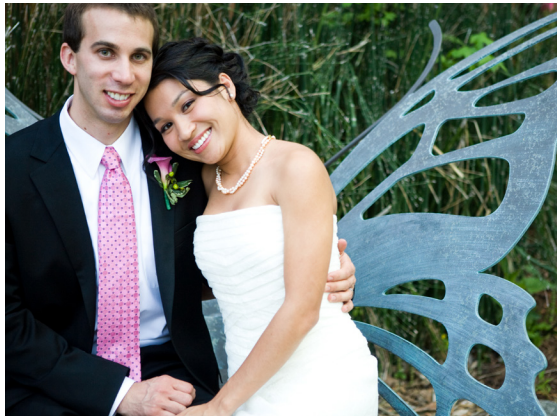
butterfly house



**Dance with hundreds of butterflies.
Walk through a tropical rainforest.**

Magic Wings Butterfly House is a “total immersion” butterfly exhibit where guests will walk through a rainforest surrounded by hundreds of tropical butterflies.

One of the Museum’s most popular attractions and among the largest butterfly houses in the Southeast, Magic Wings offers guests a spectacular setting for ceremonies, family gatherings and small receptions.



Seated Capacities:

Lobby (20'x25')
40 people



special events tent & lawn



Enjoy a romantic evening under our tent and the night sky.

Our **Special Events Tent** is 30 by 50 feet covering a red brick surface and set next to a beautifully landscaped lawn and lush garden. Featuring warm market style lights, this area is perfect to dance the night away and celebrate with loved ones.

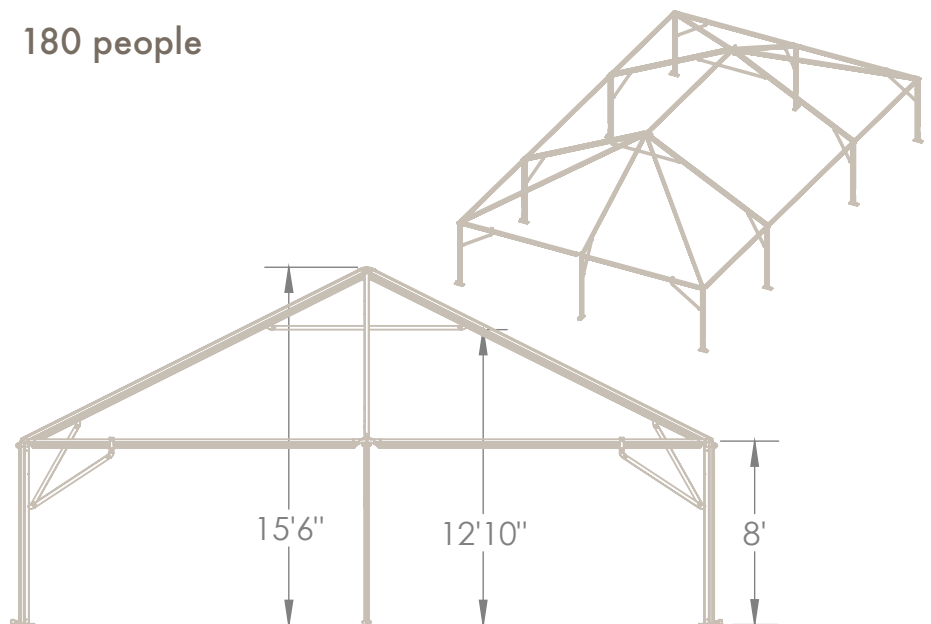
Seated Capacities:

Tent (30'x50')

120 people

Tent PLUS Lawn

180 people



hideaway woods



**Wed beneath a canopy of trees.
Climb into a treehouse village.**

Hideaway Woods is the perfect backdrop for nature lovers looking for an intimate and secluded ceremony. Enjoy unique locations like our cobb arch and upside-down tree forest or take your love to new heights by climbing into our treehouse village featuring 8 custom treehouses at varying levels.

After the ceremony, invite your guests to be kids again in **Gateway Park**. Featuring balance beams, climbing webs, and lots of open space beneath the trees, this special exhibit encourages an informal and relaxing cocktail hour before transitioning to your reception area of choice.

Seated Capacities:

Limited; inquire for more information

Available only April–September, until dusk

add-ons & services



Ceremony Rehearsal

1-hour complimentary with all wedding packages.
Scheduled 1 day prior to the event day between 9am–5pm.

Animal or Insect Encounter (\$175)

The Museum has a variety of animals to meet and touch! A Museum educator will bring up to three of our animals to meet your guests and answer questions. Specific animal availability may change. Rate is for one handler for one hour.



Butterfly Release (\$125)

Your very own private release of newly emerged butterflies into the **Magic Wings Butterfly House** conservatory. You might even get one to land on you!

Child Care (\$150 per hour)

Provide your guests with the added comfort of having one of our Museum educators entertain the kids at your event! Educators have cleared background checks and also work our birthday parties and summer camp programs. Kids can enjoy hands-on activities, explore Museum exhibits, and eat dinner together. Children ages 3 and older, please. Minimum of 2 hours required.



Train Rides (\$275)

Enjoy a thrilling joy ride on our **Ellerbe Creek Railway** through the park. The train runs for an hour making as many trips through campus as will fit in the hour.

Liquid Nitrogen Creations (starting at \$175)

Add a little wonder to cocktail hour! Our educator will use liquid nitrogen to instantly freeze beverage ingredients of your choice to make delectable frozen cocktails and treats! Price does not include ingredients or additional toppings.



exclusive vendors

It's important the Museum works with professionals who have demonstrated respect and agreed to adhere to the Museum's Rental Policies and Procedures. As such, the Museum requires you to select vendors from this list for your event. These companies have demonstrated an outstanding level of service and consistently provide high-quality goods.

Caterers

Boricua Soul Food Truck*

Serena Wilson-Fredericks
(919) 902-0520
soulpatroldurham@gmail.com
www.boricuasoulinc.com

Catering by Design

Kelli March
(919) 481-2366
info@catering-by-design.com
www.catering-by-design.com

Catering Works

Kelli Harrison
(919) 828-5932
kelli@cateringworks.com
www.cateringworks.com

Cockadoodle Moo

Food Truck

Jolie Rollins
(919) 614-0701
cockadoodlemootruck@outlook.com
www.cockadoodlemootruck.com

Green Planet Catering

Ashlyn Smith
(919) 832-6767
gpcateringnc@gmail.com
www.greenplanetcatering.com

Hillsborough BBQ

Cara Stann
(919) 732-4647
catering@hillsboroughbbq.com
www.hillsboroughbbq.com

Indulge Catering, LLC. *

Queen Precious-Jewel Zabriskie
(919) 973-3069
indulgecateringnc@gmail.com
www.Indulge-Catering.com

Mediterranean Deli

Jamil Kadoura
(919) 967-2666
catering@mediterraneandeli.com
www.mediterraneandeli.com

Rocky Top Catering

Kevin DeHimer
(919) 850-2340 ext. 102
kevin@rockytopcatering.com
www.rockytopcatering.com

Southern Harvest Catering

Tom Meyer
(919) 600-0811
catering@southernharvesthg.com
www.southernharvestcatering.com

Virginia and Company*

Natelege Bryant
(919) 972-8263
info@virginiaandco.com
www.virginiaandco.com

Bartending

POUR Bar Services

Ashlee Adams
(919) 906-5202
ashlee@pourbarservices.com
www.pourbarservices.com

Rentals

American Party Rentals

Cedrika Holliday
(919) 544-1555
cedrika@americanpartyrentals.com
www.americanpartyrentals.com

Party Reflections

Emily Pratt
(919) 354-2595
epratt@partyreflections.com
www.partyreflections.com

**New-To-The-Crew Vendor! We have added this vendor who comes with high recommendations to give more variety to our list. Please note that our New-To-The-Crew vendors have not worked with our Museum rentals team as frequently, but we are excited to begin our partnership with them!*

recommended vendors

In an effort to provide the best experience for our clients, we recommend that you select a vendor from this list. These vendors have been vetted by the Museum to be excellent partners for our clients.

Bakeries

Capital Cakes

Katelyn Johnson
(919) 504-CAKE
capitalcakes@gmail.com
www.capitalcakesnc.com

Cinda's Creative Cakes

Cinda Putnam
(919) 303-1151
cinda@cindascreativecakes.com
www.cindascreativecakes.com

Edible Art Bakery & Dessert Cafe

Mindy Glatfelter and Erin Seabolt
(919) 856-0604
info@edibleartnc.com
www.edibleartnc.com

Guglhupf

Katie Horn
(919) 409-2600 x104
info@guglhupf.com
www.guglhupf.com

DJs and Lighting

All Events DJs

Victor Vispetto
(919) 285-3883
info@alleventsdfsnc.com
www.alleventsdfsnc.com

Cool Receptions*

David Ngo
(919) 371-2675
info@coolreceptions.com
www.coolreceptions.com

DJ Ryan the DJ

Ryan Levin
(919) 701-2342
ryan@djryanthedj.com
www.djryanthedj.com

Integrity Strings*

LaSaundra Booth
(919) 491-4792
integritystrings@gmail.com
www.integritystrings.com

Get Lit Special Event Lighting

Terri & Dave Watson
(919) 257-8736
getlit.watson@gmail.com
www.getlitspecialeventlighting.com

VOX DJ Company

Alex Choi
(919) 300-6869
alex@voxdjcompany.com
www.voxdjcompany.com

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Florists

Bowerbird Flowers & Apothecary

Diane Elsass-Joyal
(984) 234-0024
diane@bowerbirdflowers.com
www.bowerbirdflowers.com

Pine State Flowers

Maggie Smith
(919) 578-8150
maggie@pinestateflowers.com
www.pinestateflowers.com

Tre Bella

Rachael Price
(919) 620-6187
rachael@trebellaflorist.com
www.trebellaflorist.com

Officiants

Ann McKenzie, Joy Filled Ceremonies

Ann McKenzie
(919) 920-0569
annmckenzie@omnigirl.net
www.annmckenzie.net

Tie the Knot with Torri

Torri Moore
(919) 523-3953
torriofficials@yahoo.com
www.tietheknotwithtorri.com

Event Planners

A Paradigm Shift Event, LLC

Jocelyn Warren, MSW, PhD, CWP
(919) 701-9556
contact@aparadigmshiftevent.com
www.aparadigmshiftevent.com

Dogwood Gatherings & Events

Addie Thompson
(919) 801-7573
addie@dogwoodgatherings.com
www.dogwoodgatherings.com

Emily Katherine Events

Emily Thomas
(336) 254-6273
emily@emilykatherineevents.com
www.emilykatherineevents.com

Events by Memory Lane, LLC

Stacy Newburg
(814) 880-0621
hello@eventsbymemorylane.com
www.eventsbymemorylane.com

Folie à Deux Events

Erica Greenwold Reisen
518-331-4483
erica@folieadeuxevents.com
www.folieadeuxevents.com

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Something Fabulous Weddings

Trent Crumpler & Ashley McElroy
(919) 222-9298
somethingfabulousweddings@gmail.com
www.somethingfabulousweddings.com

The Gathering Co.

Chelsy Ferguson
(919) 648-3418
chelsy@tgcevents.com
www.tgcevents.com

Photography & Videography

Autumn Harrison Photography

Autumn Harrison
(919) 824-4848
autumn@autumnharrison.com
www.autumnharrison.com

Fancy This Photography

Nikki Whitt
(919) 699-3519
nikki@fancythisphotography.com
www.fancythisphotography.com

Morgan Henderson Photography

Morgan Henderson
(919) 998-6886
morgan@morganhendersonphotography.com
www.morganhendersonphotography.com

New Standard Videography and Photography

Kyle & Danielle Johnson
(252) 883-5169
newstandardvideography@gmail.com
www.newstandardvideophoto.com

Sean True Photography

Sean True
(919) 824-9036
studio@seantruephotography.com
www.seantruephotography.com

Snacks (and other reception enhancements)

Apt. N Coffee

Ibrahim Darhmaoui and Omar Rezk
apt.n.coffee@gmail.com
www.aptncoffee.com

Makus Empanadas

Hernan Moyano
(984) 888-5302
catering@makusempanadas.com
www.makusempanadas.com

SweetWater Ices

Michael Beggen
(516) 242-5487
sweetwaterices@gmail.com
www.sweetwaterices.com

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wedding packages

All full wedding packages include:

- 4 hours total rental time on day of wedding
- 1 hour rehearsal on day prior (during business hours) for all packages with a ceremony
- Ready Room (1 hour prior to ceremony)
- Early access for clients, guests, and vendors up to 1 hour prior to event start
- Standard cleaning fee
- Day-of access to 84-acre campus for photographs, 1 hour prior (wedding party and/or family only)
- Built in rain plan for outdoor venues
- Ability to increase the package time

Magic Wings Package

Magic Wings Butterfly House and Special Events Tent/Lawn

- Venue:** 4 hour package
Front Stairs/Patio OR Special Events Tent/Lawn (ceremony)
Butterfly House, including exhibits (cocktail hour)
Special Events Tent/Lawn (reception)
- Services:** Venue coordination for up to 150 people
Logistical planning prior to event and day-of venue coordinator

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| Venue Agreement Total | \$4,500.00 |
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Museum Wonder Package

Main Building - Aerospace, South Gallery, and Mercury Meeting Room

- Venue:** 4 hour package
Mercury Meeting Room (ceremony)
Aerospace Exhibit (cocktail hour)
South Gallery (reception)
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Wings and Wonder Package

Special Events Tent/Lawn, Magic Wings Butterfly House, and South Gallery

Venue: 4 hour package
Special Events Tent/Lawn (ceremony)
Butterfly House, including exhibits (cocktail hour)
Main Building, South Gallery (reception)

Services: Venue coordination for up to 150 people
Logistical planning prior to event and day-of venue coordinator

Venue Agreement Total **\$5,500.00**

Woods & Wonder Package

Hideaway Woods, Gateway Park, and Main Building OR Special Events Tent

Venue: 4 hour package
Hideaway Woods (ceremony)
Gateway Park (cocktail hour)
Main Building, South Gallery OR Special Events Tent (reception)

Services: Venue coordination for up to 150 people
Logistical planning prior to event and day-of venue coordinator

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