

Frequently Asked Questions

Is a deposit required to reserve a room?

To secure your facility rental, a signed contract and a non-refundable deposit are needed. This deposit will be applied to the room rental balance due at the time of your event. For your convenience, SCI accepts corporate checks, cash, money orders and credit cards. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide direct billing.

Who will cater my event at SCI?

The Science Center of Iowa is proud to partner with Eurest Dining Services as the exclusive caterer for events at SCI. A part of the Compass Group, the world's leading food service company, Eurest Dining Services is committed to creating original food and delivering quality service. Eurest Dining Services will be pleased to provide all food and beverages for your event. Exceptions to this include cake, mints, and nuts provided by the client.

Can we have alcohol at our event?

SCI offers a full compliment of cocktails, wine and beer for guests over the age of 21. In addition to those choices listed on our regular beverage menu, we look forward to the opportunity to find a special vintage or bottle to meet your groups' needs. All alcoholic beverages must be provided and served by employees of SCI's in-house caterer, Eurest Dining Services. For the safety of you and all of SCI's participants, consumption of alcoholic beverages will be confined to the rental spaces included in the facility rental.

What types of decorations are permitted at SCI?

With bright colors, flexible lighting and inviting spaces, the Science Center of Iowa is an inviting place that requires minimal accessorizing. Should you choose to bring in decorations for your event, our facility rental staff looks forward to working with you to ensure that your materials will enhance your experience while protecting the sensitivity of SCI's equipment and surfaces. Please note that candles and helium balloons, birdseed, bubbles, glitter, rice, confetti, and fog are prohibited and hanging, tacking, pinning or taping anything to facility walls is not allowed.

Can we have a band or DJ to provide music at our event?

Our event staff looks forward to working with you to facilitate all of your entertainment needs. From live bands to energetic DJ's, we are anxious to understand and facilitate your vision. All entertainment must be pre-approved through the Science Center and our trained staff will work to facilitate your experience.

Do you have A/V equipment available?

SCI is pleased to offer a limited list of in-house audio/visual equipment available for rent for your convenience. For anything beyond our expertise, the Science Center works with Markey's Rental and Staging as our preferred A/V vendor. From screens and projectors to full sound systems and more, Markey's and the Science Center can meet any need for your event and our facility rental staff will work with you to ensure your expectations are exceeded.



Is parking available for event guests?

A convenient public parking ramp is located intersection of 4th Street and Market Street directly north of SCI. We would be happy to arrange for you to host parking for your guests or they can pay the hourly rate at the ramp upon exiting. Metered street parking is also available.

Can we enjoy the SCI experience during our event?

With six themed experience platforms, more than 150 interactive exhibits, three theaters and so much more to explore, we welcome the opportunity to discuss how the SCI experience can be a part of your next event. Full IMAX buy-outs, as well as discounted group admission are available for groups of 10 or more to complement your event.



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