“Chabot offers so many different variations on rental packages so you can rent out different portions of the museum across a broad spectrum of price points. Also, it’s an education non-profit so it feels nice that the venue fee is going towards science education.”

- Heather, 9/28/19
Let the stars smile on you and witness our state-of-the-art Center transform into an out-of-this-world destination. Surrounded by 13 acres of majestic redwoods in the Oakland Hills, Chabot Space & Science Center is a unique and stunning location to hold your next event.

Whether you are planning a corporate meeting, gala, holiday party, team building event, or wedding, Chabot offers a variety of rental spaces to fit your needs. Our events team will help you customize a unique experience inside Chabot's architectural buildings, outdoors surrounded by the redwood forest, or up on our Observation Deck where Chabot’s three historical telescopes reside.

Pricing varies by the season and combination of venues chosen. Contact us today to schedule a customized consultation with one of our event specialists:

(510) 336-7439
Rentals@ChabotSpace.org
www.chabotspace.org/rent-chabot

“Ours wedding was so much fun - our guests were blown away and kept telling us all night (and in the days and weeks since!) how much fun they had and how it was such a unique and memorable venue.”

-Gabrielle 8/3/2019

**OUR VENUES**

**THE RICHARD L. SPEES BUILDING**

Seated capacity: 500
The Spees Building is our grand entryway to the Center and includes three levels of exhibits and two theaters. Rent the entire building, or individual levels. From the octagonal skylight of the Rotunda to the floor-to-ceiling windows, glass skybridge, and Loggia hugging the exterior of the building, you’ll feel like you are up in the trees while surrounded by the clean lines of our spectacular architecture.

1ST LEVEL
Seated capacity: 200
Great for receiving guests, dancing, and live entertainment, this space includes the Rotunda topped by a skylight that radiates sunlight and moonlight. Our Destination Universe exhibit invites guests to engage in fascinating interactive and digital media displays about the wonders of our universe.

2ND LEVEL
Seated Capacity: 100
A series of dramatic settings with various views of the redwoods, skyline, and hilltops can be enjoyed from our Loggia. The Upper Rotunda, Mezzanine, and Loggia all provide space for dinner tables and buffet stations. Your guests will enjoy our Going the Distance: Our Reach Into Space exhibit where you can offer cocktails and appetizers in an engaging atmosphere they won’t soon forget.
LOWER LEVEL
Seated Capacity: 60
Ideal for a meet-and-greet and cocktail party, a small seated dinner, or a private meeting space, the Lower Level of Spees is a charming area surrounded by the gorgeous images of our Touch the Sun exhibit. The space can also be used as an elegant bridal suite or groom’s room for your preparations before the ceremony.

PLEIADES COURTYARD
Seated Capacity: 200
Located between the Spees and Dellums buildings, this location features an Amphitheater, tented dining space, garden, and central courtyard. It is perfect as an informal presentation space or a lovely outdoor setting for special events such as weddings, anniversaries, family reunions, and corporate or client appreciation dinners.

THEATERS

PLANETARIUM
Capacity: 241
Under the 70-foot dome you can take your audience on real-time journeys to the edge of the known universe and back again. Project your own presentation, proposal, memorial, or create the perfect ceremony under the stars with one of the world’s most advanced visualization systems. Select from Chabot’s extensive list of educational and visually immersive shows.

TIEN MEGADOME THEATER
Capacity: 205
This 60-foot diameter giant screen is ideal for a special lecture, conference presentation, or film viewing. Customize your own experience by playing your favorite movie on High-Definition Blu-Ray or DVD. You can even rent the auditorium to play video games on a massive scale!

GRUENER ASTRONOMY HALL
Seated Capacity: 350 (rows); 250 (dining with room for dance floor)
This hall is the largest unobstructed event space for contiguous seating and dining. With a built-in projector, screen, and speakers, Astronomy Hall can also serve as a lecture hall. Conveniently located next to the Observatory Complex, your guests will be able to step outside for beautiful views overlooking the Bay Area and access our three historical telescopes.

Project Create is a mobile exhibit in Astronomy Hall where guests play, design, and marvel as they build, add, and innovate to make their most adventurous ideas take shape. Elements of Project Create may be incorporated into your event within Astronomy Hall if desired.
MEETING ROOMS

Hauben, Capacity: 35
Galileo, Capacity: 45
Kepler & Copernicus adjoining rooms, Capacity: 45 individually or 90 combined

Four meeting rooms are perfect for conferences, meetings, retreats, luncheons, or a bridal suite and groom’s lounge. Each room is fully equipped with built-in projectors, drop down screens, dimmable lighting, whiteboards, laptop connectivity and lapel mics. Rooms come with furniture and can be set up in theater (semi-circle), classroom (straight rows), or any variety of configurations. The adjoining Kepler and Copernicus rooms can be combined with synced projectors.

LABORATORIES

Capacity: 60

Turn a standard meeting into an engaging experience with a state-of-the-art, science-themed setting. With the quintessential science classroom feel, our Biology and Chemistry/Physics Labs are excellent for performing demos and presentations for learning, teambuilding, or strategic planning.
CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER MISSION

Capacity: 16-32
Activity Duration: 120-150 Minutes
Cost: Flat Rate $1,800.00

Challenger Learning Center’s focus on teamwork is a perfect catalyst for corporate team building. The unique learning environment demands the attention of the participants, captures their imagination and drives home your training message in a dramatic and memorable way. The immersive environment and challenging tasks force your team to work together to survive a “life or death” scenario. The success of the 2.5 hour mission to Mars depends on effective communication and problem-solving skills. Each person experiences two simulator locations - mission control which is patterned after NASA's Johnson Space Center and the operations deck of the space shuttle.

TAPPING THE WIND

Capacity: Up to 30 per flat rate package; may book multiple packages
Activity Duration: 60-90 Minutes
Cost: Flat Rate $500.00 in addition to venue rental

Your help is needed to build more efficient wind turbines to support the global demand for renewable energy. In this Chabot educator-led workshop, guests will work in teams to optimize the energy output of a wind turbine model through the design, construction and testing of their own wind turbine blade concepts.
EVENT ADD-ONS

PROJECT CREATE FACILITATED PROJECTS
Capacity: Up to 1,500
Activity Duration: 120 Minutes; activity duration at guest’s leisure
Cost: $600 per project up to 75 guests. $200 for every additional 50 persons and/or additional hour

- Scribblebots: Release your inner child in Project Create’s scribblebot workshop! Using simple fun materials you will create a robot that propels itself across the table leaving scribbles in its path. As you watch it draw, think of different ways you can engineer your Scribblebot to change its movements.
- Hydraulics: Drown in the fun of Project Create as we create machines using the power of water in our hydraulics workshop! Experiment with syringes to create your own ghost box, make objects lift or construct a drawbridge.
- Zoetropes: Kick it old school with Project Create’s zoetrope workshop! Spin your drawings to life in a zoetrope or twirl up a mid-boggling optical illusion with a thaumatrope.

GALAXY EXPLORER DEMO CART
Capacity: Up to 1,500
Activity Duration: 120 Minutes
Cost: $300.00 per demo cart
Chabot’s teen science ambassadors lead engaging activities at drop-in stations for your guests. Choose from the following activities:
- Boo Dry Ice Bubbles: Boo Bubbles are what you get when you fill a bubble with a carbon dioxide cloud using Steve Spangler’s cloud bubble generator.
- Comets from Dry Ice: Visitors will learn about comets by watching the creation of a simulated comet.
- pH Testing Chemistry w/Dry Ice: Visitors will observe liquids change color by the additional of chemicals and dry ice and learn about the pH scale testing acids, bases and neutrals.
- Spectroscopes: Separate light into a band of colors or rainbow which indicates the composition of the of the source. The Galaxy Explorers display gas samples which when viewed through diffraction gratings yield the colorful spectrum.
- Vacuum Pump: Learn about why astronauts need spacesuits and what would happen to the human body in space without one.

SCAVENGER HUNT
Capacity: 1-1,500
Cost: $5 per participant in addition to venue rental
A casual self-guided photo & fact-finding hunt.

DOCENT TOURS
Capacity: Up to 15 per docent
Activity Duration: 60-90 Minutes
Cost: Museum admission ($10/person with venue rental) + $100 per docent
Explore the entire museum beyond your event space and spark your curiosity about the universe around you. Tours encourage thoughtful interpretation and conversations about Chabot exhibits making science and space come to life.

LIVE SCIENCE SHOW
Capacity: Up to 190 per show
Activity Duration: 45 Minutes
Cost: Megadome Rental of $1,500.00 + $600 (1 show), or $1,100 (2 shows), or $1,400.00 (3 shows)
Treat your guests to an interactive, explosive science show suitable for all ages. Experience the wonders of chemistry as your presenters, Dr. Scorch and Professor Chill, demonstrate a series of engaging chemical reactions, including chemical salts flame testing, magnesium burning, alcohol combustion and more.

LIVE ZEISS ASTRONOMY SHOW
Capacity: Up to 241 per show
Activity Duration: Approximately 45 Minutes with Q & A
Cost: Planetarium Rental of $1,900.00 + $400 (1 live show), or $700 (2 live shows)
Astronomers guide guests through the cosmos in this classic live Planetarium presentation.
WEDDING PACKAGES

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE PACKAGE
Celebrate a celestial ceremony by getting married on a spot-lit stage beneath the gorgeous night sky thick with stars, while your guests sit spellbound in comfortable tiered seats in the planetarium. Guests enjoy our most popular spots across the museum with cocktail hour on the 2nd Floor of Spees among interactive exhibits, and dinner and dancing in Gruener Astronomy Hall.

» Accommodates up to 240 guests
» 2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour rental of reception spaces
» Available Friday and Saturday (Sunday-Thursday, discounted rate)

WRITTEN IN THE STARS PACKAGE
Celebrate throughout the night with dinner, dancing, and drinks among three levels of interactive exhibits and the architectural magnificence of the Spees Building after a starlit ceremony in the Planetarium.

» Accommodates up to 240 guests
» Three levels of exhibits with the outdoor courtyard
» Available Friday and Saturday (Sunday-Thursday, discounted rate)
» 2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour Spees building rental

MOONLIGHT PACKAGE
Dazzle your guests with a stunning ceremony at the Chabot Observatory with a view of the sun setting over the bay and beautiful redwood trees. Enjoy dinner, dancing, and toasts in neighboring Gruener Astronomy Hall. Guests will have easy access to our three historical telescopes for evening viewings with our astronomers.

» Accommodates up to 200 guests
» Available Friday and Saturday (Sunday-Thursday, discounted rate)
» Largest contiguous space for reception
» 2-hour Chabot Observatory rental with 7-hour Gruener Astronomy Hall rental

OPEN SKY PACKAGE
Say your vows at the Chabot Observatory overlooking the majestic redwoods. Watch the sun go down as you wine and dine on the Observation Deck before telescope viewings.

» Accommodates up to 150 guests on Sundays-Thursdays
» 2-hour exclusive Telescope Viewing with 7-hour Observation Deck rental

PLEIADES PACKAGE
Exchange your vows in the amphitheater, followed by dinner and dancing in the outdoor tent and courtyard, surrounded by Redwood trees. Perfect for couples looking for a simple and casual celebration with natural surroundings.

Evening Fridays or Saturday (Sunday-Thursday, discounted rate)
» Accommodates up to 130 guests
» 7-hour rental of Pleiades Courtyard, outdoor tent, and amphitheater

Daytime Saturday or Sunday, 10am–5pm
» Admission included.
» Accommodates up to 130 guests
» This is the only package available during open museum hours
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I SECURE MY DATE?
An event space and date are reserved once a signed contract is returned with a 50% deposit. The remaining balance along with a refundable $1,000 security deposit are due 30 days prior to the event. Meeting Rooms require a $100 security deposit.

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE SHOULD I SECURE MY DATE?
It is never too early to book your date, especially if it is a date that you are not willing to give up. High volume seasons such as proms (April-May), weddings (April-September), and holiday parties (November-January) book up quickly.

DO I NEED TO PROVIDE INSURANCE?
Yes. Chabot requires a certificate of insurance in the amount of up to $1 million of coverage for events in exhibits. Not applicable for meeting rooms. The client obtains this through their insurance company within 30 days of the event. We can also refer you to an insurance provider.

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE VENUE RENTAL?
Pricing varies by the date and venue spaces selected. Please contact us for a customized consultation.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE RENTAL PRICE?
- Cost of rental facility
- Regular security service for evening events
- Parking
- Onsite event staff
- Up to two 1-hour planning walkthroughs
- Taxes

CAN I SERVE FOOD AND BEVERAGES IN THE EXHIBIT SPACES?
Yes! As a nonprofit and educational institution our exhibits are intended to be hands-on. We welcome guests to interact with exhibits throughout the event. The only restricted areas are the telescope domes and theaters, although drink drop stations can be arranged for any guests that would like to partake in viewings or shows.

DO I NEED TO USE AN APPROVED CATERER?
It is highly recommended that clients coordinate with one of our preferred caterers, although a buyout option of $1,000 is available for outside caterers. All Chabot caterers are well-versed in our policies and procedures, and are fully insured and licensed by the city and state. The caterer provides all personnel and equipment required for preparation of food and beverage, and handles rental orders for tables, linens, dishware, etc., and is responsible for setup/breakdown within Chabot’s rental agreements. Drop-off catering permitted during daytime; 45 ppl or less.

IS FURNITURE INCLUDED? WHO ORDERS THE RENTAL EQUIPMENT?
We have a limited number of tables available for rental. Generally, the caterer will handle the rental of tables, chairs, plates, dinnerware, and glassware. We can also refer you to a rental company if you would like to handle these needs independently.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVENT CLEANUP?
The client is responsible for the setup and removal of all equipment used for their event, although this is typically handled by the caterer. All Chabot preferred caterers will take care of any food service cleanup during and after the event, including all rental equipment such as table, chairs, flatware, glassware, etc.

CAN I COOK MY OWN FOOD IN YOUR CATERING KITCHEN?
No, only licensed caterers with Chabot Space & Science Center may use the catering kitchen.

DOES CHABOT PROVIDE EVENT PLANNING?
An onsite coordinator will assist with facility-related issues, but that person is not a comprehensive event planner. We are happy to refer clients to a skilled complete event planning specialist.

IS THERE A HOSPITALITY ROOM TO GET DRESSED BEFORE THE CEREMONY?
Yes, we provide a classroom or alternative space as a hospitality room for wedding rentals.

DO YOU BOOK MULTIPLE EVENTS AT THE SAME TIME?
Chabot reserves the right to book concurrent events in the non-reserved spaces. Spaces not reserved remain off limits to guests. All considerations are given to ensure as much event privacy as possible.

IF WE RENT A SPACE AT YOUR FACILITY, CAN OUR GUESTS ROAM THROUGH THE ENTIRE CENTER?
No. Spaces not reserved remain off limits to guests, unless special admission has been added.

WHEN CAN SET UP BEGIN?
Setup in exhibit spaces can begin at 5pm Wednesday through Sundays when the museum closes to the public. Events on Mondays and Tuesdays may begin within a time frame contracted with Chabot event coordinators. Vendors may drop off and unload shipments at the assigned loading dock starting at 12pm on the day of the event.

WHAT IS YOUR ALCOHOL POLICY?
Liquor is permitted but may only be consumed by guests aged twenty-one (21) years or older and must be served by a licensed bar service. All of the preferred caterers can provide bar service.

WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION POLICY?
If a booking is cancelled in writing 150+ days prior to the event, 100% of the deposit minus a $300.00 processing fee will be returned; 60-150 days prior to the event 50% of the deposit will be returned. Cancellations received less than 60 days in advance do not qualify for a refund.
THE RED DOOR
(TRD) is a Bay Area team of skilled chefs, event designers, and customer-conscious staff who take great pleasure in presenting fresh local ingredients, expertly prepared for the best dining experience. We are operationally earth-friendly and environmentally conscious. Our goal at TRD is to fully manifest our client’s vision and make it look effortless. Whether casual or extravagant, we want our clients to have great food and great fun – this is the combination that builds community.

CARRIE DOVE CATERING & EVENTS
Since 2001, Carrie Dove has worked hard to build a team of talented chefs, creative event specialists, captains and wait staff. Our team prides ourselves on providing Comfortably Elegant food & service. We work in partnership with our clients to produce perfect events.

GRACE STREET CATERING, FLORAL, & EVENT DESIGN
Since 1987, Grace Street Catering has been at the heart of inspired, engaging, and stunning events. Our uniquely collaborative process combines culinary innovation, gracious service, and elegant design, producing a warm and personal experience for each guest. Our sustainably minded team of tastemakers will cater every detail to your vision, ensuring that each guest leaves with a once-in-a-lifetime memory.

BLUE HERON CATERING
Blue Heron has been creating delicious menus since 1988. We have a great passion for authenticity in our cooking, no matter what region the flavors are derived from. We love to create menus from anywhere in the world, from Peru to Thailand, from Italy to Sri Lanka and beyond. While the sustainable food movement has become a way of life here in the Bay Area, we have always made utilizing our local food shed a priority in our business model. As an Oakland based company our commitment to local and responsible food has strong roots in California and in our menus.

CHECKERS CATERING AND SPECIAL EVENTS
Checkers Catering and Special Events takes great pride in our company and it shows in the quality of our cuisine, extraordinary customer service and attention to every detail. If you expect unsurpassed options in arranging your social or corporate occasion, please call for a personal consultation with one of our special event planners. It will be our pleasure to assist you in making your celebration one to remember, because your event is as important to us as it is to you.
LA BONNE CUISINE CATERING & EVENTS
La Bonne Cuisine Creates unique experiences by combining seasonal and local cuisine with a flair for drama and design.

ACT CATERING
ACT Catering is a full-service catering company serving the greater Bay Area for more than 18 years. We delight our clients with attentive personal service and the finest cuisine, using only the freshest seasonal ingredients from local sustainable farms to prepare courses rivaling those in the best restaurants. Our planning experts work directly with you to create events to remember, from intimate dinners for two and birthday parties with friends to large weddings, corporate meetings, and lavish galas — and everything in between. Large or small, formal or casual, we make your special occasion shine.

SWANKY CATERING AND EVENTS
Swanky Catering and Events is a unique, full-service catering and event production company that specializes in custom event creation. From the office to the ballroom, every detail of your event will be tailored to your needs and tastes. We provide amazing menus that are high quality, unique and fresh. From drop offs to full service. We are the perfect choice when you want to celebrate in style.

SALT & HONEY CATERING & EVENTS
At Salt & Honey, we believe every occasion should be a celebration! We are passionate about creating fun, memorable and effortless events. Our approach is simple: Take the best ingredients at the height of their season and let them shine. We believe using locally sourced and sustainably raised-and-caught produce, meat and seafood creates the best meals that are satisfying for the palate and responsible for the environment.

TRUMPETVINE CATERING
We have 30+ years of Bay Area experience planning, preparing and executing events. Committed, creative, tasteful, interesting and refined.

MCCALLS CATERING & EVENTS
For over thirty years, McCall’s has been the Bay Area’s premier catering and event company. We have been the partner of choice for corporate, civic, and social event planners in the Bay Area and beyond, and have produced some of the most fabulous personal and special events in the country.
VERDUCCI EVENT PRODUCTIONS
Our mission is to use technology, talent, and customer service to create environments that transport people to another place where they can create lasting memories, inspire positive change in the world, and achieve their dreams. We accomplish this by aligning with your goals and vision, making the entire process fun and seamless, and creating innovative experiences you won’t forget.

CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS WITH IRENE KANE, OFFICIANT
Irene offers original wedding ceremonies individually crafted for each couple. She takes time getting to know you through personal interviews and a thoughtful questionnaire. Your love story becomes the centerpiece of your ceremony with tender vows, appropriate readings and possible rituals to add a little flavor to the script. She brings your dreams and ideas to life in a relaxed, yet efficient manner, ensures happy guests with ear to ear smiles and leaves you with memories of a warm and loving ceremony that you can look back on throughout your married life. She honors your special day in a collaborative, innovative way!

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON
SAN FRANCISCO BAY BRIDGE
The style and service you want, all at a great price for your group. With a location that is just 10 miles from Chabot Space & Science Center, your next meeting, wedding, conference, lecture, or team building group will enjoy special offers.

HOLLY D PHOTOGRAPHY
Holly D Photography is a Napa based wedding photographer specializing in capturing your most treasured moments by bringing them to life every time you set your eyes on them! Holly is an exquisite wedding photographer who cares deeply about the relationship she builds with her clients, ensuring to give each client the best experience that they deserve for their special day.

JBJ PICTURES
JBJ Pictures is a team of talented photographers in the Bay Area with a light, airy and modern style. With a genuine passion for photography and the happiness of our clients, the JBJ Pictures team always delivers on quality and an exceptional experience.
**SIMPLY ELEGANT WEDDINGS & EVENTS**

It has become our mission and goal as wedding and event planners to create a dream come true for our clients. We are committed to delivering a stress-free environment as we coordinate each detail so that you may relax and focus on the heart of the matter while we take on the load of what seems like a thousand impossible tasks so that you can fully experience and enjoy your special day!

**A MONIQUE AFFAIR**

A Monique Affair is a full-service event planning company based in Oakland, California, also serving the San Francisco Bay Area and surrounding region. Founder Chanda Monique Daniels and her team have more than 20 years of experience designing and executing beautiful weddings full of sophistication and class.

**KATHARINA STUART FLORAL ART AND DESIGN**

With over 30 years of experience in the floral industry, we at Katharina Stuart Floral Art and Design know how important the decor for your party is and we will do our best to find the perfect solution for your event. We beautify weddings, bar/bat mitzvah’s, birthday parties, life celebrations, corporate events and any occasion that calls for something beautiful.

**BLUMA FLOWER FARM**

Woman owned and operated, local, certified organic field grown flowers and floral design. Growing flowers for everyone, people and pollinators, and creating wild, whimsical and romantic floral design.

**PHOTOMEBOOTH**

Whether you are looking to provide the classic photo booth experience or wow your guests with boomerang, GIF, or video booth technology, we have the solution to take your brand, party, or wedding to the next level!

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**GIFT SHOP**

Ask about custom favors from our Gift Shop! Popular items like astronaut ice cream and constellation mugs are thoughtful favors for guests to remember your special event.

Thank you for considering Chabot for your event. Contact us today to schedule a customized consultation with one of our event specialists:

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