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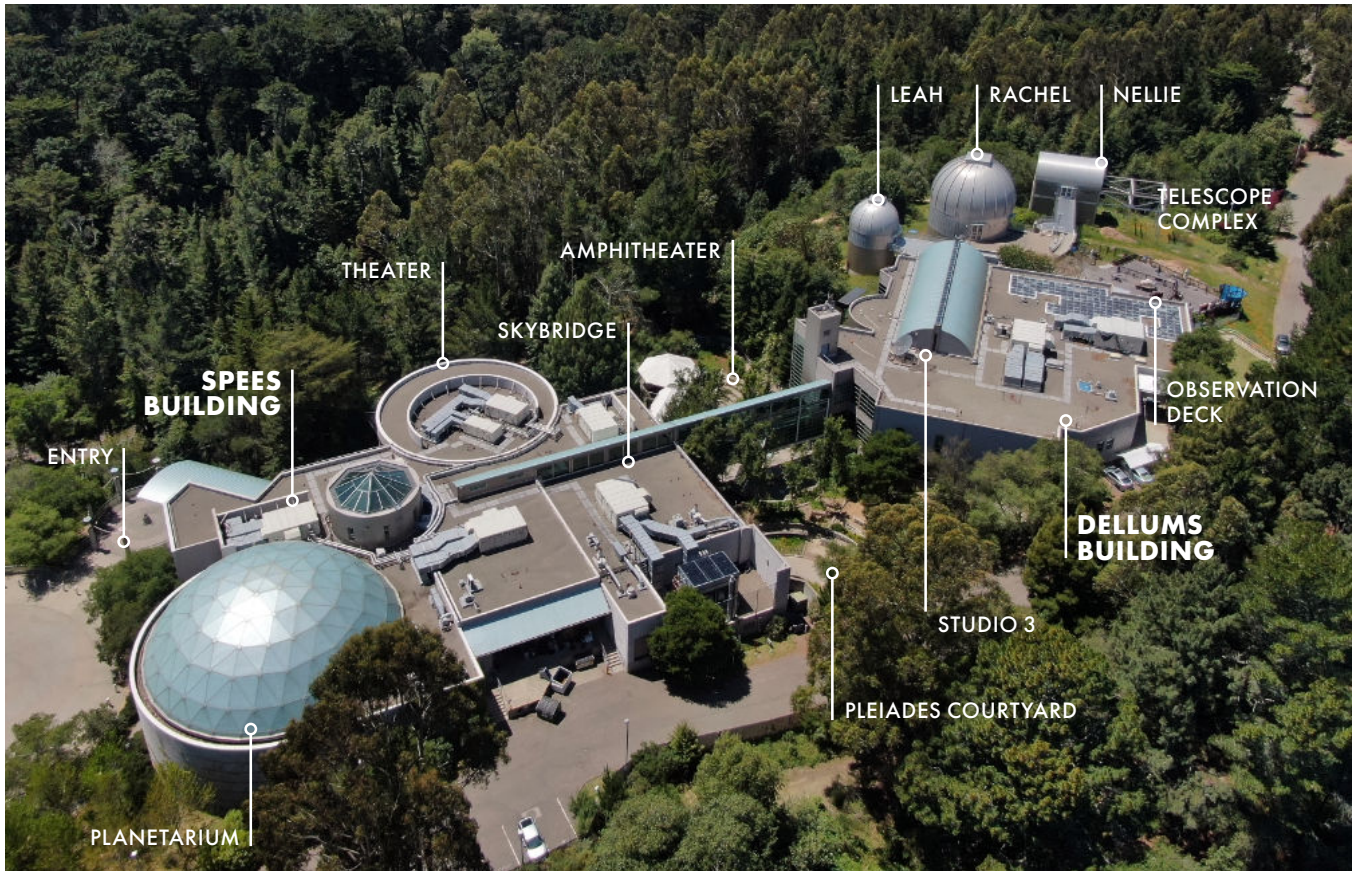
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Thank you for choosing Chabot!
Your event fuels STEAM education for a new generation of explorers.

OUR VENUES



Surrounded by 13 acres of redwoods in the Oakland Hills, Chabot Space & Science Center is a unique and stunning location to hold your next event.

"We have nothing but profound praise for Chabot Space & Science Center—it is an amazing place to get married! It also feels so good to support a community nonprofit."

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OUR VENUES



THE SPEES BUILDING

Capacity: 450 (seated)
700 (standing)

Rate: Sat: \$10,900 | Sun–Fri \$8,900

The Spees Building is Chabot's grand entrance, featuring three levels of exhibits, a theater, and a planetarium. Rent the full building or select levels for immersive exhibit experiences or roving-style events. With an octagonal skylight, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a wraparound balcony, the space offers stunning treetop views within a sleek industrial design.

Spees Building: Level 1

Capacity: 150 (seated)
250 (standing)

Rate: Sun–Fri: \$5,900

An ideal space for receptions, dancing, and live entertainment, featuring the sunlit Rotunda and Studio 1 exhibit, the NASA Ames Visitor Center.

Spees Building: Level 2

Capacity: 80 (seated)
175 (standing)

Rate: Sun–Fri: \$5,900

Enjoy sweeping forest views with ample space for dinner seating and buffet stations for smaller groups. Guests can mingle in the Studio 2 exhibit, Going the Distance, perfect for cocktails and appetizers.

Spees Building: Courtyard

Capacity: 200 (seated)
300 (standing)

Rate: Sun–Fri: \$5,200

A relaxed, open-air setting perfect for casual gatherings, picnics, and outdoor celebrations. Nestled between the Spees and Dellums buildings, this space features an amphitheater, garden, and dining areas with stunning views of the neighboring Joaquin Miller Park. Ideal for corporate mixers, family reunions, and laid-back receptions.



SPEES L1



SPEES L2



COURTYARD

OUR VENUES



Spees Building: Planetarium

Capacity: 241

Rate: \$2,500 with rental of another venue;
\$3,500 stand-alone 2 hrs

Create a one-of-a-kind experience under our 70-foot dome, where the universe becomes part of your event. Whether it's a wedding, proposal, memorial, or presentation, our team can custom-design celestial projections to make your moment truly unique. Exchange vows beneath the night sky from a meaningful date, have a moon-rise frame your entrance, or set the scene with a cosmic nebula in your favorite colors. For a dramatic finale, watch galaxies collide as you share your first kiss. Choose from Chabot's collection of immersive shows or project your own custom content for a truly out-of-this-world experience.



PLANETARIUM

Spees Building: Theater

Capacity: 205

Rate: \$1,900 with rental of another venue;
\$2,400 stand-alone 2 hrs

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.



THEATER

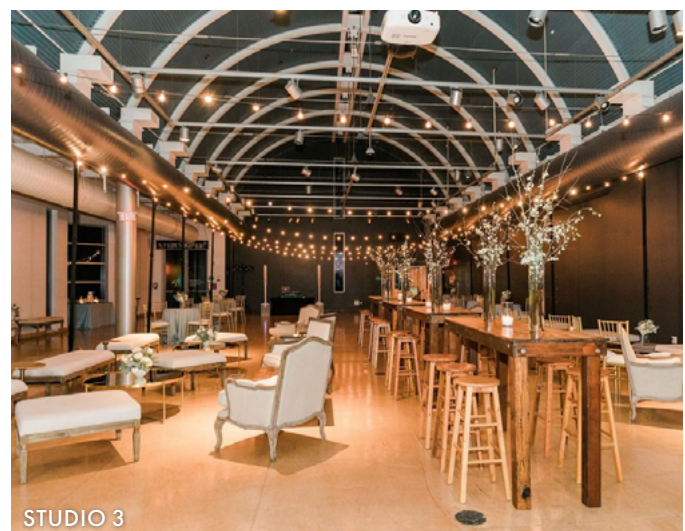
THE DELLUMS BUILDING

Studio 3: Astronomy Hall

Capacity: 400 (standing or theater-style seating);
250 (dining with dance floor)

Rate: Sat: \$9,500 | Sun–Fri: \$7,900

Studio 3: Astronomy Hall is Chabot's largest open event space, perfect for seated dinners, receptions, and lectures. Equipped with a built-in projector, screen, and overhead speakers, it easily transforms into a presentation hall. Located next to the Observatory, guests can step outside to enjoy breathtaking sky views and explore our three historic telescopes. As a mobile exhibit space, Studio 3 offers flexibility—keep interactive exhibits for added engagement or remove them for a fully open floor plan.



STUDIO 3

OUR VENUES



CHABOT OBSERVATORY

Capacity: 175 (seated ceremony)
300 (standing)
150 (seated reception with dance floor)

Rate: Fri & Sat: \$2,900 (2 hrs, 5pm–7pm only) | Sun–Thur: \$6,200 (7 hrs)

Located just outside Studio 3: Astronomy Hall, the Observatory offers breathtaking sky views and access to Chabot's renowned telescopes for a truly celestial experience.

With guidance from our expert astronomers, guests can explore the wonders of the night sky through Chabot's telescopes, including historic 8" and 20" refractor and contemporary 36" reflector telescopes.

FRI & SAT EVENINGS 7:30–10:30 PM: Guests are welcome to attend free public telescope viewings year-round (weather permitting).

FRI & SAT 5–7:30 PM: Available for private rentals, ideal for ceremonies or cocktail hours before public viewing begins.

SUN–THURS: Exclusive rental of the Observatory available for the entire evening with the option of private telescope viewings.

Private Telescope Viewings

Capacity: 15 per telescope

Rate: 1 Telescope: \$1,200
2 Telescopes: \$1,500
3 Telescopes: \$1,800

Engage your guests in an evening of private telescope viewings, guided by our astronomers. Telescopes are rented in 2-hour increments.



TELESCOPES & DECK



TELESCOPE VIEWING



OBSERVATION DECK

CLASSROOMS & LABS



CLASSROOMS

Ideal for conferences, meetings, retreats, luncheons, or birthday parties, the classrooms offer a professional and flexible setting. Each room is equipped with built-in projectors, drop-down screens, whiteboards, and laptop connectivity. Rooms come fully furnished. Classrooms 3 & 4 are adjoining with synced projection.

Classroom 1

Capacity: 36
Rate: \$250/hr

Classroom 2

Capacity: 30
Rate: \$250/hr

Classrooms 3 & 4

Capacity: 36 each room or 72 combined
Rate: \$200/hr each or \$350/hr combined

LABORATORIES

Turn a standard meeting into an engaging experience with a science-themed setting. With a quintessential science laboratory feel, our Labs are excellent for performing demos and presentations for learning, team building, or strategic planning.

Lab 1

Capacity: 45
Rate: \$150/Hr

Lab 2

Capacity: 45
Rate: \$150/Hr



INTERACTIVE ADD-ON EXPERIENCES



Add light snacks, charcuterie, and non-alcoholic beverages to your program (including coffee and tea options) for \$25 per person.

ENHANCE YOUR EVENT with an engaging, hands-on experience that sparks creativity, collaboration, and excitement. Chabot Space & Science Center offers a variety of immersive workshops designed to complement any occasion. Whether you're looking for a fun, artistic activity, an educational adventure, or an outdoor exploration, we can tailor an experience that fits your event's theme and goals. Available on weekdays and weekends, these customizable programs provide a unique and memorable addition to your gathering.

SPACE & ASTRONOMY

Mars Lander Challenge

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 30 people

Rate: 60 min. \$500 (with lab rental)

How do we safely land rovers on Mars? Teams will design and test Mars landers to keep their cargo safe on impact, following the same problem-solving techniques used by NASA engineers.

Asteroids, Comets & Meteors Workshop

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 10-100 people

Rate: 60 min: \$25/person

90 min: \$30/person

180 min: \$40/person

all with room rental,

call for half day or full day options

Uncover the mysteries of space rocks through interactive investigations and hands-on experiments. Teams will even craft their own sublimating dry-ice comets, just like those hurtling through our Solar System!

SCAVENGER QUESTS

Outdoor

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends, Daytime

(weather-dependent)

Capacity: 200

Rate: 60 min. \$5/person

Compete with your colleagues on a nature-themed scavenger quest under the largest remaining natural grove of coastal redwoods in the East Bay. Put your nature knowledge to the test as you solve riddles about the flora, fauna, geology, culture, and history of Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park, one of the most majestic parks in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Indoor

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends, Daytime

Capacity: 200

Rate: 60 min. \$5/person

Compete with your colleagues on a space-themed scavenger quest through Chabot Space & Science Center's exhibit halls. Connect with teammates while visiting our NASA Ames Visitor Center, seeing a full-scale Moon rover, and exploring the mysteries of light in space. Explore the wonders of our Solar System's star in Touch the Sun, and travel through decades of space exploration frontiers in Going the Distance.

"I had a soft spot in my heart knowing my venue costs were going towards a non-profit and good cause. The venue itself is stunning and set such a positive vibe."

HOLLY

INTERACTIVE ADD-ON EXPERIENCES



Add light snacks, charcuterie, and non-alcoholic beverages to your program (including coffee and tea options) for \$25 per person.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Wind Turbine Challenge

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 30 people

Rate: 60 min: \$500 (with room rental)
90 min: \$750 (with room rental)

Harness the power of the wind! Work together with your colleagues to design a wind turbine that produces at least one volt of energy. Like true engineers, each team will collaboratively design, test, and redesign a turbine, then compete to see which team's turbine generates the most energy.

Interpretative Hike

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends (weather-dependent)

Capacity: 40 people

Rate: Easy (60 min.): \$600
Moderate (120 min.): \$900

Enjoy an interpretative hike under the majestic coastal redwoods of Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park. With our knowledgeable guides, learn to identify local flora and fauna, and the East Bay hills' fascinating histories. Easy (60 min.) and moderate (120 min.) routes available.

Bridge Engineering Challenge

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 45 people

Rate: 60 min. \$700 (with room rental)

In this hands-on challenge, build a lasting bridge between you and your colleagues. Bridges, like our region's impressive Bay Bridge, must be made to withstand forces of nature and the intense wear-and-tear of daily traffic. As you race to create a durable structure, learn how civil engineers consider physics, wind engineering, seismology, and more in the design and construction of bridges. Then, put your structure to the ultimate test. Can you and your team overcome the pressure?

TINKERING & MAKING

Stellar Space Painting

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 10-25 people

Rate: 120 min: \$30/person (with lab rental)

Have you seen the brilliant images produced by the James Webb Space Telescope? In this artistic workshop, don your smocks and express your inner painter as our instructors guide you and your team towards stellar creations on canvas. Choose from our library of images, or allow us to surprise you with a nebula, galaxy, or star.

Nature Journaling

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

(weather-dependent)

Capacity: 10-40 people

Rate: 120 min. \$30/person

Experience the wonders of our local coastal redwoods while keeping a scientific field journal. With our outdoor educators, learn how to identify species as professional ecologists do and to illustrate animals, plants, and geological features you see in Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park. You and your colleagues will leave with a permanent, unique record of your outdoor experience.

Creative Caps: Bottle Cap Builders

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 10-50 people

Rate: 60-75 min. \$25/person
(with room rental)

Unlock your team's creativity and collaborative spirit in this engaging workshop. This unique team-building experience combines environmental consciousness with artistic expression, as your team transforms discarded bottle caps into captivating works of art and wearable expressions. Our experienced facilitators will guide your team through the creative process, offering insights into upcycling techniques, art fundamentals, and design principles. A perfect companion to a Happy Hour.

INTERACTIVE ADD-ON EXPERIENCES



Add light snacks, charcuterie, and non-alcoholic beverages to your program (including coffee and tea options) for \$25 per person.

UNFORGETTABLE EXTRAS

Live Zeiss Astronomy Show

Capacity: Up to 240 per show

Activity Duration: Approximately 45 minutes with Q&A

Rate: Planetarium Rental + \$500 (1 live show)

Astronomers guide guests through the cosmos in this classic live Planetarium presentation.

Galaxy Explorer Demo Cart

Capacity: Up to 1,500

Activity Duration: 120 Minutes

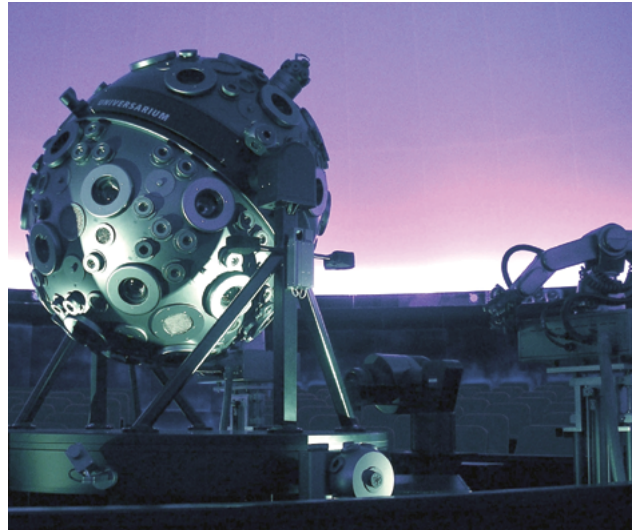
Cost: \$350 per demo cart

Chabot's teen science ambassadors lead engaging activities at drop-in stations for your guests.

Party Favors

The Chabot Gift Shop has party favors for any type of event.

Contact our staff for party favor options and prices.



"Chabot allowed us to be creative and plan an experience that was uniquely us, although we didn't really NEED to put much effort into being creative because the venue itself is so amazing that your guests will have a blast (off)!"

GABRIELLE

WEDDING & EVENT PACKAGES



While these packages are designed with weddings in mind, they are combinations of spaces adjacent to each other, bundled together for a lower rate than booking each space a la carte. Any group or celebration type can opt to book a package, not just weddings. These packages are often ideal combinations for presentations followed by cocktail hours and seated dinners, offering a seamless flow of events. Whether you're hosting a corporate event, a social gathering, or any special occasion, our versatile packages provide a unique, cost-effective way to enjoy multiple spaces across the Chabot Space & Science Center, ensuring a memorable experience for your guests.

Across the Universe Package

INDOOR

Seating capacity: 240

Rate: Sat: \$13,900 | Sun–Fri: \$11,900

Celebrate your celestial ceremony beneath a spotlighted stage in the Planetarium, surrounded by a starry sky. Guests enjoy cocktail hour in Studio 2, among the interactive exhibits in Going the Distance, followed by dinner and dancing in Studio 3: Astronomy Hall.

- Accommodates up to 240 guests
- 2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour rental of reception spaces

Written in the Stars Package

INDOOR

Seating capacity: 240

Rate: Sat: \$12,500 | Sun–Fri: \$9,900

Start by exchanging vows in a celestial ceremony in the Planetarium. An immersive reception experience follows with access to two levels of interactive exhibits in the Spees Building, plus access to the outdoor Courtyard. This package allows for a cabaret-style reception, with space for both standing cocktails and seated dinner. While the reception areas are not a traditional contiguous banquet room setup, they offer a dynamic flow and plenty of room for dinner, dancing, and exploration.

- Accommodates up to 240 guests
- Two levels of exhibits with the outdoor courtyard
- 2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour Spees Building rental



WEDDING PACKAGES



Saturn's Rings Package

INDOOR

Seating Capacity: 100

Rate: Sun–Fri: \$7,500

Celebrate throughout the night with dinner, dancing, and drinks on the level of interactive exhibits of your choice in the Spees Building after a starlit ceremony in the Planetarium.

- Accommodates up to 100 guests
- 2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour rental of one exhibit level in the Spees Building

Pleiades Package

OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 130

Rate: Sun–Fri Eve: \$5,200

Exchange your vows in the Amphitheater, followed by dinner and dancing in the outdoor courtyard, surrounded by the park forests. Perfect for couples looking for a simple and casual celebration with natural surroundings.

- Accommodates up to 130 guests
- 7-hour rental of Pleiades Courtyard and Amphitheater



WEDDING PACKAGES



Moonlight Package

INDOOR/OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 175

Rate: Sat: \$10,900 | Sun–Fri: \$8,900

Dazzle your guests with a breathtaking ceremony at the Chabot Observatory while the sun sets over the surrounding forests. After your vows, continue the celebration with dinner, dancing, and toasts in the adjacent Studio 3: Astronomy Hall. Guests will have easy access to the Observatory's historic telescopes on Friday and Saturday evenings during our free public viewings, or you can arrange private viewings on other nights of the week for an exclusive stargazing experience guided by our expert astronomers.

- Accommodates up to 175 guests
- Largest contiguous space for reception
- 2-hour Chabot Observatory rental with 7-hour Studio 3 rental



WEDDING PACKAGES



Open Sky Package

OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 100

Sun–Thurs: \$6,200

Say your vows at the Chabot Observatory overlooking the Oakland Hills forests. Watch the sun go down as you wine and dine on the Observation Deck before telescope viewings.

- Accommodates up to 100 guests on Sundays–Thursdays
- 2-hour exclusive Telescope Viewing with Chabot astronomers with 7-hour Observatory rental (weather permitting)



WEDDING PACKAGES



ELOPEMENT PACKAGES

Looking for a more intimate wedding ceremony experience? Our elopement packages are the perfect choice!

Elopement Package #1

INDOOR

Seating Capacity: 50 | Sun–Fri: \$2,500

1 hour for ceremony in the Planetarium with customized celestial projection for up to 50 guests, followed by one Planetarium show of choice. For a dinner reception, see Saturn’s Rings package.



Elopement Package #2

OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 50

Sun–Thurs: \$2,500

2 hours on the Observation Deck for ceremony followed by 1 hour of private telescope viewings with Chabot astronomers. For a longer event or meal service, please see the Open Sky Package. Includes black ceremony chairs.



Dawid Bilski Photography

PREFERRED CATERERS



Preferred caterers are fully licensed, insured, and equipped to operate at Chabot Space & Science Center. They are all-inclusive, providing a full range of services from food preparation to staffing. These caterers are familiar with our spaces and operational needs, ensuring a seamless event. A buy-out fee applies to the use of Non-preferred caterers.



ACT Catering

(510) 654-0148 | kristine@actcatering.com | actcatering.com

Throughout the years, ACT Catering has been thrilled to work with incredible teams of chefs, servers, and office staff who have kept ACT running smoothly with one delicious dish after the next. Our love for fresh seasonal ingredients and simple but vibrant presentations has clients returning again and again.



Carrie Dove Catering & Events

(415) 460-9995 | jessica@carriedovecatering.com | carriedovecatering.com

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.



Chris Evans Events & Catering

(510) 495-7347 | info@chrisevansevents.com | chrisevansevents.com

With CEE, you can leave elegance to the "Taylor." Our team is dedicated to making your event seamless, tailored to unique specifications so you can see your vision come to life. Whether you choose one of our classic savor stations, creative flavor forward appetizers, or our tantalizing entrees, Chris Evans Events & Catering knows the importance of providing a memorable epicurean experience to set the tone of an unforgettable event.



Culinary Excellence

(925) 947-1090 | jessica@culinaryexcellence.com | culinaryexcellence.com

We are a team of seasoned professionals that understand the importance of all of the biggest events in your life. We are family owned and run, green certified, and overall, your one-stop-shop for all your catering, floral, lighting, rental, coordination, pastry, and event needs. We specialize in a wide variety of cuisines, using locally sourced fresh ingredients—American, French, Mexican, Persian, Indian, Halal—you name it, we can execute it! We go out of our way to make sure each event fits our client's needs and would love to celebrate with you!



A Fork In The Road

(510) 303-5045 | kristen@aforkintheroadfood.com | aforkintheroadfood.com

We believe that food tells a story, and that these stories come from our identities, cultures and communities. We believe in the power of food, and we strive to have every dish tell a story and connect with the people gathering around the table. We're a queer, woman owned business offering high end rustic style seasonal menus in a casual setting, leading with quality, sustainability, and local community.

PREFERRED CATERERS



Kitchenina

(415) 299-2670 | aliki@kitchenina.com | kitchenina.com

Kitchenina is a farm-to-table organic focused caterer with affordable and transparent pricing. We craft tailor made menus for you according to your preferences and dietary restrictions. We have earned multiple customer awards and are 5 star rated by all of our couples! We are committed to excellence and will guarantee your guests will be amazed by the food and service and will let you know!



McCalls Catering & Events

(415) 552-8550 | info@mccallssf.com | mccallssf.com

For over thirty years, McCalls 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.



Metal & Match

info@metalandmatch.com | alwaysfishinghg.com

At Metal and Match, we're more than just a catering company—we're creators of unforgettable culinary experiences. With a commitment to excellence and a passion for culinary innovation, we specialize in crafting custom menus that showcase locally sourced, seasonal ingredients. Led by a team of seasoned chefs and hospitality professionals, Metal and Match is dedicated to delivering exceptional service and exceeding our clients' expectations. From intimate gatherings to large-scale events, we approach each occasion with creativity, attention to detail, and a focus on culinary excellence.



MontPeri Catering

(925) 231-7003 | booking@montpericatering.com | montpericatering.com

Montperi Catering events is committed to catering your way. We offer seasonal traditional and creative cuisine, and tantalizing menus with a contemporary touch! We are also a full-service event production company, hosting every detail for your wedding, corporate event, and more.



New Delhi

(415) 816-4068 | ranjan@newdelhirestaurant.com | newdelhirestaurant.com

Since 1988 we have catered over 2000 weddings, corporate and social events and served over 2 million guests. We specialize in all regional cuisines of India, and celebrate the beauty of diverse delicacies from the North, South, East and West. We also specialize in catering specialized foods required for Hindu, Muslim, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist, Indian, Christian, and Jewish communities.

PREFERRED CATERERS



The Red Door

(510) 459-6212 | events@reddoorcatering.com | reddoorcatering.com

The Red Door (TRD) is team of award-winning culinary artists skilled in preparing carefully crafted, adventurous comfort food. Female-founder and owner Reign Free and her talented squad of event specialists collaborate with you to personalize an unforgettable dining and event experience. Working with local small businesses to source fresh, seasonal ingredients, our chefs cultivate innovative menus, ensuring quality dishes that will leave you licking your lips. Casual or extravagant, we can satisfy your unique culinary requests (including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.).



Salt & Honey Catering & Events

(415) 702-0894 | olivia@saltandhoneycatering.com | saltandhoneycatering.com

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.

"When searching for venues, we didn't want a country club, winery, or hotel. We wanted something that would truly be a fun and memorable experience for us and our guests. Chabot Space & Science Center 100% delivered on this! Now months away from our event, people still tell us what an unforgettable night it was for them."

KAYLA

RECOMMENDED VENDORS



Recommended vendors are experienced and trusted professionals who are familiar with Chabot's unique event spaces. While they are not required to work with us, they have a proven track record of successful events at our venue.

DJ, LIGHTING, & AUDIO-VISUAL



BluEdge Productions

(510) 967-9408 | quan@bluedgepro.com | bluedgepro.com

From the most futuristic DJ experience to bilingual MCs, bluEdge has got you covered. Let us help you to transform your venue with our suite of lighting and decor services to create the perfect ambiance that will wow your guests!



Verducci Event Productions

(415) 545-8635 | info@verduccies.com | verduccies.com

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY



Holly D. Photography

(707) 776-6536 | holly@hollydphotos.com | www.hollydphotos.com

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

(415) 860-1489 | jb@jbpictures.com | jbpictures.com

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.



Stan Wong Photography

(650) 868-3818 | stan@stanwongphoto.com | stanwongphoto.com

Stan Wong Photography has served the San Francisco Bay Area over the last 20 years. We specialize in event photography including corporate events, concerts and weddings.

RECOMMENDED VENDORS



OFFICIANT



Ceremonies and Celebrations with Irene Kane

(510) 969-5756 | greatceremonies@gmail.com | ceremoniesandcelebrations.com

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!

HOTEL



Four Points by Sheraton San Francisco Bay Bridge

(510) 547-7888 | jyee@fourpointsemeryville.com

fourpointssanfranciscobaybridge.com

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.

Moxy Oakland

(510) 332-1288 | rmaxion@moxyoakland.com | moxyoakland.com

Put more play in your stay at the Moxy Oakland Downtown. Nestled in Oakland's Arts and Entertainment District we greet our travelers with a spirited and fun guest experience. First round is on us with a complimentary beverage upon check in at the bar in our bright and open lobby. Our design details pay homage to the neighborhood's art deco theaters in an edgy and modern way. Need to meet? We have private meeting spaces along with an outdoor terrace and spacious lobby lounge that are perfect for events. When you are ready to relax, retreat to our cozy rooms that are thoughtfully crafted with cushy beds, TVs with high quality sound systems, and speedy WiFi.



Sonesta Emeryville Oakland

(510) 652-8777 | shawne.hightower@sonesta.com | sonesta.com

Sonesta Emeryville – San Francisco Bay Bridge offers an ideal Bay Bridge location within easy reach of the most popular business and leisure destinations. You'll stay close to Fox Theater, Paramount Theater, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and more. Embrace ultimate comfort in our contemporary guest rooms and suites overlooking the stunning San Francisco Bay. Enjoy thoughtful amenities such as an on-site fitness center, ample and flexible meeting spaces, an indoor pool, and an outdoor patio. At Sonesta Hotels & Resorts, we're so happy you're here.



RECOMMENDED VENDORS



EVENT PLANNING



A Monique Affair

(510) 334-3752 | Chanda Daniels | amoniqueaffair.com

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.



Simply Elegant By Diana

(510) 260-6148 | diana@booksimplyelegant.com | booksimplyelegant.com

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!



Studio DBI

(202) 489-1781 | liza@studiodbi.com | studiodbi.com

Studio DBI is an Oakland-based wedding+event planning studio known for our stress-free process, easy going personality, and seamless production. Our mission is to bring together communities to create impactful, inclusive, and engaging experiences.

FLORIST



KATHARINA STUART
FLORAL ART + DESIGN

Katharina Stuart Floral Art and Design

(510) 406-3404 | kat@katharinastuart.com | katharinastuart.com

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 mitzvahs, bris, birthday parties, life celebrations, corporate events, and any occasion that calls for something beautiful.

BAR SERVICE



Bar Car

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Welcome to Bar Car, where we're redefining the cocktail experience one sip at a time. As a premier mobile bar service, we specialize in crafting handcrafted cocktails and providing top-notch beverage solutions for events of all sizes. With a team of expert mixologists and bartenders, Bar Car brings creativity, innovation, and impeccable service to every event we serve. From intimate gatherings to large-scale celebrations, we work closely with our clients to design custom cocktail menus that reflect their unique tastes and preferences.

RECOMMENDED VENDORS



EVENT PRODUCTION



AM Party Rentals

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AM Party Rentals Inc. is a premier event rental company committed to elevating every occasion with a comprehensive selection of top-quality rentals. From elegant chairs, tables, linens, and glassware to dynamic staging, lighting, and dance floors, we specialize in providing everything needed to create unforgettable and successful events. Our dedication to excellence ensures that clients experience seamless and memorable celebrations with our wide range of event essentials.



Bright Event Rentals

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Bright Event Rentals was founded in 2013. Bright is a full-service special event rental company with 10 fulfillment centers and 15 showrooms throughout California, Arizona, and Texas. Bright provides high quality special event rental equipment from chairs to china, linen to lighting, tents to tables. We service any size or scope of event from intimate to large-scale productions.



Circosphere

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Circosphere is a woman-owned cirque entertainment company specializing in unique, interactive, and WOW Factor performances for special events. With over a decade of experience entertaining audiences for all occasions, our extensive planning allows us to feature astounding talent, supportive staff, and bespoke costuming guaranteed to leave your guests with memories to last a lifetime. We offer an incredible variety of entertainment options for live and virtual events; from breathtaking acrobatic acts, to whimsical strolling characters and live music. Contact us today and make your next event unforgettable!



Joe Squared Productions

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Joe Squared Productions (Joe²) is a dynamic father-and-son-owned business that passionately delivers exceptional event experiences since 2013. With our state-of-the-art technology and unwavering commitment to creating unforgettable moments, we offer competitive prices for events that will be cherished for a lifetime. From our cutting-edge light, sound, and video equipment to our dedication to crafting events of a lifetime, Joe² Productions is the go-to choice for those seeking extraordinary experiences at affordable rates.



PhotoMeBooth

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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!



BOOKING & CANCELLATION

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 becomes due 30 days before the event (\$100 classroom 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. Saturdays in popular seasons usually book more than a year in advance.

Do you book multiple events at the same time?

Chabot may host other programs or events in non-reserved spaces. Any spaces that are not reserved will remain off-limits to guests. We prioritize event privacy and ensure that all considerations are made to provide a seamless experience for your event.

What is your cancellation policy?

If a booking is canceled in writing 150+ days prior to the event, 100% of the deposit minus a processing fee will be returned; 90–150 days prior to the event 50% of the deposit will be returned. Cancellations received less than 90 days in advance do not qualify for a refund. An event may be rescheduled once without a fee with appropriate notice.

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 taking place in exhibits. This does not apply to meetings held in classrooms. The client obtains this through their insurance company within 30 days of the event. We can also refer you to an event insurance provider.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

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.

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.

Can I cook my own food in your catering kitchen?

No, only licensed caterers approved by Chabot Space & Science Center may use the catering kitchen.

Do I need to use an approved caterer?

It is highly recommended that clients coordinate with one of our preferred caterers. The use of a non-preferred caterer incurs a \$1,000 buyout fee and will increase the security deposit to \$1,500. 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, handles rental orders for tables, linens, dishware, etc., and is responsible for setup/breakdown within Chabot's rental agreements. Drop-off catering is permitted only with prior approval.



PLANNING & EVENT LOGISTICS

Does Chabot provide event planning?

An on-site 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 in our recommended vendor list.

Is furniture included? Who orders the rental equipment?

We have a limited amount of casual furniture in some venues or some additional tabling available for rental. Formal dining furniture is typically ordered by the caterer. Preferred caterers are all full-service vendors and can provide tables, chairs, linen, dinnerware, and glassware. We can also refer you to a rental company if you would like to handle these needs.

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.

When can set up begin?

Set-up in exhibit spaces can begin at 5 pm on public admission days. Events on Mondays and Tuesdays may begin within a time frame contracted with Chabot event coordinators. Deliveries may arrive at the assigned loading dock starting at 12 pm on the day of the event. Vendors may begin staging on the loading docks or in prep spaces at 3 pm so they can load in promptly at 5 pm.

Who is responsible for event cleanup?

The client is responsible for the set-up 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.

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 arranged.

PRICING

What is the cost of the venue rental?

Pricing varies by the date and venue spaces selected. Please contact us for a customized [phone](#) or [video](#) consultation.

What is included in the rental price?

- Cost of rental facility
- Regular security service for evening events
- Parking
- On-site facility coordinator
- Up to two 1-hour planning walkthroughs
- Taxes and service fees

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MEETINGS, TEAM BUILDING, CONFERENCES

Theaters

Prices per 2-hour Increment	With Venue	Stand-Alone	Capacity
The Planetarium*	\$2,500	\$3,500	241
The Theater*	\$1,900	\$2,400	205

- Audio and laptop connectivity in Planetarium or The Theater with \$250 tech fee and \$50 hourly rate.

*Includes 1 Planetarium show or Theater Laser Show in rented time.

Classrooms & Labs

Location	Hourly Rate	Seated	Standing
Classroom 1	\$250	36	45
Classroom 2	\$250	30	35
Classroom 3	\$200	36	45
Classroom 4	\$200	36	45
Classrooms 3 & 4 (joined)	\$350	72	90
Lab 1	\$150	45	60
Lab 2	\$150	45	60

- Includes tables and chairs.
- Meeting rooms include audio and laptop connectivity, projection and screens. Please provide your own VGA adapter.
- Add flip chart and easel (\$50). Add coffee service (\$7/person). Add snacks (\$5/person).

Chabot Observatory (Complete)

Sun–Thurs	Fri & Sat	Capacity
7 hrs @ \$6,200	2 hrs @ \$2,900*	175

*The complete Observatory is only available for private rental from 5–7 PM, after museum closing and before regularly scheduled public telescope viewing, including setup and cleanup time. Ideal for ceremonies or cocktail hours, event guests are invited to join the public telescope viewing after 7:30 PM.

Private Telescope Viewings

Price per 2-hour increment

Telescope	Sun–Thurs
1 Telescope	\$1,200
2 Telescopes	\$1,500
3 Telescopes	\$1,800

- If viewing conditions are less than optimal, the telescopes will still be open for visitation and astronomers when rented. Viewing is included with the general public on Friday and Saturday evenings.

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DINING & BANQUET AREAS

Location	DECEMBER & HOLIDAYS				CAPACITY	
	Sun–Fri	Sat	Sun–Thurs	Fri & Sat	Seated	Standing
Full Facility (not incl. theaters or telescopes)	\$12,900	\$14,900	\$13,900	\$16,500	800	1,500
Entire Spees Building with Courtyard	\$8,900	\$10,900	\$10,500	\$12,900	450	700
Spees Building: Level 1	\$5,900	N/A	\$6,900	N/A	150	250
Spees Building: Level 2	\$5,900	N/A	\$6,900	N/A	80	175
Spees Building: Courtyard	\$5,200	N/A	\$6,500	N/A	200	300
Dellums Building: Studio 3	\$7,900	\$9,500	\$7,900	\$10,500	250	400

Furniture

	Quantity Available	Price Per Item
60" Round Table	11	\$14.00
Cocktail (Hi-Boy) Table	3	\$10.00
6' Rectangular Table	12	\$12.00
Pipe & Drape*	8' x 4' or 12' x 4'	\$50.00
Meeting Chairs	80	\$3.00

*Excluding Pipe & Drape used for Cafe



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WEDDING PACKAGES

Wedding packages have a 15% price increase on holidays and in December.

Indoor Packages	Sun–Fri	Sat	Venues	Capacity
Across the Universe	\$11,900	\$13,900	Planetarium ceremony, cocktail hour in Spees Building Level 2, reception in Studio 3; 7 hour total rental	240
Written in the Stars	\$9,900	\$12,500	2 hrs in Planetarium + 7 hrs in Spees Building, Levels 1, 2, & Courtyard	240
Saturn's Rings	\$7,500	N/A	2 hrs in Planetarium + 7 hrs in Spees Building, 1 level	100

In/Outdoor Package	Sun–Fri	Sat	Venues	Capacity
Moonlight	\$8,900	\$10,900	2 hrs in Chabot Observatory + 7 hrs in Studio 3	175

Outdoor Packages	Pricing	Venues	Capacity
Pleiades	Sun–Fri Eve: \$5,200	7 hrs in Courtyard and Amphitheater	130
Open Sky	Sun–Thurs: \$6,200	7 hrs on Observation Deck + 2 hrs of guided Telescope viewings	100

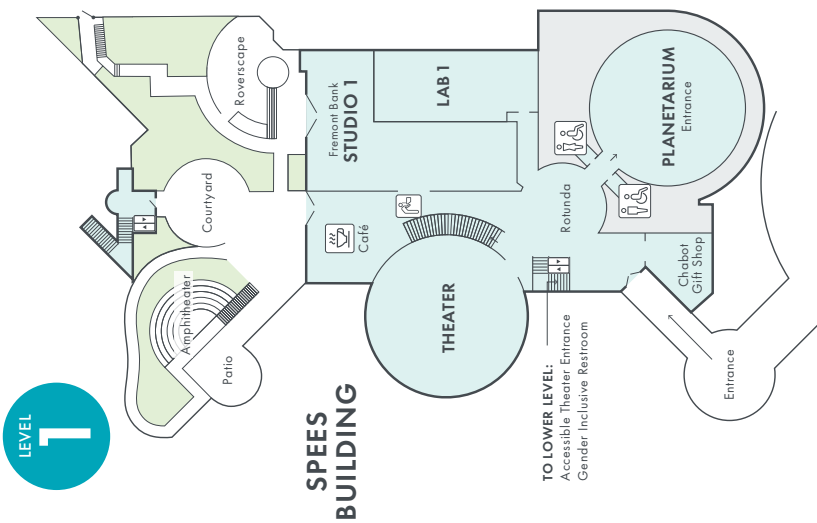
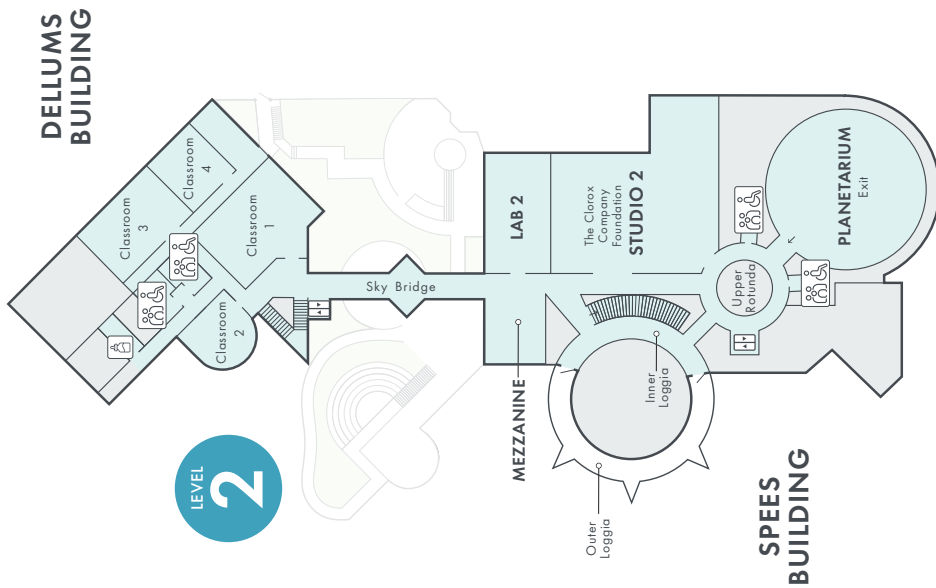
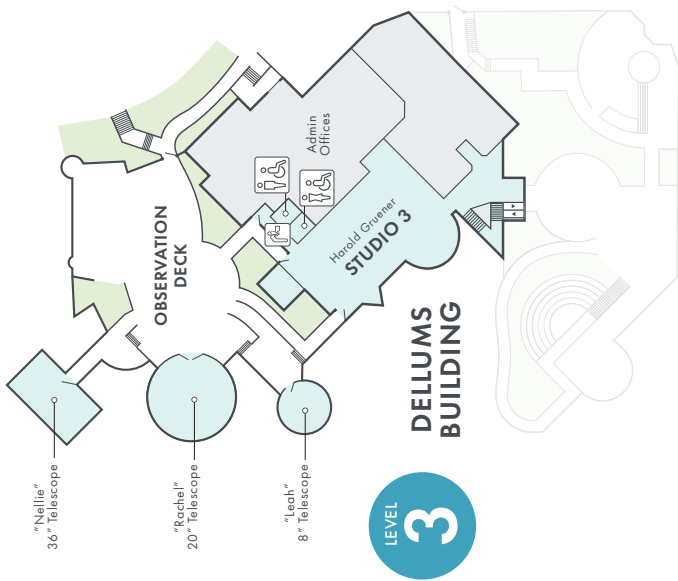
- Additional hours are priced at \$700 if one building is rented, \$900 if both buildings are rented.

Elopement Packages*	Pricing	Venues	Capacity
Elopement Package 1	Sun–Fri: \$2,500	1 hr Planetarium ceremony + Planetarium show	50
Elopement Package 2	Sun–Thurs: \$2,500	2 hr Observation Deck ceremony + 1 hr of guided Telescope viewings	50

*Elopement Packages are not eligible for additional hours.

"We had so many guests tell us that this was the most unique and fun wedding they've ever attended. With all the personal touches Chabot provided and allowed us to incorporate, it never felt like a one-size-fits-all venue. Where else can you get a laser show!?"

RHYS



GENDER INCLUSIVE RESTROOM

WOMEN'S RESTROOM

MEN'S RESTROOM

ACCESSIBLE

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

ELEVATOR

NURSING STATION

Located on level 2

Located on levels 1 and 3