



MOSI FACT SHEET

Mission:

MOSI is a not-for-profit, community-based institution and educational resource that is dedicated to advancing public interest, knowledge, and understanding of science, industry and technology. MOSI's core ideology is to make a difference in people's lives by making science real for people of all ages and backgrounds.

About MOSI:

Experience a scientific playground of over 450 hands-on activities in the largest science center in the southeastern United States! Tampa's Museum of Science & Industry offers over 400,000 square feet of interactive exhibits including Florida's only IMAX[®] *Dome Theatre*. Learn through play inside *Kids In Charge!* The Children's Science Center, *Disasterville*, featuring Bay News 9 *WeatherQuest* and *The Amazing You*—a 13,000 square-foot exhibition on health and wellness from the beginning of life to adolescence life stages. Conquer your fears and experience an adrenaline rush like no other on MOSI's newest permanent attraction, the Sky Trail[®] Ropes Course, featuring 36 elements on a 12 – 36 foot high, multilevel structure.

Learn more at www.mosi.org.

History:

- Museum of Science & Industry - Broke ground Nov. 29, 1977
- Museum of Science & Industry - Grand opening 1982
- MOSI Expansion - Broke ground January 22, 1993
- MOSI Expansion - Opened July 1, 1995
- *Kids In Charge!* Children's Science Center – Broke ground March 25, 2004
- *Kids In Charge!* Children's Science Center – Opened July 8, 2005
- *Disasterville*, featuring Bay News 9 *WeatherQuest* – Opened August 5, 2006
- Phase I of *The Amazing You* – Opened May 24, 2008
- Phase II of *The Amazing You* – Opened April 10, 2010
- Sky Trail[®] Ropes Course – Opened July 19, 2011

Accreditation:

- MOSI is accredited by the American Association of Museums and by the Association of Science-Technology Centers.

Facilities:

- The entire MOSI campus encompasses 436,576 total square feet on 75 acres.
- *Kids In Charge!* The Children's Science Center encompasses over 40,000 square feet.
- Whitney Andrews Lang Center For Learning—the original MOSI building is 70,000 sq. feet.

Exhibits:

The Amazing You Sponsored By MetLife Foundation

- Supported by the MetLife Foundation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida.
- 13,000-square-foot exhibition on health and wellness at each developmental life stage.
- The *The Amazing You* consists of seven developmental life stages: beginning of life, childhood, and adolescence, young adult, middle adult, older adult and end of life issues.

Disasterville, featuring Bay News 9 WeatherQuest:

- Features 10,000 square feet of interactive exhibits and immersion theaters on the science behind natural disasters.
- *WeatherQuest* is a “team-oriented” mission-based program featuring a Bay News 9 news desk and meteorologist green screen.
- *Disasterville* covers nine disaster genres: floods, hail storms, hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, wildfires, volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Richard T. Bowers Historic Tree Grove:

- A landscape comprised of 17 culturally significant trees from historical people and places in the U.S.
- Trees were planted in 1995 from seedlings obtained from various historic locations.

High Wire Bicycle:

- The longest high wire bike in a U.S. museum.
- Guests are harnessed into the bike on a 98-foot-long cable suspended 30 feet above the ground.

Gulf Coast Hurricane:

- An outdoor exhibit where guests can experience the impact of 75 mph hurricane force winds.

Southwest Florida Water Management District / Bank of America BioWorks Butterfly Garden:

- An engineered eco-system that demonstrates how the natural wetlands clean water.
- Houses a variety of free flying butterflies.
- Garden sponsored by the Jacarlene Foundation.

Sky Trail® Ropes Course

- Featuring 36 elements on a 12 – 36 foot high, outdoor multilevel structure.
- Designed with challenging high-energy feats ideal for all ages.
- Open everyday, separate fees do apply.

Kids In Charge! The Children’s Science Center:

- Features 25,000 square feet of exhibits that emphasize the value of learning through play by bringing together science, creative thinking and imagination.
- With a total size of 41,342 square feet, *Kids In Charge!* is the largest children’s science center in the country.

The Saunders Planetarium:

- MOSI's Saunders Planetarium is Tampa's only planetarium.
- Offers family shows and adult programs daily and on weekends.
- The Saunders Planetarium features a new state-of-the-art GOTO Space Simulator Chronos projection system, new seating and projection dome located inside *Kids In Charge!*
- The Saunders Planetarium can display the night sky from any date—past, present and future.
- Planetarium staff, with the assistance of the Museum Astronomical Resource Society (M.A.R.S.), sets up telescopes and holds “star parties” once monthly on Saturday evenings—known as SkyWatch.

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IMAX® Dome Theatre:

- The IMAX *Dome* motion picture system projects onto a dome-shaped screen providing 10,500 square feet of visual imagery.
- The sheer size of the film frame combined with the unique projection technology, is the key to the extraordinary sharpness and clarity of an IMAX film.
- MOSI is home to the only IMAX *Dome* Theatre in the state of Florida.

Fundraiser Events:

Einstein on Food & Wine:

- MOSI's second largest fundraising event, combining wine, food, music and a silent auction.
- Tampa Bay vintners and restaurants offer samples of a large variety of wines.
- Proceeds benefit MOSI education programs.

National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Award Gala:

- Recognizes nationally distinguished Hispanic professionals in science and engineering who serve as mentors and motivate an interest in science among Hispanic youth.
- Proceeds help fund scholarships for Hispanic youth who participate in MOSI's 'YES' Team—'Youth Enriched by Science' program.

Ticket information:

To purchase MOSI tickets, please call (813) 987-6000 or visit the MOSI Box Office Monday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- Children under age 2 admitted for FREE
- There is a \$2.50 convenience fee for reservations made by phone.
- There is a \$2.50 convenience fee for Web orders.

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